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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR & BOARD CHAIR:

In 2022, while we continued to navigate the challenges brought on by the pandemic and worked towards getting back to normal, we had a lot to be thankful for at the Spirit Mountain Community Fund, as we celebrated our 25th Anniversary.

As we look back on 25 years of giving, we recognize the contributions of those who came before us and those who were instrumental in getting us to where we are today. We are very thankful for our Tribal Council and Board of Trustees who have provided strong leadership and guidance with a vision of creating positive change.

And we are, of course, thankful for our nonprofit partners who work tirelessly to provide much needed programming and support services for our most vulnerable populations. We are honored and blessed for the partnerships we've created with all of you. Your dedication to helping your neighbors and those in need is the reason our Tribal leaders created the Community Fund 25 years ago.

We are happy to share our 2022 Annual Report with you, highlighting the accomplishments of the Community Fund and those of our nonprofit partners throughout the year. Our grant programs helped to fund support services provided by our nonprofit partners, allowing them to address unmet needs and lessen the burden for children, families and people living in northwest Oregon.

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Through our responsive grant programs, the Spirit Mountain Community Fund awarded 160 grants totaling \$4,969,625, bringing our total giving since 1997 to \$92,837,456. While these numbers are impressive, it is the work of our nonprofit partners that tells the true story of achievement.

We look forward to our continued partnerships and working to strengthen our communities through philanthropic investments now and for the next 25 years to come. In our Chinuk language, we say, "hayu masi" (many thanks) to all of our nonprofit partners working to create positive change and to make Oregon a better place for everyone.

Sincerely,

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Angie Sears, Executive Director

Chip Luzuh

Henry "Chip" Lazenby, Board Chairman

HOMELANDS



GRANTEE HIGHLIGHTS

We would like to share some of the incredible work our nonprofit partners accomplished last year.

SHADOW PROJECT:

The Shadow Project's mission is to make school more accessible and engaging for children with disabilities so they can reach their full potential. They partner with special education teachers to strengthen academic and social-emotional skills for students affected by dyslexia, ADHD, autism and trauma.

The Reading Mentors program serves K-8 students in Portland and Salem who have disabilities. This program pairs students in special education classrooms with a flexible reading mentor to unlock literacy for students with disabilities. Trained mentors empower children to use an audiovisual library independently so they

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF WESTERN LANE COUNTY:

The Boys & Girls Club of Western Lane County is committed to providing accessible opportunities for youth struggling to have their basic physical and emotional needs met, while increasing protective factors for youth and giving kids what they need to thrive.

The Anchors for Stormy Seas program takes a holistic approach to meet both the academic and non-academic needs of 100 youth living in the small coastal town of Florence. They use daily homework and tutoring assistance, art, music, cooking, gardening and STEAM



can see and hear books simultaneously, while following highlighted text on a screen. Mentors help students explore favorite genres, set reading goals and celebrate small milestones. In a time of continuing upheaval and uncertainty, the trusting relationship with a mentor is especially crucial, rebuilding a child's sense of security and giving them the confidence to try again.



experiences to combat unfinished learning brought on by the pandemic.

Through an innovative aviation project called Air Academy, youth are exposed to aeronautic activities and hands-on projects that include guest speakers, ground school, crash tower and flight experiences, creating direct pathways to future careers with higher education and technical learning education requirements.

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THE MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF OREGON:

The Mental Health Association of Oregon (MHAAO) is an inclusive, peer-run organization dedicated to self-direction and honoring the voice of lived experience. MHAAO supports people (free from judgment or agenda) wherever they are on their journey through peer workforce and leadership, education, advocacy, recovery peer services, training, technical assistance and community collaboration.

The MHAAO Recovery Campus project will provide 50-80 units of on-site supportive recovery housing connected to peer services. It will also serve as the MHAAO headquarters, a drop-in center, and a statewide

MARION POLK FOOD SHARE:

Marion Polk Food Share's (MPFS) mission is to bring people together to end hunger and its root causes. They work with hundreds of community partners and volunteers to address food insecurity through food distribution programs and initiatives aimed to create a healthy community, where everyone has the food they need to thrive.

The AWARE Food Bank Facility in Woodburn was significantly damaged and rendered unusable due to a fire in August of 2021, forcing them to move to a smaller, temporary location. This project allows MPFS to rebuild the food bank in its original location, providing greater capacity and efficiency to distribute food.



hub for peer-delivered services and training programs. The drop-in center will provide direct peer recovery services guided by the person being served. The RC will also include classrooms for in-person and virtual training programs, as well as a space for services provided by community partners (physical healthcare providers, mental health and SUD counseling, medical wound care, and employment/ job-training resources).



