



CAMAS-WASHOUGAL
COMMUNITY CHEST



Our History



"1. To promote the welfare of the community of the cities of Camas and Washougal, Washington, to solicit, collect and otherwise raise money for patriotic, war, charitable, philanthropic or other benevolent purposes, and to expend, distribute, disburse and otherwise handle, invest and dispose of the same for such purposes; to relieve existing philanthropic and civic organizations from the necessity of making separate appeals and collections, thereby enabling beneficiary organizations to more effectively carry on the work they are organized to do."

**APPROVED
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF we, the undersigned incorporators, have hereunto set our hands this 25th day of February, A.D. 1946

Dr. G. K. Harris

Edmund Egan

Margie S. Howard

RICHARD LAWTON and HUGH A. KNAPP, each being first duly sworn on oath, depose and say: That they are respectively the President and Treasurer of Camas Community Chest, Inc.; that on September 25, 1956, at a meeting of the members of said corporation, notice of which was given in compliance with the By-Laws thereof, the above and foregoing Resolution was duly passed and the amendments to said Articles of Incorporation were unanimously adopted by the members of said corporation present at said meeting.

Richard E. Lawton
Hugh A. Knapp

HELPING LOCAL CHARITIES THRIVE



Mission Statement:

A philanthropic organization providing grants to local charitable organizations to improve the welfare of our community.

WHAT WE DO

We collect donations from individuals and businesses and distribute them to nonprofits providing services in our community.

WHERE & WHY?

We advance the welfare of Camas & Washougal by funding grants across a range of needs:

- *poverty, hunger, homelessness*
- *schools and education*
- *health, welfare, special needs*
- *natural resource conservation*
- *crisis and emergency services*
- *civic, culture, arts, history*
- *diversity, equity, and inclusivity*

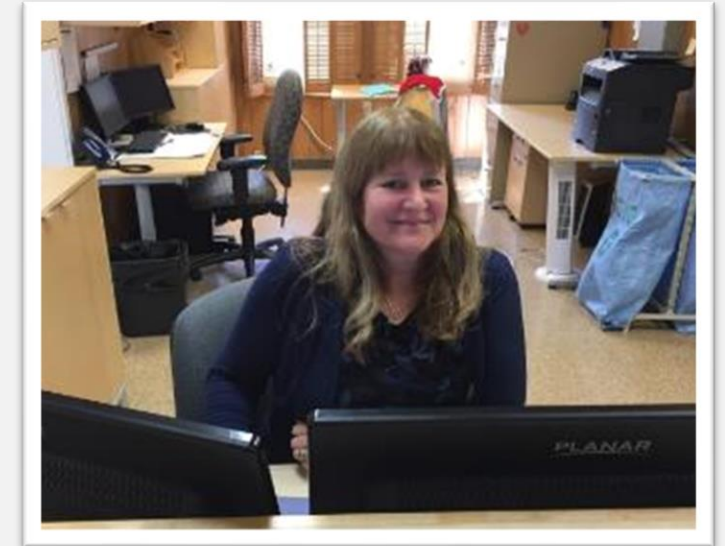
Last year, your donations helped the C-W Community Chest distribute **\$128,000** in grants to **28 local agencies**, providing over **19,500** individual services, including:

- **25,175** meals were prepared and delivered to **201** seniors by **Meals on Wheels People**
- **3,744** food bags were distributed to **178** families by the **Inter-Faith Treasure House**
- **520** children and **195** teens participated in the Summer Reading Program at the Camas Public Library sponsored by the **Friends and Foundation of the Camas Library**
- **Camas Farmer's Market's** SNAP Market Match matched EBT/SNAP purchases for low-income households, **doubling** healthy food on their tables, supporting 20 agricultural-based small businesses



Our grant to the **Children's Home Society** at the **East County Family Resource Center** provides:

- Trained staff and coaches who can point people in crisis to needed resources:
 - Employment services
 - Computer access
 - Financial consultation
 - Family skills coaching
- Coaches for parents to teach child development, reduce toxic stress in families, and foster community partnerships.



Our grant to the General Federation of Women's Clubs – Camas & Washougal provides:

- 944 books distributed to all children enrolled in Camas and Washougal School District pre-K programs.
- *Reach for the Stars Through Books Program*



Our grant to the **Janus Youth Program** provides:

- Guaranteed beds available for Camas-Washougal youth at SW Washington's only crisis intervention shelter for youth ages 9-17.
- Emergency services, youth activities, education, health, and welfare program for at-risk youth.
- Case management services vital to achieving family reunification or state services referral.
- An “emergency room” available for run away youth. Otherwise these kids would be on the street.



Our grant to the Camas and Washougal **Principal's Checkbook** provides:

- Principals in the CSD and WSD with funds to help students in financial need have access to activities, services, or materials necessary for a well-rounded, quality education.
- Principals and teachers can pay for clothes, shoes, activity fees, head lice treatment, or emergency medical treatment deemed necessary by the school's principal to help ensure equitable education for students in need.



