

ANNUAL REPORT | 2025

Philomath Community Services



Dear Friends and Supporters,

We are very grateful for the support we received in 2025. We faced many challenges that we overcame because of you, our community. Early in the year the loss of the USDA Bonus Commodity Program began to decrease the food supply from the Oregon Food Bank, especially meat proteins. Fall brought the budget crisis and the threat to the SNAP program including cuts for the most vulnerable. The need for food increased as the supply diminished. Our community's support, an infusion of state funds for food acquisition and generous foundations helped PCS fill the end of year needs for our recipients.

The compressor for the walk-in freezer failed and required replacing with modern technology. Three grants and one very generous donor funded the \$20,000 in parts for the repair. Brad Probst of Coast Range Refrigeration provided the parts at cost and donated his labor to complete the job.

June's Kids Klostet benefitted from grants, a large individual donor and a connection with the Lane County Diaper Bank which enhanced our ability to support children and families

The year ahead of us will provide more challenges as more assistance programs are cut and the cost-of-living increases. Access to our building will be impacted by the construction of Philomath's new water plant. Your help and support will continue to help us meet the increasing needs of our community.

Sincerely,

Sharon Thornberry

Executive Director

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Service by the Numbers

Food Pantry

- ★ **188** households were served, on average, per month.
- ★ **495** people were served, on average, per month.
- ★ **2,256** visits to the Food Pantry throughout the year.
- ★ **37%** of the recipients were under the age of 18.

June's Kid Kloset

- ★ **65** households were served, on average, per month.
- ★ **349** people were served, on average, per month.
- ★ **853** visits to the Kids' Klost throughout the year.
- ★ **33%** of volunteer time was donated by clients.

Community Gleaners

- ★ **185** households participated.
- ★ **458** individuals were served.
- ★ **135** children under 18 were served.

Holiday Cheer

- ★ **75** families were served.
- ★ **191** children received gifts through this program.
- ★ **133** parents and guardians received support.

Lupe's Community Garden

- ★ Two gardening workshops took place.
- ★ Dozens of community members benefited from using the garden.
- ★ **2,863** pounds of produce was distributed.

In-Kind Donations

The following In-Kind donations were processed in 2025:

- ★ Nancy's Food Pantry: **139,141** pounds of food and other goods.

- ★ PCS Gleaners: **117,362** pounds of food were gleaned/received.
- ★ June's Kids Kloset: dozens of donations for **8,973** pounds total.
- ★ Holiday Cheer: **1,502** pounds of new items, **601** pounds of used items.

Volunteer Hours

In 2025, over **17,057** hours were recorded by well over **421** volunteers. According to the Nonprofit Leadership Center, the 2025 value of volunteer hours is \$34.79 per hour.

- ★ Board of Directors and administrative volunteers: approx. **1,097** hours.
- ★ Nancy's Food Pantry: **120** volunteers per month on average for **2,487** hours total.
- ★ PCS Gleaners: **10,183** hours (and **17,707** personal vehicle miles.)
- ★ June's Kids Kloset: **33** volunteers put in **1,021** hours.
- ★ Lupe's Community Garden: **1,969** volunteer hours.
- ★ Holiday Cheer: **50** volunteers for **300** hours.

Monetary Funding

In addition to the donated time and in-kind goods detailed above, our gracious community of donors and grantors supported us with the following contributions:

- ★ Hundreds of donations totaling **\$190,589**.
- ★ **18** grants totaling **\$122,475**.

Featured Donor: David M. Low

David M. Low's impact on Philomath Community Services spans nearly a decade of leadership, stewardship, and steady generosity. After serving as PCS Board President from 2022 through 2025, David recently transitioned back into a Board Member role, specifically filling the seat of Past President, yet his influence remains woven into every part of the organization's growth. His financial support is matched by a deep commitment to service, shaped by decades of civic involvement and a dedication to keeping PCS strong, stable, and community-focused.

David's service ethic runs long before his PCS tenure. Following his retirement from the banking industry in 2016, he expanded his volunteer work across Philomath. He joined the City Council in 2017, became a PCS board member that same year, and stepped into the PCS Treasurer role in 2019. His leadership extends even further into the community: for 18 years, he has been active with the Friends & Foundation of the Library, including time as its president. This breadth of experience—governance, finance, public service, and nonprofit leadership—has shaped his thoughtful, steady approach to guiding PCS through years of growth and change.