AWARE operates using a communitybased service model that responds to the needs of the community. That includes providing shopping-style distribution, offering evening hours especially for the local farmworker community, and providing a place for other social service providers to share information with clients at the pantry. Annually, AWARE provides food assistance to about 7,500 low-income individuals in the Woodburn area.

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Celebrating 25 YEARS

Spirit Mountain Community Fund awarded 22 grants and celebration awards totaling \$775,000 during the Anniversary Celebration at Spirit Mountain Casino on July 30, 2022.

The following is a list of nonprofits who received awards from **Spirit Mountain Community Fund** during the anniversary celebration event:

CELEBRATION AWARDS - \$5,000 EACH

Boys & Girls Club of Western Lane County Dougy Center Long Tom Watershed Council Lutheran Community Services Northwest McMinnville Area Habitat for Humanity Olalla Center Oregon Justice Resource Center Parrott Creek Child & Family Services Salem Dream Center Willamette Vital Health



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GENERAL PURPOSE GRANTS

4 GRANTS Arts & Culture \$26.000

50 GRANTS Education \$1,311,620

13 GRANTS Environmental

Preservation

\$234.859

66 GRANTS

Health

\$2.341.178

1 GRANT

Historic

Preservation

\$100.000

1 GRANT

Problem Gaming

\$50.000

2 GRANTS

Public Safety

\$80.968

BENTON 2 Grants - \$45,000 **CLACKAMAS** 9 Grants - \$272,536 IANE 23 Grants - \$543,930

LINCOLN 9 Grants - \$196,700 LINN 5 Grants - \$182,500

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TRIBAL GRANTS - 7 Grants - \$700,000

BURNS PAIUTE TRIBE \$100,000 Education

CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF COOS, LOWER **UMPQUA & SIUSLAW INDIANS** \$100,000 Historic Preservation

CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE GRAND RONDE COMMUNITY OF OREGON \$100,000 Health

CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE UMATILLA INDIAN RESERVATION \$100,000.00 Arts & Culture

COQUILLE INDIAN TRIBE COQUILLE RIVER SALMON PROJECT \$100,000.00 Environmental Preservation

THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF WARM **SPRINGS** \$100,000.00 Education

THE KLAMATH TRIBES \$100,000.00 Environmental Preservation

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GRANTS BY COUNTY - 137 Grants - \$4,144,625

MARION 14 Grants - \$640,760 MULTNOMAH 59 Grants - \$1,762,127 5 Grant - \$268,347

WASHINGTON 6 Grants - \$81,000 YAMHILL 5 Grants - \$151,725

COQUILLE RIVER SALMON PROJECT

PROGRAMMATIC AREA FUNDING

ARTS & CULTURE

Adventure! Children's Museum

Music Education & Performing Artists Association

4 Grants - \$26,000

Willamette University

Boom Arts Inc.









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EDUCATION 50 Grants - \$1,311,620

Multicultural Integrated Kidney Education Program (MIKE) Western Resources Legal Center Guidance 2 Greatness The Commons Law Center Growing Gardens Portland State University Foundation Long Tom Watershed Council Shadow Project Boys and Girls Club of Corvallis Ophelias Place Bright Beginnings Open School, Inc. Oregon Social Learning Center Foundation Outside In Golden Road Arts Play It Forward Elevate Oregon Boys & Girls Club Of Western Lane County Central High School Northwest Housing Alternatives Self Enhancement Inc

WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY



Apprenticeship Program

Oregon TRIO Association

World Salmon Council Inc

Youth Empowerment Project-

Youth Progress Association

Schoolhouse Supplies, Inc

Classroom Law Project

The Boys & Girls Aid Society of Oregon

Literary Arts, Inc.

