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Clockwise from top: Portland Council of Churches staff in 1944, family at NEFP in the 1980s, Archbishop Desmond Tutu at the 2009 Collins Summit, participants at the 2003 Interfaith Advocacy Day

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# VOICE

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S NOTE

*Looking back on my first year  
& into EMO's 50<sup>th</sup>*

Dear Readers,

There are many ways to define legacy. It is ultimately what we leave that will outlast us. One hopes a true legacy is the goodness and joy that comes from supporting each other to be better children of God and stewards of all that we're borrowing from future generations.

Established in 1974, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO) celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. Over the past five decades, we have triumphed in the hard days that we faced as an organization through our values and remaining committed to love in action. EMO has not only weathered many difficult times in Oregon's history but has also been at the forefront of Oregon's fight for a more just society.

As we have difficult conversations around the war in the Holy Land and continue to confront hate in our community, I reflect on concrete steps we have taken towards deepening interfaith relations. For the first time, we are welcoming a Jewish rabbi and Muslim imam onto our board of directors. I am also excited to share that in March, a small group of EMO staff took an exploratory trip to Central Oregon. The purpose of the trip was to look at the possibility of expanding our services to communities in that region, specifically a satellite office for EMO's refugee resettlement work. We met with many wonderful individuals working to welcome new immigrants, fight racism and build social cohesion.

Thanks to all of you who help EMO do what matters. With your support, I have no doubt we will continue to build upon the legacy of those who have led and supported Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon for the past five decades. Happy 50<sup>th</sup> to all of you who are part of the EMO community!

Peace,



Frank So  
Executive Director



Executive Director Frank So helping out during NEFP distribution.

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# 50TH ANNIVERSARY

## Celebrating 50 years of Ecumenical Leadership in Oregon

### Q&A

We asked each of the former EMO executive directors the following question: *What was the greatest accomplishment and the biggest challenge during your time as executive director?*

#### THE REV. DR. RODNEY PAGE, 1979-1996



My entry into EMO was in 1974, when EMO was formed by the merger of the Portland Council of Churches and the Oregon

Council of Churches. The leadership staff included The Rev. Richard Hughes as executive director, me as associate director, and The Rev. Steven Schneider as director of Center for Urban Encounter (CUE). What started as the smallest ecumenical organization in the country became one of the largest—in a state with the lowest church membership.

I became the executive director after the death of Richard Hughes in 1979. At that time, EMO had no direct service programs, as it was more focused on advocacy and education. One of the biggest rewards as executive director was building the community ministry programs. The first direct service program EMO started was Sponsors Organized to Assist Refugees (1979). Many more programs followed that are still running today, including Northeast Emergency Food Program (1983), HIV Day Center (1990),

Daily Bread Express (1992) and Slavic Oregon Social Services (1994).

The greatest challenge facing EMO—then and now—is holding up the church's unity that we seek. Unity is not uniformity. There is great diversity in the unity of EMO, and through our unity we are able to serve a broken world through advocacy, education and direct service, especially serving the poor and the powerless—all whose way is hard.

*Page served as executive director of Church World Service before retiring. He is now executive director emeritus of EMO.*

#### DAVID LESLIE, 1997-2015



One of the most exciting accomplishments during my service as executive director was EMO becoming a more fully engaged statewide

ecumenical organization. Work on critical issues such as Tribal rights and the legacy of colonialism, climate change, workers' rights, payday lending and health care access ensured that we were engaged with communities throughout Oregon. These efforts helped to broach geographic, urban-rural and cultural divides, making clear

that we were indeed stronger when we worked together than apart.

One of the greatest challenges that we all faced was the attacks on 9/11 and the aftermath. Racially motivated hate incidents particularly aimed at the Muslim community, economic insecurity, a moratorium on refugee arrivals, and uncertainty about personal and collective security caused great doubt about the world in which we lived. Thankfully, there were leaders in every sector who worked diligently to build community and strengthen the bulwarks necessary to keep hate at bay.

These were not easy times. However, through our collective prayers, advocacy and service, we did all we could to ensure security for all and that everyone was treated with dignity, equity and respect.