During his presidency, David helped strengthen PCS's financial footing, clarify its governance practices, and support the organization through a period of rising community need. His strategic vision and calm, mature leadership have been essential to ensuring that PCS remains both mission-driven and fiscally responsible. Even as he steps back from the presidency, David continues to be a generous donor and a trusted voice on the board.

"Human energy powers PCS. Many volunteers, through decades of service to the PCS mission, have delivered this energy. For my part, I am grateful to be one of the many. In particular, I am honored to have served as President of the PCS Board of Directors these past five years. In choosing to step down, I am pleased the Board elected vision-oriented Jodi Russell to continue to champion our community commitment.

Further, I celebrate the Board's 2023 decision to hire Sharon Thornberry as our Executive Director. Sharon and I have worked well together, and I look forward to the synergy Jodi and Sharon will bring PCS this year and beyond!"

— David M. Low, March 2026



David's long record of service reflects a simple throughline: a belief that strong communities are built through consistent, practical acts of care. PCS is stronger because of his leadership, his generosity, and his unwavering commitment to People Helping People.

Featured Organization: Marys River Grange

Philomath Community Services is honored to feature Marys River Grange as this year's Featured Organization. The Grange has stood beside PCS for decades, offering steady, hands-on support that strengthens every part of our mission. Many PCS volunteers and board members are also active Grange members, reflecting the deep overlap in values, service, and community roots. Their financial contributions, in-kind donations, and frequent fundraising on behalf of PCS directly support local families and keep our programs strong.

Since the days when Marys Peak was reached by a dirt road and a gallon of gas cost 19 cents, Marys River Grange has been knit into Philomath's history. The first local Grange formed in 1873; Marys River Grange #685 followed in 1927, with its current hall opening in 1934. True to its long-standing mission of supporting rural life in America, the Grange continues to invest in the well-being of our neighbors today.



PCS is deeply grateful for this partnership and for the generations of Grange members who have helped build a more resilient, caring Philomath.

Executive Team: Experienced Leaders, Fresh Perspectives

As mentioned in our winter newsletter, one big announcement is our fresh new Executive Team!

- ★ **Jodi Russell** has stepped into the role of President, bringing her deep commitment to community service and proven leadership as former Vice President.
- ★ **Mike Goodrich** joins the executive team as Vice President, offering his wealth of experience in board leadership and community engagement.
- ★ **Tom Klipfel** continues his steady service as Treasurer, ensuring financial accountability and organizational strength.
- ★ **Sandy Heath** takes on the role of Secretary, adding her thoughtful perspective and dedication to PCS's mission.



Together, this team blends experience, vision, and passion for service. We look forward to their continued leadership as PCS helps our community meet the needs of our neighbors. A link to the full press release may be found [here](#).

THANK YOU FOR GIVING!

Abundance Ambassadors (\$10,000 or more)

Benton Community Foundation	Roundhouse Foundation
Oregon Community Foundation	Starker Forests
Marie Lamfrom Charitable Foundation	

Provision Partners (\$5,000 to \$9,999)

Anonymous	McMorran, Kristi
Autzen Foundation	Nesson, Joyce and Michael
City of Philomath	Peace Lutheran Church
Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians	Philomath Community Foundation
McFarland, David L.	Rouff, Jim and Hall, Camille
Corvallis Community Thrift Shop	

Meal Makers (\$2,000 to \$4,999)

Anderson, Maxine	First Presbyterian Church	McGuire, Mark (McGuire Mechanism LLC)
Bagby, Mary Ann	Frank and Linda Morse Family Foundation	Gerding, Thomas and Deborah
Barrie, Cynthia	Hahn, Dale	Philomath Pharmacy
Batten, Ann	Kearl, Dan	Plant, Thomas and Glenda
Campbell Family Charitable Fund	Malcom, Joe and Pam	Regan, Marianne
Davis-Niemi Charitable Fund	Mary's River Grange	Russell, Jodi (Russell Attorney Service LLC)
Elias, Erika	McGee, Kate	Strengthening Rural Families