Lane Arts Council

Young Audiences

Impact NW

Friendly House

Pacific Northwest

Reading Results Keizer Community Library Inc Wordcrafters in Eugene Edison High School **Triangle Productions** Siletz Bav Music Festival **Beyond Toxics** School Garden Project of Lane County Oregon Tradeswomen Youth Music Project SMART Reading (Oregon Childrens Foundation) Dress For Success Of Oregon Inc Ethos Inc The Salem-Keizer Coalition For Equality Constructing Hope Pre-

ENVIRONMENTAL PRESERVATION 13 Grants - \$234,859

Elakha Alliance Washington State University Vancouver Coalition of Communities of Color Native Fish Society Westwind Stewardship Group Neighbors For Clean Air Siuslaw Watershed Council The Wetlands Conservancy Oregon Wild Crag Law Center My Father's House, A Community Shelter, Inc. National Wildlife Federation Oregon Environmental Council

Columbia Slough Watershed Council

Samoa Pacific Development Corporation



HEALTH 66 Grants - \$2,341,178 Center For Community Counseling Florence Food Share Habitat for Humanity of Oregon Assistance League of Portland Unite Oregon





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Wallace (The Wallace Medical Concern) Meals On Wheels People Inc EngAGE Northwest Family Justice Center Of Washington County **Community Development** Corporation Of Oregon Our Community Birth Center Juliette's House Every Child Lane County McMinnville Area Habitat for Humanity Willamette Vital Health (Willamette Valley Hospice) WeShine Initiative Liberty House Casa Of Polk County Inc More Than a Phone William Temple House Center for Hope and Safety Linn County Animal Rescue Merry Heart Children's Camp Mapleton Food Share Community for Positive Aging (Hollywood Senior Center) Clackamas Volunteers In Medicine Boys & Girls Club Of Albany Daisy C.H.A.I.N. A Family For Every Child Youth Villages, Inc. American Heart Association Inc **Kinship House** Polk County Family & Community Outreach Portland Leadership Foundation Lebanon Community Hospital Foundation Inc. Ronald McDonald Houses of Portland, Oregon AntFarm, Inc. Lutheran Community Services Northwest **Returning Veterans Project** Store to Door **TEAM Eugene Aquatics Rahabs Sisters** ALS Association Oregon and SW Washington Chapter **Open Adoption and Family Services** Twilight Wish Foundation, Inc. Sarah Bellum's Bakery & Workshop



Volunteer Caregivers Habitat for Humanity of Lincoln County Color Outside the Lines Abc House Inc Raphael House of Portland Church At The Park Gleaners Of Clackamas County Incorporated Make-A-Wish Foundation of Oregon, Inc. Blanchet House Of Hospitality Marion Polk Food Share Inc Boys & Girls Club of Salem, Marion and Polk Counties Salem Free Clinics Community Outreach through Radical Empowerment **Olalla** Center Oregon Lions Sight And Hearing Foundation Inc CASA Voices for Children Children's Center Benton Habitat for Humanity Friends of the Children-Portland

The Mental Health

Association Of Oregon

BLANCHET HOUSE OF HOSPITALITY

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION 1 Grant - \$100,000

Vietnam War Memorial Fund



PROBLEM GAMING 1 Grant - \$50,000

Volunteers of America Oregon



PUBLIC SAFETY 2 Grants - \$80,968 Polk County Fire District No.1 Northwest Youth Corps

TOTAL PROGRAMATIC FUNDING - 137 GRANTS \$4,144,625

YOUTH GRANTMAKING PROGRAM - 5 Grants - \$25.000

CLARA'S CLOSET Safe Sleep for Newborns

Mobile Pantry Program

S A B L E HOUSE **Emergency Hotel Stays for Domestic** Violence Survivors

SHELTER Summer Programming for Youth

JACKSON STREET YOUTH

SALEM FREE CLINICS Salem Free Clinics' (SFC) new Vision and Call Internship Program. MARION POLK FOOD SHARE INC



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ALL GRANT FUNDING

SMALL & LARGE GRANTS 137 - \$4,144,625

TRIBAL GRANTS 7 - \$700,000

YOUTH GRANTMAKING PROGRAM 5 - \$25,000

25TH ANNIVERSAY AWARDS 10 - \$50,000

SPECIAL GRANT AWARD 1 - \$50,000

2022 TOTAL FUNDING: 160 - \$4,969,625

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The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde established the Mark O. Hatfield Fellowship in 1998 as a living tribute to U.S. Senator Hatfield to honor his accomplishments as governor of Oregon and the United States government. Each year, Spirit Mountain Community Fund sponsors a highly motivated Native American to serve as the Hatfield Fellow and intern in an Oregon congressional office, enhancing the mutual understanding between leadership in Washington, D.C., and Indian Country. Hatfield Fellows begin their Capitol Hill experience in November with a month-long orientation at the American Political Science Association (APSA), followed by an eight-month term in an Oregon congressional office.