*Leslie is the executive director of Rothko Chapel in Houston, Texas.*

#### JAN ELFERS, 2015-2021



My tenure as executive director of EMO began in the summer of 2015, during an extremely polarized presidential election.

Shortly after taking office in 2017,



Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon was established in 1974 with the merger of the Portland Council of Churches (above) and Oregon Council of Churches.

President Trump issued a travel ban and drastically reduced the cap on refugee admissions, almost grinding refugee resettlement in the United States to a halt. EMO's Sponsors Organized to Assist Refugees (SOAR) was on the precipice of closing down, as refugee numbers plummeted. Other EMO programs were also under siege, as needs grew and threats against people in the immigrant and refugee community proliferated. In addition, the COVID pandemic in 2020 compounded community and staff suffering.

Staff at EMO adapted and rose to meet these challenges. In 2019, our

Public Policy Advocacy team, along with team members from other Oregon refugee resettlement agencies, lobbied and successfully received \$2 million in funding from the state of Oregon for the first time in history. As a result, none of the Oregon resettlement agencies had to close their doors, including SOAR, while over 100 across the country did. These combined efforts to save vital refugee and immigrant programs stand out as EMO's greatest accomplishment during those troubled times.

*Elfers, retired in 2021, serves on the EMO Board of Directors. ■*



# WELCOMING

## CONGREGATION OPENS COTTAGE DOORS TO NEWLY ARRIVED REFUGEES

BY REV. STEPHANIE MATHIS

“Love foreigners as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt. I am the Lord your God.”

LEVITICUS 19:34

**The Rev. Stephanie Ahn Mathis** is co-senior pastor at West Hills Covenant Church in Portland. She has served in urban settings, colleges, nonprofits and overseas while teaching spiritual formation and social change, multiethnic ministries and advocacy. Stephanie has a Master of Arts in Religion in Biblical Justice and Social Ethics from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. She is ordained in Word and Service from the Evangelical Covenant Church.



The Rev. Stephanie Mathis (left) with refugees from Afghanistan staying in the West Hills Covenant Church cottage earlier this year.

This winter, our city experienced an ice storm. Portlanders had trees fall on their homes, pipes that burst and flooded houses, and other impacts which displaced people from their homes. By being without power, heat, water or shelter, we encountered a tiny glimpse of what so many refugees and those who live in poverty experience around the world: people, made in the

image of God, who are longing for a home and a safe place to live.

From Adam and Eve, Abraham, Joseph, Moses, Israel, Ruth, Jesus and the Hellenistic Widows who were being overlooked, the theme of the foreigners' struggles and God's care is woven throughout the meta-narrative of scripture. As people of faith, compelled by God's love, mercy and justice, we must welcome immigrants and refugees.

West Hills Covenant Church has a long history of welcoming refugees. In the 1980s, our congregation sponsored Vietnamese refugees and hosted a Vietnamese congregation. It has been our desire to be a church that can be both a hospital and hospitable: a place and people of healing love and welcome for all. We see throughout the meta-narrative of scripture that God is always expanding a table to welcome immigrants to belong, be seen and be treated as native-born people. The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born.

For the last couple of years, West Hills Covenant Church has been engaged in working with local immigrant and refugee agencies to welcome refugees. We've learned that one of the biggest challenges for refugees after getting off the plane is having a safe place to live while looking for permanent housing. It is an even greater challenge for families who need to find multiple rooms.

Through the vision of Pastor Jerren Wadsworth and her husband Michael, our leadership team was excited to approve and financially support the remodeling of a small house on our property—"the Cottage"—to be temporary housing for refugees. Church members Martin and Connie Helleson then galvanized our community to remodel the Cottage.



Photo: During the early 2000s, Sponsors Organized to Assist Refugees (SOAR) resettled many Somali Bantu refugees escaping civil war in Kenya.

Through the dedicated work of over 20 congregants, a generous grant and funding from the church budget, the renovation was completed in under three months. The home now has a new roof, new appliances, a primary bedroom and a large room with four beds (enough to house six to seven people), as well as a beautiful view from the living room window.

