



## **2020 Annual Report Philomath Community Services, Inc.**

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A Note From The Executive Director

As we close a remarkable and undeniably unprecedented year, it is an honor to present the 2020 Annual Report summarizing the work Philomath Community Services (PCS) provided thanks to the generosity of its donors and volunteers.

Although the pandemic caused many local, regional and national businesses to close their doors, PCS rose to the challenge and found ways to operate safely under CDC guidelines. The Philomath Food Bank, for example, went from a shopping model to filling boxes of food for each client. This process was slow and methodical, however, PCS remained steadfast to meeting the needs of Philomath and western Benton County citizens to ensure that they have access to the basic necessities of life.

Thank you for choosing to make PCS one of your charitable giving organizations. You are making a difference in the lives of Philomath families and individuals. So many children and families wouldn't have had a chance to be clothed or fed without your support.

As we look forward in 2021, we are reestablishing the Philomath Food Bank's pre-pandemic "in-person shopping" model within the next month or two. Lupe's Community Garden is preparing for an abundant harvest, June's Kids Klotset is transitioning from winter to spring/summer clothes.

We know you will be just as excited as we are to acknowledge that Philomath Community Services will celebrate its 30-year anniversary this year. For the past 30 years, volunteers, Board members and donors have been instrumental in helping advance our mission. To recognize this accomplishment, we will be planning a celebratory event for late summer. Look for further details.

The work we do would not be made possible without your support and compassion to help others.

With The Mission In Mind,

*Kate Sundstrom*  
Executive Director

## **Patty Struggled and Philomath Community Gleaners Was There!**

“Struggling.” For Patty, growing up was a struggle for her and her family. Their financial health and well-being situation was dire.

“My mom had just died and my oldest child was going through radiation treatments for cancer - we were in financial peril,” She was at “one of the lowest points” in her life.

Things were about to change for the better thanks to Gleaners.

In 2012, Patty contacted the local Mary’s River Gleaners and quickly became a member. “During this time, Gleaners have continuously fed my family physically and mentally.”

Patty describes Gleaners differences from a Food Bank. “Gleaners are much different than going to a foodbank for several reasons. Most food banks only allow once a month shopping, choices are limited, fresh produce is not always a given, and it is hard to make a personal connection because contact is limited. Gleaners is a membership-driven organization that requires that all able-bodied individuals contribute to the daily activities of the group. This allows us to create a community where members can create relationships to offer support to each other. We not only glean from local fields and backyards, but we also collect distressed food from local stores that is utilized to feed our members.

Patty is now Program Manager for Philomath Community Gleaners where she became a member in 2019. Philomath Community Gleaners is housed under the umbrella of Philomath Community Services. “We are so fortunate because we are located in a warm, secure, safe place with other community based organizations. “

Being a Gleaner has changed my life direction and it continues to be a mainstay to feed my family. “

## Community Impact.

The following is a compilation of clients served, volunteer hours and in-kind donations for each program as well as cash and grant contributions and finally, accomplishments for the year.

### Clients Served

In 2020, Philomath Community Services provided social services to approximately 3,000 adults and nearly to 1,500 children. Individually, our programs served the following:

- ✚ Food Bank: 2,026 individuals and 730 children
- ✚ Gleaners: 368 individuals including 260 adults and 108 children
- ✚ June's Kids Klostet: 369 adults and 464 children
- ✚ Lupe's Community Garden : 100 individuals including families
- ✚ Holiday Cheer: 60 families including 113 adults and 163 children

### Volunteer Hours

In 2020, 18,313 hours were recorded by nearly 200 volunteers. Per the State of Oregon Volunteer guideline, the 2020 value of volunteer hours is \$26.39 per hour. Therefore, using the calculations above, PCS had a cost savings of ~\$ 483,280 in wages.

- ✚ Board, committees and office: 2,780 hours
- ✚ Food Bank: 29 volunteers for 1,955 hours
- ✚ Gleaners: 12,282 hours and 17,175 personal vehicle miles
- ✚ June's Kids Klostet: 8 volunteers for 771 hours
- ✚ Lupe's Community Garden: 15 volunteers and 250 hours
- ✚ Holiday Cheer: 28 volunteers for 275 hours



### In-Kind Donations

The following In-Kind donations were received in 2020:

- ✚ Food Bank: 6,107 pounds of food
- ✚ Gleaners: 527,613 pounds of food
  - Members received 316,265 pounds of food
  - 38,637 pounds were redistributed to other agencies
  - 40,914 pounds for pig/ animal waste and 1,853 to waste
- ✚ June's Kids Klostet: 205 donations for 4,021 pounds
- ✚ Lupe's Community Garden: 575 pounds
- ✚ Holiday Cheer \$12,600 for children's gifts and \$3,280 for hygiene baskets from 85 sponsors

(Left) Holiday Cheer volunteers: Phoebe Coen, Cynthia Ferguson, Nicole Ferguson, Sophie Rasmussen, Sonny Hays-Ebert and Wyatt Coen. (Right) Valorie Spencer sorts through bread items that are distributed to Gleaner members and adontees to ensure they have basic food items.