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COMMUNITY FUND SELECTS IZAYAH HALL AS THE 2022-23 HATFIELD FELLOW

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and Spirit Mountain Community Fund are pleased to announce Izayah Hall as the 2022-23 Hatfield Fellow. Hall is a member of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.

Hall is a graduate of the University of Oregon where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Ethnic Studies with a double minor in Sustainable Business and Native American Studies. He is also an honorary member of the National Society of Leadership and Success.

He is passionate about education, specifically, preparing Indigenous students for higher education and setting

them up for success. During his first year at U of O, Hall was accepted into the Native American and Indigenous Studies Academic Residential Community (ARC) in the Kalapuya Ilihi dormitory. And for Hall, his time and experiences in the ARC would prove to have an immense impact on his educational path and his passion in life.

As the months passed, Hall watched his Indigenous ARC peers and friends slowly drop out of school. He then learned that of all of the ARCs on campus, the Native American and Indigenous Education community had the highest percentage of dropouts and students withdrawing from the University.



"I knew this was an issue. I saw just how capable and motivated every Indigenous student was in the community," said Hall. "I was puzzled at the rate at which my peers were dropping out of school. This is where my compassion and desire to find a way to help my people slowly integrated into my education. I knew that I wanted and needed to become a bridge for Indigenous and Native students hoping to further their education."

"Indigenous students are not only unprepared for the transition from their community to higher education, but the resources they need to succeed are not present and severely underfunded. Especially when accounting for a firstgeneration college student.

"It is for this reason that I was drawn to the opportunity of participating in the Hatfield Fellowship program. I feel this opportunity will allow me to explore how the higher education curriculum is influenced by policy at a Federal level." Hall is the 23rd Native American to serve as a Hatfield Fellow. He will begin his fellowship on October 31 with a month-long orientation at the American Political Science Association (APSA) in Washington, D.C. Following orientation, he will assume his congressional placement in Rep. Earl Blumenauer's office. This is his third time hosting a Hatfield Fellow.

"The Hatfield Fellowship offers a unique and unparalleled insight into the legislative process while keeping Senator Hatfield's strong legacy of public service alive," Blumenauer said. "I look forward to welcoming the next Hatfield fellow, Izayah Hall, into my office this winter. At a time when Tribal communities are facing unique challenges—from recovering from the disruption of the COVID-19 pandemic to dealing with the ongoing climate crisis—it is essential that we maintain and strengthen partnerships between Congress and Tribal governments."

"I am extremely excited to have an opportunity to further my journey the Hatfield Fellowship program. I believe it will serve as the perfect opportunity to continue my education and develop higher levels of critical thinking that can be used to benefit Indigenous communities," said Hall. "I hope to find ways to distribute the benefits of this incredible opportunity back to the Tribes and create positive change for the younger generation of Indigenous students."



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SPIRIT MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY FUND ANNOUNCES THE 2022 YE?LAN LIMA (HELPING HAND) AWARD WINNERS

Grand Ronde, OR – The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and Spirit Mountain Community Fund are pleased to announce Peggy Hanson, Mary Rebar and Morgan Parks as this year's ye?lan lima (Helping Hand) award winners.

The Spirit Mountain Community Fund frequently celebrates the remarkable achievements of our nonprofit partners. Our board and staff realize that the fundamental ingredient to the success of nonprofit organizations is the dedication, commitment and unwavering effort of its individual staff and volunteers.

Each year, the Spirit Mountain Community Fund selects three individuals (an unpaid volunteer, a paid staff member, and a paid management member) doing incredible work in the nonprofit sector to receive our annual ye?lan lima award. (In our Chinuk language, ye?lan lima means Helping Hand.) Each award recipient receives a special award, a free night stay and dinner for two at Spirit Mountain Casino, and a check in the amount of \$500 for their outstanding efforts to helping those in need.

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2022 VOLUNTEER AWARD WINNER

Peggy Hanson, Wayside Friends Church, is the ye?lan lima award winner for the volunteer category.

Peggy's nomination letter: With a

grateful heart we nominate Peggy Hanson. In our Quaker tradition we have people who are friends (participants in our community) and people who are friends (those whom have deep spiritual depth and leadership). For years, Peggy has been a generous friend and friend to many.