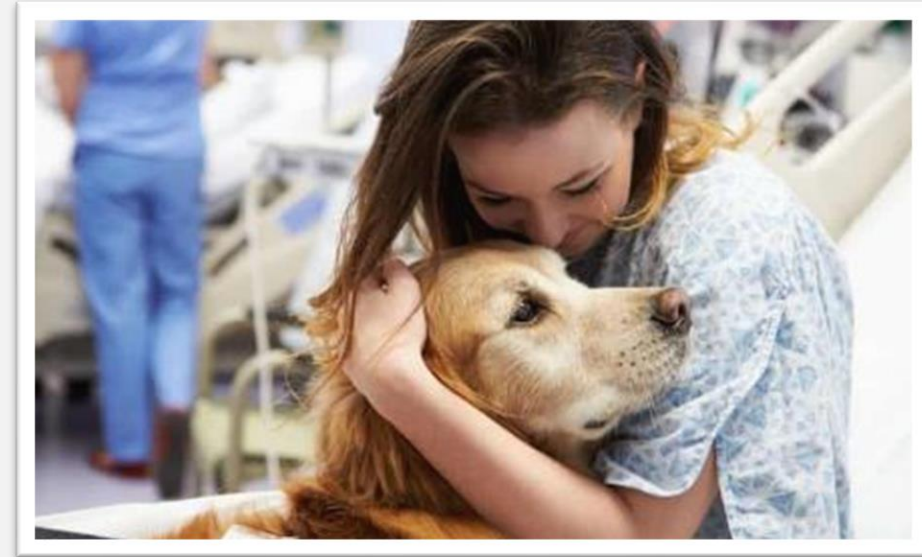
Our grant to **ReFuel Washougal** provides:

- A free meal every Friday night, 52 weeks a year, to clients while maintaining their dignity.
- Clamshells, bowls, and eating utensils are provided to the volunteer group serving so that they can focus on the meal they are providing.



Our grant to **West Columbia Gorge Humane Society** provides:

- Programs designed to keep pets and people together during times of hardship, crisis or emergency.
- A pet food pantry, temporary pet boarding, impound fee relief, and emergency veterinary care.
- Enabling people in crisis to retain their pet.
- For people in crisis, pets provide unconditional love, companionship, improved health, stress reduction, and well-being.



Our grant to Camas Farmers Market **Produce Pals:**

- Provides Youth with engaging educational activities covering nutrition, farm practices, science of gardening, healthy living and caring for plants.
- Also used to match SNAP benefits for low-income residents.



How We Work

- The Camas-Washougal Community has **no paid employees** and very low expenses. We have pledged to give back every dollar donated.
- Grant **applications can be submitted October 15-December 15**. Members of the grant committee interview each applicant.
- Grants are **awarded in February or March**. Grant recipients must submit a report in December detailing how funds were used.
- In recent years, **over 97% of all donations** have gone directly back into the community. (The remaining 3% covers insurance and printing fees.)



New Community Chest partnership with the **Camas-Washougal Rotary Foundation**

Says Rotary Foundation President Kathy Bussman: “We are pleased to join forces with the Community Chest. Together we can **Do More Good** in Camas and Washougal. The Rotary commitment to Service above Self will also add volunteers to the mix as we work to make a difference for many families.”

With Rotary’s partnership, we were able to fund **four** additional grants in 2021. The Rotary Foundation has pledged **\$12,000** for our 2022 campaign.



39 Local Non-Profits Have Received \$498,000 in Grants in the Past 5 Years

- Inter-Faith Treasure House
- Children's Home Society of Washington (in ECFRC)
- Meals on Wheels People
- Camas School District Principal's Checkbook
- Washougal School District Principal's Checkbook
- Family Promise of Clark County
- Janus Youth Programs
- Evergreen Habitat for Humanity
- General Federation of Women's Clubs – Camas Washougal
- Journey Theater Arts Group
- TreeSong Nature Awareness & Retreat Center
- JD Currie Youth Camp
- Camas-Washougal Historical Society
- Partners with Camas Parks & Rec – Camtown & Skate Park
- Camas Farmers Market – Produce Pals
- ReFuel Washougal
- Lower Columbia Fish Enhancement Group
- Teen Reach Adventure Camp – Camas
- Opera Quest Northwest
- Top Soccer Club
- Camas Sister City Organization
- Friends of the Columbia Gorge
- REACH Community Development
- Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership
- Pathways Clinic
- Camas Washougal Boy Scouts
- Pink Lemonade Project
- Friends and Foundation of the Camas Library
- FV Regional Library – Washougal
- West Columbia Gorge Humane Society
- Lifeline Connections
- St Anne's Safe Car Camping & Stay program
- Lunchmoney Indoor Skatepark
- Police Activities League of SW Washington
- Clark County Historical Society and Museum
- Kiwanis Camp Wa-Ri-Ki
- Dance Evolution
- Impact C-W

List compiled from grants awarded 2014-2020



Thank you to our 2020-2021 Major Donors!

Businesses, Foundations, and Associations

- Camas School District Employees
- City of Camas Employees
- Columbia Manufacturing & Tech Center
- Columbia Rock Products
- Edelman USA
- First Hand Foundation
- Georgia Pacific Employees
- Georgia Pacific Foundation
- Gregerson Family Fund
- HP Inc.
- LR Mitchner Philanthropic Fund
- PLEXSYS Interface Products
- Port of Camas-Washougal Employees
- The Hinds Charitable Fund
- The Norman Danielson Charitable Fund
- The Polaris Foundation
- Tidland Christian Development Fund
- Watercare Industrial Services
- Windemere Foundation



Thank you to our 2020-2021 Major Donors!

Individuals

- Jay and Joelle Scheldorf
- Jill and Lawrence Stryker
- Joshua and Hilary Gibson
- Leslie and John Horne
- Mary Allen
- Mary Jo Barga
- Pat Pabst
- Rich and Marianne Reiter
- Stephen Nigro
- Steven Rafoth
- Travis Primm

Thank you for your ongoing support!



Meet the Board

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Mindy Schmidt

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