JKK's program manager, Debbie Delmore (left) and volunteer, Glenda (right) proudly display coats received from Timber Towne Coffee who held a coat drive in December 2020



Sandy Heath, Program Manager, prepares garden beds for cultivation and harvesting. April 2020. Harvest provided to Food Bank August 2020.



(Left) Amanda Achamp volunteers to prepare foods in Food Bank which is open every Tuesday afternoons and Thursday mornings.  
 (Right) Abundant harvest is yielded from Lupe's Community Garden.

### Grants Awarded

The Philomath community generously supports PCS a number of ways. Included are grants from the following:

Benton Community Foundation	\$10,000
Bessemer Trust	\$ 6,250
Chamber Family Foundation	\$ 1,500
City of Philomath	\$ 9,500
City of Philomath	\$ 2,000
Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians (1 <sup>st</sup> quarter)	\$ 2,000
Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians (2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter)	\$ 2,000
Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians (Emergency)	\$ 2,000
Lagestee (Strengthening Rural Families)	\$ 2,500
Oregon Food Bank (Linn Benton Food Share)	\$ 3,992
OSU Folk Club Thrift Shop	\$ 1,500

Pacific Power	\$ 2,000
Philomath Community Foundation (unsolicited)	\$ 4,000
City of Corvallis Social Services Funding [Annual Budget Cycle 20-21]	\$ 1,111
United Way of Benton & Lincoln Counties [Annual Budget Cycle 20-21]	\$ 1,923
Zonta International	\$ 1,600

### ***Donations***

Donors like you, care about clients whose children we have clothed and fed and you make a huge difference to those who need us most. PCS thanks each and every one of you who continue to give generously. Donations of \$1,000 or more are listed below:

<i>Benton County School District 17J</i>	<i>Burkhum, Phil</i>	<i>Campbell Family</i>
<i>Charves, Nicholas</i>	<i>Davis-Neimi Charitable</i>	<i>De-Herd-Robertson, Ginny/Rick</i>
<i>Fisher/Kroko, E.J. / C.G.</i>	<i>Georgia Pacific</i>	<i>Gerding, Bob/Chris</i>
<i>Gerding, Tom/Deborah</i>	<i>JD McGee</i>	<i>J&amp; K Greene Exploration</i>
<i>Jordan, Cheryl</i>	<i>Kington, Marit</i>	<i>Malcolm, Joe</i>
<i>Maxfield, David</i>	<i>MDU Resources</i>	<i>McGee, Kate</i>
<i>Nesson, Michael/Joyce</i>	<i>Peace Lutheran Church</i>	<i>Peck, Jason</i>
<i>Pioneer Telephone</i>	<i>Summerton, James</i>	<i>Starker Forests, Inc.</i>
<i>Sullivan, Joseph</i>	<i>Wolcott, Jerry/Cori</i>	<i>Wulff, Barry</i>

### **Accomplishments/Goals Completed**

With the help of many thoughtful and altruistic people, PCS collaborated with partners in the community to accomplish projects and goals during the coronavirus environment. These include, and are not limited to:

- ❖ Farmer's Market partnership summer season
- ❖ Tin Can Alley Concert participant
- ❖ Wildfire Evacuation project procuring 3,607 pounds of donated goods
  - Redistributed goods to wildfire evacuees and community non-profit organizations
- ❖ Walk-In Refrigeration Unit donated by Autumn Peterson, Heritage Natural Finishes
  - Stored by Jake Thompson of Thompson Timber
  - Assembled and coordinated by Chris Workman, Jake Thompson
- ❖ Outdoor exit stairwell constructed by Finn Construction
- ❖ PCS Office remodeling coordinated by Chris Ludington and Tom Klipfel, completed by Eagle Scouts
- ❖ Welcomed three new board members
- ❖ Kept doors safely open for clients to provide food and clothing to our clients
- ❖ Conducted search for Executive Director