In collaboration with Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon's Sponsors Organized to Assist Refugees (SOAR), we have built a wonderful partnership and have given a temporary home to three refugee families since October last year. We especially appreciate the training, staff support and culturally

intentional grocery lists for each specific country provided by the SOAR team, making it accessible for communities of faith to house refugees with ease. They handle the administration, placement, training and social work care, so we can focus on creating a clean, safe and welcoming home. It is an image of the body of Christ with diverse parts working together as one whole for the common good. ■

If you are interested in offering temporary housing for refugees, contact Jenna Eliel at SOAR, (503) 284-3002, ext. 114, or [jeliel@moregon.org](mailto:jeliel@moregon.org).



# VOLUNTEERING



## Volunteering in the Family

BY PATRICK WALSH

**Patrick Walsh** is a retired mechanical engineer. He is also a church musician, most recently serving for the last 13 years as co-music director with his son Timothy at St. Andre Bessette Catholic Church in Portland.

**Daily Bread Express** provides meal delivery for low-income, home-bound individuals living with HIV/AIDS. Seven nutritious meals are delivered weekly throughout the six-county Portland metro area.

As I write this, I'm looking at an Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO) HIV Services volunteer award hanging on my office wall, dated May 6, 1995. I received the award after delivering meals weekly for about six months, which means this year marks my 29<sup>th</sup> year of volunteering for Daily Bread Express (DBX).

In 1987, my younger brother Stephen, living in San Francisco at the time, sent me a letter telling me that he and his partner Michael were both diagnosed as HIV positive. At that time, it was basically a death sentence.

In 1993, Michael died. I spent a week with Stephen helping him prepare for Michael's memorial service. I noticed people delivering meals to his door and asked what that was all about. He explained that sometimes people living with AIDS don't have the energy to cook, and meal delivery programs help with their nutrition.

The following year, I spent another week with Stephen and noticed some changes. He was thinner, experiencing vertigo occasionally at the top of a stairway, and he was receiving home delivered meals—all signs of what we both knew was to come. I asked him

if there was a meal delivery program like that in Portland, and he told me to contact Gary McInnis, HIV Services' program manager at the time.

In 1994, I began delivering meals for DBX. I met a lot of wonderful people, some of whom would invite me into their homes to chat, and all of whom were grateful for the help. The difficult part in those days was how frequently the client list would change. Clients didn't usually leave the program voluntarily. It was difficult.

My son Timothy—who was very close to his Uncle Stephen and about eight years old at the time—asked if he could go on deliveries sometime with me. We delivered to gentlemen living in some nice places and some not so nice places in downtown Portland. DBX helped me teach my young son the importance of helping and giving to others in need.

Protease inhibitors were a new treatment for HIV/AIDS in 1995, and

they saved my brother Stephen's life. He went on to serve as cantor for St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco for 25 years, until he succumbed to acute myeloid leukemia in 2018 at the age of 61.

Now starting my 29<sup>th</sup> year with DBX, I realize what a significant part of my life this program and its mission have become. DBX gave me a way to help my brother by helping others battling the same wretched disease. DBX introduced me to some wonderful people over the years, and it helped me teach important lessons to my son, who today is also a volunteer delivery driver for DBX. ■

**Interested in volunteering for DBX?**

Contact Meghan Lewis at [mlewis@emoregon.org](mailto:mlewis@emoregon.org) or (971) 279-9724.



Photo: Clients enjoy a meal together at the HIV Day Center, a community center for low income people living with HIV/AIDS. The Day Center opened in Portland in May 1990, the first free-standing, community-based program of its kind in the United States. Daily Bread Express began delivering meals in 1992.

Photo left: Assistant Manager for Home Delivery Services Meghan Lewis with father and son volunteers Patrick and Tim Walsh.



# UNDERSTANDING

## THE CHRISTIAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BY THE REV. DR. LEROY HAYNES, JR., MICHELLE HARPER, THE REV. BEVERLY R. JACKSON

The Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, familiarly known as the CME Church, was organized in 1870 in Tennessee by 41 former slave members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Composed primarily of African Americans, the CME Church is a branch of Wesleyan Methodism, which was founded and organized by John Wesley in England and established in the United States as the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1784. The CME Church has more than 1.2 million members across the United States, with missions and sister churches in Haiti, Jamaica and 14 African nations.



