

Give a Little Foundation

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In Their Own Words

(and a few in ours)



Dear Friends,

As the year comes to an end, we would like to give you a sense of the good people who lift our spirits every day as we sit at our desks, working alone but very much aware that we are anything but by ourselves. Everything we do depends on a **very large community of givers and carers to which you belong.**

We wish we could name and recognize everyone, but please know that we deeply appreciate and honor all of you.

Words TO our donors



Some of you have actually been there for us and the larger community since our founding in 2008. And we're delighted that so many more of you have joined with us since then.

You give in various ways: monthly as sustainers, yearly, on an occasional basis, as a Business or Professional Partner, as a 99 GAL Friend, as a tribute or in celebration, through a bequest, or in the form of a grant to us.

However you may choose to give, those of us at Give a Little are especially moved by the fact that you open your hearts and minds to assist people you most likely don't know personally.

We are always conscious of, and very grateful for, **the trust you place in us to spend your dollars wisely and for the intended purposes.**

Words FROM our donors



Dear Give-A-Little foundation,
Please apply the enclosed check to
a family or individual who needs
a hand-up, a little hope.
With kind regards,

A donation [is enclosed]. Two of my friends and I decided instead of continuing to buy each other birthday and Christmas gifts, we would start making donations to organizations that mean something to us. At our ages we don't need more things!

Give a Little folks, please accept this gift in memory of my father. Thanks for your wonderful mission and work.

Words TO our community colleagues



Working in concert with us, you are hundreds of individuals who represent many different types of organizations throughout the county, including governmental and social service agencies, schools, places of worship, service clubs, libraries, senior residences, dozens of nonprofits, and more.

As both employees and volunteers, you are **everyday heroes and heroines**. You go the **extra miles and miles** to improve your services and find ways to help those who are in trouble. Whenever and wherever you can, you make things a little better.

You regularly thank us for our work (as below), but **you are the ones on the front lines**. We extend profound appreciation in return to you for identifying clients, vetting their needs, helping them with the application process, and cooperating with us to make sure every request is taken care of in a timely and respectful manner.

Words FROM our community colleagues



We would like to thank all the volunteers at Give a Little for the wonderful donations you have given us this year. We have received shoes, jackets, and umbrellas that have been very well appreciated. We enjoy seeing the smiles on the students' faces when they receive one of your donations.

You truly are a blessing!

Duniway Counseling
Department



To Give a Little,
Thank you for all the books you donated to our Library. St. James Students Love to read, and we love to add to our school Library.
Very appreciated,
St. James School Library

The Give a Little Foundation continues to enable First Baptist Church to do critical work building community in meaningful ways. Your year-round financial support of STARS (Serving Those AROUND US) all these years is HUGE, and we are so appreciative. ~ Don Watson, Treasurer

Note: STARS serves two free breakfasts a week to community guests, about half of whom are houseless. They also have a clothing closet, a food pantry, and a shop with many personal items. And they supply laundry cards to clients and other agencies.



Dear 99 Gal Friends,
Thank you so much for your donation to the Tina Miller Youth Center. We are looking forward to the kids having a creative night of art and fun.
Meredith Kendall

It was so nice of you.

A big thank you from the kids of Willamina

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your recent generous gift to A Family Place to help us serve caregivers who might experience postpartum depression. We could not do this work without donors like you!
-A Family Place

Thank you for your generous funding of food gift boxes for low-income seniors in our community. Not only do the seniors receive nutritious snacks and special made-in-Oregon treats, but perhaps more importantly, those who are socially isolated benefit from meaningful personal contact.

With sincere gratitude, Debbie Beam, McMinnville Kiwanis



Words TO our individual recipients



We've learned so much from you. Overall, the times have been hard. When we began Give a Little in 2008, we were in the midst of the "great recession," and many people were experiencing hardship. We've since been through the years of the pandemic together, and now we're facing what may be an extended period of insecurity and financial distress.

Through it all, you've maintained your dignity and sense of purpose. In the thousands of applications and requests we've reviewed, you do not ask for more than you need. If you have families, you're determined to care for them. And even if your needs are relatively small, you express appreciation, often choosing special cards (a few examples below).

