SPRING 2020 NEWSLETTER







It could happen any time, tornado, earthquake, Armageddon. It could happen. Or sunshine, love, salvation.

It could, you know. That's why we wake and look out -- no guarantees in this life.

But some bonuses, like morning, like right now, like noon, like evening.

--William Stafford

Since our last newsletter to you, the world has changed. Can it be only a few months since we first learned of something called coronavirus? Since our daily lives and routines have been shaken up so radically? And since we've had to learn new ways of relating to each other, of communicating, of helping and being in community with each other?

Please be assured that now and in the time ahead, those of us at Give a Little will be making every effort to provide expanded—and some "new" forms of— assistance to those in serious need. We want to put your dollars to work in ways that are as immediate and effective as possible.

So much is happening so quickly, and we're all being inundated daily with news, information, and suggestions. Rather than repeat what you may already know, or give information that soon may be outdated, we've decided it might be most useful to you and others simply to recommend below one important resource: the emergency/crisis "hotline" 211.

We extend profound appreciation to all of you for supporting our efforts and for everything you're doing in your own neighborhoods and communities to help those in distress.

Be safe. We care about you.



NEED HELP FINDING HELP? DIAL 211

211 is an easy-to-remember, toll-free phone number that directs callers to a wide range of services, including resources for assistance with food, housing/shelter/rental payments, health care, employment, and utility bills. 211 is FREE, confidential, and live. Calls are answered by trained specialists. Language interpreters are available.

CALL: 211 or 1-866-698-6155

HOURS: Monday-Friday, 8am-6pm

TEXT your zip code to 898211 (TXT211)

EMAIL: help@211info.org **WEBSITE:** 211info.org

TTY (teletypewriter): dial 711 and call 1-866-698-6155 **Mobile app** 211info is available for iphones and android.

Note: Because of an increased volume of calls, it might be necessary to hold the line or receive a call back. 211 has brought on additional staff during this current crisis and is making every effort to keep information updated.



WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT

We cannot thank you enough for your support and caring at the end of 2019 and into 2020. In summary:

- 1) As 2019 came to a close, we were gratified to receive generous **monetary contributions** from a large number of donors.
- 2) This year once again our **sustaining members** play a vital role in keeping us fiscally healthy. We welcome new sustainers at any time and at any level. You will find a donation button on our website. (Be sure to locate and click the indented box on the donation page that states: *Show my support by making this a recurring donation*.)
- 3) Our **Business and Professional Partners** have once more demonstrated an enormous commitment toward creating a more compassionate community. Our current partners are funding a substantial portion of our yearly budget.

Sadly, some of these businesses are currently experiencing hardship, being closed or operating in reduced ways. You can find them listed on our website under Partners, but we've also decided to list them here as a way of honoring their contributions and, additionally, to request that you please support them to the extent possible.

Atticus Hotel Austin Industries Dan Bansen

Dr. Kathleen Boeve Cascade Steel

Cascadia Landscaping

Citizens Bank

Classic Editions (Lawrence O'Shaughnessy)

Mike and Sandi Colvin Convergent Products, Inc.

Currents Gallery Cuvée Restaurant Ed and Jeanne DeRaeve

Dr. Bruce Dickson and Kathleen Horgan

Famous Footwear

First Federal Savings and Loan First Presbyterian Church

Fitzpatrick Johnson & Associates, CPAs

Found Objects

Belinda and Daryl Garrettson

Gearbox Studios Sylla Gips Glint Creative

Golden Valley Brew Pub Gormley Plumbing

Hagan Hamilton Insurance

Harvest Fresh

Dave and Cathy Haugeberg
Headwater Investments
David Holt Construction
Hyder Family Dentistry
Dr. Stephen Inkeles

Kathleen's Hallmark (Les and Kathleen Toth)

Robert D. Katz

KCK Partners, LLC Knights of Pythias Ronni Lacroute

Macy & Son

James Mann, CPA (retired) McMenamins Hotel Oregon McMinnville Eye Clinic

Michael McKenney and Danny Wilser

Menefee Vineyards Nectar Graphics News-Register New To You OnlineNW Pacific Frame

Ilsa Perse and Jake Rockwood

Pirages Rare Books

Rancho Guadalupe Vineyards

Recology

Rivenwood Vineyard

Steve Rupp

The Sage Restaurant Andrew and Donna Scott

Rob Stephenson Landscape Design

Thistle Restaurant TNT Motorsports Ultimate RB

Lee and Erma Vasquez Washington Roofing Rick and Melinda Weidner

White Flower Yoga

Dr. Louise Wilkinson, Diversity Consultant

John Windle Antiquarian Books

Youngberg Hill Your Space Storage

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All of us at Give a Little Foundation are feeling a deep loss. **Belinda Garrettson** (1941 – 2020) made significant contributions to our Foundation and the community over the years. A talented artist, she took on the major task of developing and designing our e-newsletter in 2014, and she prepared it through many issues. A wonderful teacher for more than two decades in McMinnville elementary schools, she also helped to shape and expand our programs in the schools. We offer our most sincere condolences to Belinda's family and wide circle of friends, and we're very grateful to all of you who have made contributions to us in Belinda's name as per her wishes. These donations will go toward helping local school children in need.

We similarly are saddened by the loss of **Marcia Rau** (1936-2019), a gifted teacher who spent 46 years in the classroom, 35 of those in the McMinnville School District. Her heart was always with students, and she was much loved by them. Marcia's family requested that donations be made in her memory to Give a Little to support local students in need. We thank all of you who have contributed in her honor, and we extend our heartfelt sympathy to her family and friends.

A FINAL NOTE ON GIVING A LITTLE

Consonant with our philosophy and daily work at the Foundation, we wish to remind ourselves and all of you in our Give a Little community that there can be remarkable power in doing seemingly small things for one another. Especially now, we might consider making a pledge to ourselves to do one extra small thing each day to brighten someone's life. Perhaps, for example, to contact by phone, email, text, or even snail mail someone who may be alone or in need of comfort. We can reach out to each other and check on each other. We can also make special efforts to thank the dedicated medical professionals, first responders, and many others—gas station attendants, grocery store shelf stackers and cashiers, mail carriers, home and assisted living caregivers, cleaners, delivery drivers, farmers and field workers, mask sewers, journalists, sanitation workers, etc.—who continue to do their jobs under difficult circumstances.

Of course, we're aware that many of you are already acting in kind, generous, selfless and creative ways. As you extend yourself to others please be conscientious about caring for your own health and well-being. Give a little every day to yourself.



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