This April, Allen Temple Associate Pastor The Rev. Beverly Jackson (right) became the second CME representative to be elected chair of the EMO Board of Directors. Senior Pastor The Rev. Dr. LeRoy Haynes, Jr. (left) served as board chair in 2012/2013.

In 1949, Allen Temple Christian Methodist Episcopal Church was the first CME church organized in the Pacific Northwest. The local founding fathers and mothers had a vision to build a strong foundation for future generations that thrives to this day. Allen Temple CME Church celebrates its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary this April!

The current pastor of Allen Temple CME is The Rev. Dr. LeRoy Haynes, Jr., appointed in 1997. He is the longest serving senior pastor and presiding elder of the Alaska, Washington and Oregon CME Churches. Dr. Haynes represented the CME Church for nearly two decades on EMO's Board of Directors (1997 to 2014), and he served as board chair in 2012-2013. This April, Associate Pastor The Rev. Beverly Jackson became the second CME representative to serve as chair of the EMO Board of Directors.

Allen Temple has been a community-oriented church serving north and northeast Portland communities through many outreach programs, including the Emergency Food Center, Houseless Outreach Program, Resurrection Drug and Alcohol Prevention and Recovery, Balm in Gilead (HIV/AIDS Educational and Support Services), Social Justice Advocacy and the Carman Walker Daycare Center.

Allen Temple CME Church—a 9,500-square-foot building with

350 members—has been an anchor not only for the surrounding neighborhoods but for the entire city of Portland, providing support and guidance to community leadership on many issues in our community. The impact of gentrification has left a significant residue of trauma from the loss of generations of African American families, housing and businesses. Through it all, the church has been a tower of stability.

Allen Temple has been in the forefront of community advocacy and social justice and is a member of the Albina Ministerial Alliance (AMA). Dr. Haynes serves as president of the organization. AMA was organized in the 1960s and took the lead in establishing Head Start centers in Portland. The AMA Coalition for Justice and Police Reform has led efforts for over two decades in reforming the Portland Police Bureau. Other member organizations include the Urban League, NAACP, Portland Copwatch, Lift Every Voice Oregon and League of Women Voters.

In 2015, Allen Temple CME Church was devastated by a major electrical fire that made the church building unusable. For seven years, the congregation journeyed without its own church home. Under the leadership of The Rev. Dr. T. Allen Bethel, Maranatha Church provided a temporary place of worship. During



Northeast Emergency Food Program (NEFP) was established in 1983 as a partnership between EMO and the Albina Ministerial Alliance, Urban League and NE Neighborhood Assoc. The program continues to serve the urgent food needs of residents in northeast Portland and beyond.

that time, Allen Temple's outreach ministries continued to serve the community.

In 2022, after seven years of ups and downs, setbacks and forward movement, the Allen Temple congregation was blessed to move back into a \$3.5 million reconstructed church building. ■



# HOUSING

## Leap of Faith

### My experience as a Second Home volunteer home provider BY ABIGAIL BARASH



of 2022, I was hesitant. I felt skeptical that we would be able to successfully host a youth who needed support to get by in life. I had some preconceived notions that in order to make a “good” host, I needed to have lots of wealth to spare, more experience dealing with potential trauma sensitivities, and the emotional capacity to “deal” with a teenager and all the baggage I thought they might bring with them. Even with these doubts at the forefront of my mind, I decided to move forward with the process and took a leap of faith. And now I’m so glad I did!

As with all new relationships, the first few months weren’t the easiest. There was a period of awkward, getting-to-know-you vibes. I learned quickly about the importance of communicating directly, making the implicit more explicit, and asking questions with an approach of curiosity while not making assumptions or judgments.

Katya’s first language is not English, and so we have become savvy with using technology to communicate. This has also provided us opportunities to share about our respective cultures and languages; Katya teaches us just as much as we teach her.