Community Champions (\$1,000 to \$1,999)

Ajootian, Caroline	Doyle, Jack	Keese, William and Dana	Peace Lutheran Ladies Guild
Anonymous	Elkhorn Timber LLC	Klipfel, Tom and Kiki	Penton, Ruth
Barbara Emily Knudson Charitable Foundation	Finlay, David	Leding, David	Philomath News
Barry-Doyle, Barbara	Fiori, Raymond and Carri	Magnusson, Kathy	Pioneer Connect
Byram, Bruce and Katheryn	Forrestal, Helen	Marchel, John	Selby, Janet
Cloe, Martin	Gerding, Robert	McRae-Dickey, Stefani	Silverthorn, Louise
College United Methodist Church	Goslow, Rebecca	Mercer, Jr, Charlie William	The Gerding Companies
Corvallis Odd Fellows Lodge Barnum #7	Gregg, Jeanne	Moore, Patrick	The Thompson Foundation
De Garmo, Michael	Hanna, Susan	Owen, James	Willard, Corwin
De Herdt, Sonja	Henkle, Joy	Peace Lutheran Church	Williams, John Lawrence

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Hunger Heroes (\$500 to \$999)

4-H Triple S Livestock Club	Evening Garden Club	Kaseman, Brent and Shannon	Philomath Rotary Club
Anonymous	Faridani, Adel	Lattin, Donna and Peter	Philomath Sport and Spine Physical Therapy
Alyrica Networks	Fields, Carolyn	Lee, Don	Raggon, Randy
Anderson, Larry	Finn, Peter	Malone, Patrick and Betty	Rasmussen Lee, Karen and Donald Lee
Becker Blease, John	Ford, Stephen and Susan	McGee, Kay	
Betterton, Sharon	Gary, Trina A.	Morgan, Arthur and Jean	Rodgers, Gary and Julie
Brandenburg, Tim	Gibbons, Timothy and Megan	Mulberry Contract Cutting	
Burkum, Philip and Lauren	Goetze, Bridgitte	Nalty, Mary	Russell Contract Cutting LLC
Charves, Nicholas	Goodrich, J. Michael	Narver, William	Sleeman, Larry and Lori
Citizens Bank	Goodrich, Marilyn	Newton, Lydia	
Corbin, Kenneth	Hallenborg, Philip and Eneida	Opheim, Charles	Smith, Monte and Julie
Crocker, Diane	Halliday, Susan	Oregon State Credit Union	Stephenson, Garry
Croy, Michelle and John	Handler, Amalia	Patterson, Connie and John	The Corvallis Kiwanis Foundation
Dealy, Jill and Joseph	Jay B Construction	Penton, Ruth	Wenger, Tim
Dempsey, Moira	Kaplan, Camille	Philomath Lions Club	Wulff, Barry and Ella May

Sprout Supporters (\$250 to \$499)

Adams, Tarillis	Feinberg, David	Lewis, Laurie	Rutherford, Susan
Bauer, Rodney and Shirley Ann	Fishelson-Holstine, Hollis	Light, Jeff	Shonnard's Nursery & Florist
Berger, David	Foley, Shawn	Mason, Shirley	Smith, Christopher and Sweet, Rebecca
Bervin M A	Forest Meadows	Miller, Lisa	Social Rebekah Lodge #73 IOOF
Brauti, Mary	Garbacik, Carol	Miller, Wanita	Stratton, Cheryl
Camfield, Pamela	Grigsby, Jeffery	Neuman, David and Caroline	The Color Wheel Company
Consumers Power Inc	Guempel, Isolde	Nunnemaker-Russell, Nancy	Thornberry, Sharon
Crosby, Cindy	Hawk, Jeffrey	Pearcy, Bill	Walters, Terry
Dolan, Jonathan	Heady, Anna	Pillsbury, Linda	Weldon, James
Dunn, Micheal	Kington, Ellery and Randi	Robinson, Norman and Barbara	White, Karen
Farm, Ray and Christy	Lamberty, Colene	Rogriguez, Luis	Willamette Hose and Fittings

Thank you to all who gave!

