



Spring 2022 Newsletter

Give A Little Foundation

Dear Friends and Supporters,

As we come through what in many ways has been another hard winter, we are cheered by the new growth of the season. Even a short walk or drive can lift our spirits at the sight of exuberant daffodils or cherry trees putting on their finest display.

We're well aware many of you are gardeners. And who among us doesn't enjoy a garden?

This spring, we take our inspiration from a small book on Japanese gardens that contains simple teachings on how to "be." Three of these teachings are:

Be the tree. Grant shelter.



Be the path. Open the way for another.



Be the bridge. Reach in peace toward the other side.



A Fond Farewell and An Enthusiastic Welcome!

We express most sincere appreciation to Francine Fiore for her past three years of exemplary service as our Executive Director. A consummate professional, Francine is a source of immense knowledge about the non-profits she has served over several decades. She is a kind and generous person who has dedicated her professional life to helping the residents of Yamhill County who needed it most. We will all miss her, and we wish her the absolute best in her retirement.



And a hearty welcome to Michelle Golden, our new half-time Executive Assistant. A Montana transplant to Oregon, Michelle was a legal assistant and office manager for the Department of Justice, Natural Resource Damage Program for fourteen years, which worked to restore natural resources damaged by mining operations.

After growing tired of cold Montana winters, she embraced a pioneer spirit and towed a travel trailer from Montana to Oregon. She co-owns Golden Girls Pottery (see goldengirlspottery.wordpress.com) with her daughter, writes short stories, and is working on her first novel.

Hillside Foundation Grant Supports Seniors

We're extremely fortunate and grateful to have received for 2022 a major grant from the Hillside Foundation to help senior citizens experiencing crisis or hardship.

As always, we continue to fund larger requests from seniors (for car repairs, overdue utility bills and rental payments, medical expenses, home repairs, and so on) and smaller needs such as haircuts, foot care, fans, gas and food, clothing and shoes, and toiletries.

Additionally, with the pandemic easing, we're again partnering with a number of local organizations to enhance the quality of life for the elderly in our communities and reduce their social isolation. They will be able to attend local musical and dramatic performances, to take fitness, art, and gardening classes, and more.



Thank you to White Flower Yoga



Many thanks to Joan and Scott Sterling—and to Joan’s generous yoga students—for hosting a recent fundraiser for us. The setting was the Sterlings’ beautifully renovated barn (with its new wood stove), where Joan holds her yoga classes. The barn was filled with glassware, clothing, art, albums and CDs, puzzles and books, and other treasures, all donated by Joan’s students.

White Flower Yoga has been supporting Give a Little as a Business Partner ever since we began that program eight years ago. For a complete list of our current business and professional partners, please see our website at givealittlefoundation.org/partners.

If you wish to organize or host any type of fundraiser for us, please see Other Ways to Help on our website at givealittlefoundation.org/raise-funds-for-us for ideas. As you become motivated to undertake spring cleaning, a yard sale can be an excellent fundraiser for Give a Little (in addition to achieving those organized closets)!



Your Gifts Will Keep Blooming

We are immensely grateful to all of you who are longstanding or more recent donors (including our monthly sustaining members and our Business and Professional Partners)—or who lend important support in other ways.

We hope you'll take a moment to remember that even if you may not always see the positive results, each of you in our Give a Little community is playing a valuable role in the lives of others as the trees, the paths, and the bridges. May we also remind ourselves that we in turn benefit from these very three things that others often provide for us.

The four excerpts below from recipients of funding give testimony to how beautifully your contributions can bloom. They are from our “Back-to-Work” program (please see givealittlefoundation.org).



Thank you from the bottom of my heart. You helped me renew my license for massage and that allows me to continue to give quality massages to my clients. And provide for my family.

Thank you so much for allowing a way for me to get a haircut [for my job interview]. I really appreciate it because I was unable to afford it at this time.

Thank you for gifting me the opportunity to continue my education as a tax preparer.

I would like to share my extreme gratitude and thankfulness for the gas card that I received today. It will enable me to start a new job next week. . . . When I am able, I pledge to pay this kindness forward.



Thank you!

With appreciation and warmest wishes as spring brings brightness and renewal,

Michelle Golden, Bonnie Mann, Brandy Penner, 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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