The worries I first had about the emotional and financial impact hosting a student would have on us have subsided. Hosting Katya has taught me to deal with fluctuating human emotion. Our individual journeys come with all sorts of baggage, but it’s easier to deal with them when you have a support system to process together. She has good days and bad days, just

like the rest of us. I’m so grateful to Second Home for helping us get Katya connected with various mental health resources, so that she feels supported holistically. And when it comes to the financial impact of hosting a youth, it has taught me and my husband to simply be a little more savvy with our budget, as we identify where we can cut back a little bit in order to support Katya on her way to financial independence.

Some of the best memories from this past year with Katya include taking her to her first MLB baseball game, shopping with her for a high school graduation outfit, celebrating her as she successfully graduated high school, traveling with her on a West Coast road trip, watching her try new foods

and like them, encouraging her as she tried golfing and bowling for the very first time, celebrating new holidays together, watching her decorate our Christmas tree, sharing about our hopes and dreams for the future, and seeing the smile on her face when she tried snowboarding for the first time.

Has the past year been easy? No. Has it been rewarding, inspiring, eye-opening and filled with moments of joy? Absolutely! I never thought I could do the work of opening my home to a stranger—let alone a teenager—and make a positive difference in their life. I’m so proud of my husband and myself for diving in, taking a chance, being able to recognize all that we have to offer, and allowing Second Home and our incredible youth, Katya, to be such a big part of our lives. ■



Photo: Second Home student Ruth (left) with Program Director Jenny Hale at Ruth’s graduation. Since Second Home launched in 2010, its students have achieved a graduation rate of over 90%.

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To learn more about becoming a volunteer home provider, visit [emo-secondhome.org](http://emo-secondhome.org) or contact us at [secondhome@emoregon.org](mailto:secondhome@emoregon.org) or (503) 221-1054, ext. 277.

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**I**t has been almost a year since my husband and I became host home providers to our student, Katya [name changed for privacy], through the Second Home program. I was previously familiar with the program and understood the impact and importance it has had on the lives of unaccompanied homeless youth, yet I never thought I would become a volunteer host myself.

So, when my husband approached me about the opportunity in the winter



# JUSTICE

## Groundbreaking Immigration Reform Policy: Making our communities safer for everyone

BY LORENA AMBRIZ

In the United States, non-citizens experience disproportionate consequences within the criminal justice system, as compared to naturalized citizens. Committing a non-violent offense as a non-citizen can, and often does, result in deportation and lifelong ban of reentry, whereas the same crime committed by a U.S. citizen often results in more lenient consequences, such as a fine, community service or supervised probation. If the difference between receiving a fine or being deported for a non-violent offence depends on one's legal status, then we are not working in the interest of justice or safety.

In addition, many non-citizen victims of crime often do not report their victimization for fear of deportation. Similarly, non-citizens who witness crimes do not feel safe coming forward, knowing they may draw attention to their immigration status. These factors hinder safety within our communities. Everyone should feel safe enough to report a crime and comfortable enough to come forward as a witness.

Under District Attorney Mike Schmidt, a new immigration reform policy has allowed Multnomah County prosecutors to pursue cases with an immigration-neutral mindset in hopes of protecting victims, witnesses and non-violent offenders from deportation. This policy moves the county one step closer to equitable justice by keeping families together.

"Deportation does absolutely nothing to make us more safe," said Schmidt. "Instead, it has the potential to break up families, threaten our local economy and propagate generational inequity.



Photo: People of faith march to the Oregon Capitol Building for Interfaith Advocacy Day in 2003. Since 1999, EMO has cosponsored this event. Participants receive issue briefs, attend workshops on advocating for compassionate legislation and meet with their state legislators.

These outcomes make us less safe." This groundbreaking policy is the first of its kind in Oregon and across the nation. The policy orders deputy district attorneys to carefully weigh whether criminal charges will jeopardize an immigrant's status throughout the entirety of the case, including while charging a defendant, plea bargaining and sentencing. The policy also allows the restructuring of punishments to avoid deportation, as long as it does not reduce the severity of the sentence.

Deputy district attorneys are no longer allowed to threaten deportation while negotiating plea deals, nor can they mention a person's immigration status in open court, unless necessary for impeachment for bias or motive.

The Multnomah County District Attorney's Office has ceased to provide U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) with information

related to immigration enforcement and will not cooperate with ICE unless court ordered. This policy also allows deputy district attorneys to reschedule or waive the court dates of victims, witnesses or defendants if they are at risk of being detained by federal law enforcement officers.

