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State employees give back to Oregonians through charities
Charitable Fund Drive raises more than \$1 million in its latest campaign

Salem—Despite layoffs, budget cuts and furlough days, the state employees' Charitable Fund Drive (CFD) has raised \$1 million for 800-plus charities in its latest campaign, the Oregon Department of Administrative Services announced Wednesday.

Nearly 3,000 state and University System employees contributed to the CFD in 2009, said Fred Lord, chair of the CFD committee. The average gift per employee was \$342.00.

“This makes me so proud to be a state employee,” Lord said. “This campaign demonstrates that even when we all have less of our own money to give, state employees keep serving Oregonians.”

This latest campaign was the first Charitable Fund Drive to allow Oregon's state employees to donate online. This new option reduces the cost for the charities who benefit of the campaign, and saves tens of thousands of sheets of paper.

The CFD's annual campaign gives employees of state agencies and the Oregon University System the opportunity to make charitable contributions at work, and to control where their contributions go. Since 1989, the campaign has raised more than \$20.7 million for Oregon nonprofit groups that work on children's issues, human services, the environment, health, housing, social justice, the arts and a wide range of other concerns.

The positive impacts on Oregonians are substantial, even for a small monthly donation. Through the CFD, for example, \$20 per month provides mentoring and support for a low-income child at risk of dropping out of school; \$10 per month supplies diabetes risk tests for 500 people; and just \$5 per month saves an animal in a rescue shelter from euthanasia.

Most employees make payroll-deduction pledges in the fall. They then pay gradually from each paycheck over the next calendar year. Some state offices also host fundraising events that benefit CFD charities.

The online CFD system is accessible year-round to anyone who wants to learn about Oregon nonprofit agencies (<http://bit.ly/dg1H9N> – click on “Charity Lookup Tool” under the “Main Menu”).

Background information:

The director of the Department of Administrative Services appoints a Charitable Fund Drive Committee, comprised of seven employees from various state agencies. The committee oversees the activities of the CFD. This committee is responsible for selecting a Campaign Management Organization (CMO) to implement its decisions and manage the day-to-day operations.

The current CMO team includes staff members of the [Children’s Trust Fund of Oregon](#) and [Earth Share of Oregon](#). No state funds are used to pay for the CMO or other campaign activities. The participating nonprofit organizations pay all associated costs. A complete list of the 27 participating funds and federations and the 800+ nonprofit organizations they represent is available at <http://ecfd.oregon.gov/GCFS/docs/09brochure.pdf>.