Peggy has done numerous acts of service such as driving seniors to medical appointments, opening her home to young adults in need of housing, and giving computer support to the Elders of your own Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. Peggy is a co-clerk of our meeting serving in the highest level of leadership. In this role Peggy has been a voice of wisdom and vison, helping discern how to navigate the pandemic in profound ways. When we began a Distance Learning Support program for students during COVID, Peggy helped

us expand our efforts to not just serve the children in our church, but at risk students in the Newberg School District as well. Her guidance and communication skills helped what was a small gap service program blossom into four times the size initially projected. As we value serving our neighbors, Peggy continues to be a beautiful example of what it means to honor the light in every human being by coming alongside those in need of practical help as well as inviting others to join in this broad, inclusive vision.

2022 PAID NON-MANAGEMENT Award Winner

Mary Rebar, Regional Care Services Coordinator for the ALS Association Oregon and SW Washington Chapter, is the ye?lan lima award winner for the paid staff category.

Mary's nomination letter: We nominate Mary Rebar, our Regional Care Services Coordinator who covers SMCF's 11-county service area, for the 2022 ye?lan lima Award. Mary has been with our chapter since March 2013 and is an expert on the nuances of coping with ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease. Her compassionate, trauma-informed approach to navigating a devastating terminal illness is inspirational, and she is well loved by the ALS community.

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ALS is notoriously unpredictable and Mary has keen insight into each person's ever-changing needs. She's perpetually on the move across the Willamette Valley and coastal Oregon, serving as a case manager for nearly 100 families living with ALS, including many in rural and remote areas.

Mary is available at short notice to help people with ALS and their loved ones get the answers they need to overcome obstacles – whether making a home visit, helping with disability claims, locating a piece of adaptive equipment, lending an ear to a caregiver, or helping with endof-life planning. The range of topics is limitless, and our constituents know that Mary will work tirelessly to find them the resources they need.

She also hosts four of the chapter's well-attended support groups, offering a reassuring space where people affected by ALS can help each other stay informed and resilient. Mary is a true beacon of hope and compassion for Oregon's vulnerable ALS community. Thank you for the opportunity to nominate Mary and for SMCF's support of our chapter.

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2022 PAID MANAGEMENT Award Winner

Morgan Parks, Oregon Education Manager for the National Wildlife Federation, is the ye?lan lima (Helping Hand) award winner for the paid management category.

Morgan's nomination letter: It's Saturday morning, and Morgan Parks has been at the office for hours preparing for a workshop. She has transformed the conference room into a space where science and art co-mingle: water quality testing kits sit beside salmon crafts, interspersed with miniature pumpkins and Ranger Rick magazines. Morgan will guide educators through hands-on activities to integrate fish fostering into the classroom.

This is the third year that the Fish Eggs to Fry program has received support from the Spirit Mountain Community Fund thanks to her. This year, the grant allows us to work with teachers from Title 1 schools new to the program, providing them with equipment and field trip funds. In this way, we contribute to inspiring a lifelong commitment to wildlife conservation in students from all backgrounds across Portland.

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As Oregon Education Manager for the National Wildlife Federation, Morgan has worked for six years on sustainable schools, gardening for wildlife, watershed health, salmon and trout lifecycles, and monarch butterfly conservation. She serves on the Clackamas County Parks Advisory Board and the ODFW Salmon and Trout Enhancement Program Advisory Committee, and she has volunteered with the Nature Conservancy as a Naturalist for the last 13 years.

Morgan is the first person everyone turns to when things need to get done, due to her exceptional dedication to delivering results. Her commitment, passion, and generosity are so great that she rarely takes any time for herself. She exemplifies heart-centered leadership, as her desire to lend a helping hand surpasses all else.



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Left to right: Karin Power, Chip Lazenby, Arnie Roblan, Denise Harvey, Michael Cherry, Camille Mercier, Angie Sears, Angela Schlappie

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WHO WE ARE:

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde is committed to honoring the Tribal traditions of sharing and giving back. In 1997, through a formal compact agreement between the Tribe and the State of Oregon, Spirit Mountain Community Fund was established as a way for the Tribe to give back to the local communities that supported them during their most vulnerable time, the termination era.

Through the Community Fund, the Tribe donates 6 percent of casino revenue to nonprofit organizations throughout northwest Oregon. We accomplish this by providing competitive grant programs in an 11-county service area, as well as to government agencies in Lane, Polk, Tillamook and Yamhill counties, and to the nine federally recognized Tribes of Oregon.

Our primary focus is to improve the quality of life for all people living in northwest Oregon through community investments consistent with the Tribe's culture and values.



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