"This policy is about creating a space that is safe for all people to come seek justice, which makes all of us safer," said Schmidt. When our community feels safe to report crime and participate in investigations, we increase public safety and security in our neighborhoods. Immigration policy reform sends a powerful message that everyone has the right to pursue justice. ■

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# GIVING

### GIFTS IN MEMORY (AUGUST 2023-JANUARY 2024)

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- in memory of Trudy Bradley*  
Dan Bradley
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Ashley Bryant
- in memory of Jim & Lucy Cayton*  
Tim Cayton
- in memory of Kevin Guy Daley*  
James Daley
- in memory of John & Nancy Dennis*  
Helen Dennis
- in memory of Ron Elliott & Mack Johnson* — Kathleen & Robert Joy
- in memory of Kathleen High*  
Marshall Goldberg
- in memory of Theresa Jackson*  
Patricia Dickerson
- in memory of William Jamison*  
Julia Spence
- in memory of Marvin Jones* — Iris Gibson
- in memory of Gary Logsdon*  
Audre Bratcher, Karen Logsdon
- in memory of Gary McInnes*  
Gerald & Thomas Cook-Deas
- in memory of John Morrison*  
Kristi Baack & Bernie Deazley
- in memory of Faye Musser*  
Dennis O'Hare
- in memory of Kathryn Faye Robertson*  
Joseph Robertson, Jr.
- in memory of Ila May Rooks*  
Judy Rooks
- in memory of June Tanis*  
Janice & Tom Harvey
- in memory of Robert Weber*  
Marilyn Weber

### GIFTS IN HONOR (AUGUST 2023-JANUARY 2024)

- in honor of Gaile Baack*  
Eric Baack
- in honor of Kristi Baack & Bernie Deazley* — Eric Baack, Gaile & Don Baack, Joanne Deazley
- in honor of John Barker*  
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- in honor of Jim Brooks*  
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- in honor of Emilia Ensrud*  
Karen Mitchell-Yakymi & Larry Yakymi
- in honor of Mary Sue Evers*  
Jean Butcher
- in honor of Jenny Hale*  
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- in honor of Laurel Haley*  
Michelle Bush & Miguel Camacho
- in honor of the HIV Day Center staff*  
Julia Lager-Mesulam & Steven Mesulam
- in honor of Joan Huggler*  
Chris Finlayson
- in honor of Linda Jaramillo*  
David & Leigh Leslie
- in honor of Adam Jenkins*  
Jesse & Debbie Barash

- in honor of Howard Kenyon*  
Joe & Jane Snyder
- in honor of Henry & Dorothy Lambert*  
Phyllis & Raymond Krueger
- in honor of Jon Makler*  
Susan Makler
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Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc.	SOAR Legal	Immigrant Legal Resource Center	SOAR Legal
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Gresham	SOAR	The Jackson Foundation	NEFP
Church World Service	SOAR	Joseph E. Weston Public Foundation	HIV Services, NEFP, Public Policy, Second Home
The Collins Foundation	SOAR Legal	Kaiser Foundation Hospitals	Public Policy
Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians of Oregon	HIV Services	Kent Richard Hofmann Foundation	HIV Services
Congregation Beth Israel	NEFP	Lutheran Community Services	SOAR
DevNW/HUD	Second Home	Meyer Memorial Trust	SOAR Legal
Doris & Michael Garcia Fund	SOAR Legal	Multnomah County	HIV Services, SOSS
Earth Advantage / City of Portland	Creation Justice	New Seasons Market	NEFP
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Forest Grove Daybreak	Second Home	Oregon Community Foundation	SOAR Legal
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Charitable Foundation		Pride Foundation	HIV Services
Gilhousen Family Foundation	NEFP	Rose E. Tucker Charitable Trust	NEFP
Harris Family Foundation	NEFP	State of Oregon Dept. of Human Services	HIV Services, Second Home, SOSS, SOAR, SOAR Legal
Herbert A. Templeton Foundation	NEFP	U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services	SOAR Legal
		Valley Community Presbyterian	Second Home
		Washington County	Second Home