Words FROM our individual recipients



Dear Give-a-Little
Thank you so much for allowing a way for me to get a haircut. I really appreciate it because I am unable to afford it at this time. Thanks again.



Thank you for your generosity!! I enjoy walking, but I'm not as young as I used to be and these bus passes will help me a great deal!

Amber
Park

This scholarship will help both me and my family very much. I am a first gen Mexican American student who works a part-time job on top of being a full-time student at Chemeketa Community College.

This scholarship will help towards my dream of becoming a diesel technician. Ever since I can remember I've always liked fixing stuff. I was the friend that would repair the broken bikes, scooters, and even stuff that would break around the house. My dad knew I liked it and he also maybe was hoping I would fix it so that he wouldn't have to. No matter what it was, I liked getting my hands on broken things and looking for a way to bring it back to life. My first experience working on a vehicle was on my dad's 1997 Honda Accord. He made me and my brother install a new alternator. Ever since that day I knew I wanted to do that for as long as I could. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you.



Note: Since 2017, Give a Little has awarded 13 Chemeketa scholarships to first-generation students or students who have experienced homelessness.

Thank you so much for the help with my PGE bill. I can't tell you how very grateful we are. It is such a relief to have that 5 day notice not changing over us. I am a single mom of a child with many health challenges and your help lifted much weight off me and her.
Respectfully

Thank you very very much for helping me to get out of a horrible situation. I felt trapped and could see no way out.

Your help was a big part of my being able to get free from abuse and start again. I am very thankful your organization exists!

Thank you so much for helping me. I do not take your help for granted.

Sincerely,



Thank you so much for your generous grant in order to help me, an unemployed veteran, stay current with my storage unit. I can now access my winter gloves, hats, and scarves! Hopefully, I will get a job soon and I'm working hard on getting one with the employment department. Happy Thanksgiving!

I wanted to let you know how grateful I am for the recent deliveries I received from you. As a low-income senior, I cannot keep up with the high grocery store prices. I really need the grocery card! The first aid kit was a Godsend! My bathroom cabinet was completely empty, nothing but bare shelves! Again, high prices prevented me from purchasing first aid supplies. A small thing, but when you have nothing a BIG DEAL! Thank you so very, very much!

We can't thank you enough for the wonderful gifts you delivered yesterday. The excitement was too great to wait to see what such beautiful bags contained . . . Finances are tight this year so we decided not to give each other a gift. It makes yours extra special to look forward to opening.

Thank you for the assistance during this challenging time in my life. . . . At one point, I had to decide whether to buy groceries or else gas for a job search. The difficulty became overwhelming, but thanks to your help, this time in my life has been manageable. On Monday, I start a new job.

With your generosity we were able to get new and safe tires for our vehicle. I am so grateful and it means so much to me and my two children! Thank you!

*Thank you for your
help you gave me
It help me and my
husband get Settled
in our unit*



*Just a note in sincere appreciation
of your gift to me towards
furnishing my new apartment in
McMinnville. I am looking
forward to sleeping in a bed.*

Dear Give a Little, we are living in our car, and your generosity has allowed me to keep my car repaired. So I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Thank you so much for helping me pay my PGE bill. This month I can buy some groceries for my family and have electricity. . . . We struggle from pay check to pay day each month. I am grateful for your foundation and the generous hearts of the people who are able to help others.

We so much appreciate the gift cards and pet care. Your generosity is heartwarming and thoughtful. Thank you for letting us choose what we needed rather than giving what you think we need. So respectful.

**With appreciation to you for giving much more than
a "Little Love," and with our warmest wishes for
the holidays and new year,**

*Lynne Barbatsis, Jeb Bladine, Lynda Corbin, Michelle Golden,
Jennie Guinness, Patty O'Leary, Phillip Pirages,
Sandy Soohoo-Refaei, Rob Stephenson, Ellen Summerfield,
Ginny Upton, and Patti Webb, on behalf of everyone at Give a Little*



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