# SPIRIT MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY FUND



The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde fulfill their native tradition of potlatch, a ceremony at which good fortune is distributed, through the Spirit Mountain Community Fund.

The Spirit Mountain
Community Fund's focus is
to improve the quality of
life in Northwest Oregon
through community
investments that provide
lasting benefits consistent
with the Tribe's culture
and values.





The Spirit Mountain Community Fund is the philanthropic arm of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. We are happy to share our Annual Report with you highlighting the notable accomplishments and milestones of 2018.

Through our responsive grant making programs, we provided local non-profit organizations with 125 grants, totaling \$2,800,746.44, bringing our grand total of giving to \$79,280,930.54 since the Fund's inception in 1997!

We were delighted to see an increase of 15% for new applicants, allowing us to forge many new partnerships with non-profit organizations in rural and underserved communities.

In September, we were honored to host the biannual conference for Grantmakers of Oregon & SW Washington (GOSW) at Spirit Mountain Casino, allowing us an opportunity to share the rich history and culture of the Grand Ronde Tribe with conference attendees.

On November 22, the Community Fund joined the Tribe and more than 400 Tribal

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#### THE DIRECTOR AND BOARD CHAIR

and community members at our casino to celebrate 35 years of Restoration. The esteemed Former Congressman Les AuCoin, who was instrumental in helping the Grand Ronde Tribe achieve Restoration by introducing the Grand Ronde Restoration Bill in 1983, was honored and recognized by Tribal Council for his outstanding contributions to the Tribe.

And at the end of the year, we bid farewell to two long-time Trustees, Sho Dozono, who retired after serving on the Board since its inception, and Darlene Hooley, who retired after serving for nine years. We are grateful for their service and expertise, and will miss them dearly. However, their departure allowed us to welcome two new Trustees to our Spirit Mountain family: State Senator Arnie Roblan (D-Coos Bay) and Representative Karin Power (D-Portland). We look forward to working with them closely in the years to come!

Now more than ever, we are thankful for all our board members who give so generously of their time, energy and talents. They are a reflection of the dedication and passion of our ancestors and we are grateful for their leadership.

We would also like to thank our dedicated and enthusiastic staff who strive to make a difference in the communities we serve! We are proud to announce that for the first time in the history of the Community Fund, all staff are Grand Ronde Tribal members!

Small but mighty, our team tirelessly:

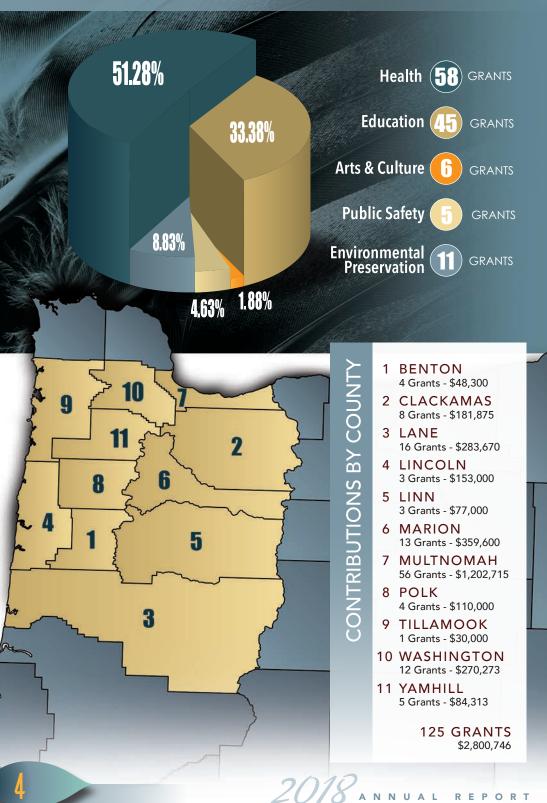
- Held a dozen workshops to more than 200 perspective grantees in 2018
- Added four rural communities to the lineup
- Began conducting podcasts to shine a light on the good work of our nonprofit community partners
- Gave of their personal time and talents to volunteer in our communities
- Asked meaningful and thoughtful questions to our community partners about our application process & online system in order to streamline best practices to ensure that we're being responsive and inclusive

In closing, we say hayu masi (many thanks) to all of you, our friends, neighbors and community partners. It has been our privilege to share and celebrate our collective work, triumphs, challenges and joy as we envision a vibrant future where we ALL thrive!

Mychal Cherry
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Henry Chip" Lazenby

### FUNDING BY PROGRAM AREA





## GRANT RECIPIENTS BY PROGRAMMATIC AREA



# ARTS & CULTURE 6 GRANTS - \$53,000

Boom Arts, Inc.
Hand2Mouth Theatre
Oregon Bravo Youth Orchestras
Paradise of Samoa
Portland Taiko
The Jim Pepper Native Arts Council



# **EDUCATION**45 GRANTS - \$934,973

Airway Science for Kids
AntFarm, Inc.
Arc of Lane County
Boys & Girls Club of Albany
Boys & Girls Club of Salem
Marion & Polk Counties, Inc.
Chess for Success
Children First for Oregon
Coast Fork Willamette
Watershed Council
Community Resource Trust
Community Vision, Inc.
De La Salle North Catholic
High School



Ecology In Classrooms and Outdoors Northwest Eco-School Network El Programa Hispano Catolico Ethos, Inc. Eugene Science Center, Inc. Free Geek Friends of Saturday Academy Friends of Tryon Creek Friends of Yaquina Lighthouses Greater Than KairosPDX Little Hands Can Looking Glass Youth and Family Services, Inc. Love In The Name of Christ of Benton County Minds Matter Native American Youth Association Neighbors for Kids Oregon 4-H Foundation Playworks Education Energized Polk County Portland State University Foundation Portland Tennis & Education REAP, Inc. Salem Schools Foundation Schoolhouse Supplies, Inc. Self Enhancement, Inc. Serendipity Center, Inc. Shadow Project Social Venture Partners Portland The Salem-Keizer Coalition for Equality TLC-TnT Wordcrafters in Eugene Young Audiences Young Mens Christian Association of Columbia Willamette



# **HEALTH** 58 GRANTS - \$1,435,898

A Family for Every Child ABC House, Inc. Advantage Smiles for Kids Alsea Valley Gleaners Bags of Love Boost Oregon Boys & Girls Club of Corvallis Bridge Meadows Call to Safety CASA for Children, Inc. CASA of Polk County, Inc. CASA Voices for Children Catholic Charities Catholic Community Services of Mid-Willamette Valley & Central Coast Center for Community Counseling Child Advocates, Inc. Children's Cancer Association Children's Center Clackamas Service Center, Inc. Compassion Connect Daisy Chain Creating Healthy Alliances in New-Mothering

Dougy Center, Inc. Family Building Blocks, Inc. Guide Dogs for the Blind Henderson House HIV Alliance Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization Junction City Local Aid Kinship House Lifeworks NW Lincoln County Child and Family Day Treatment Center Make-A-Wish Foundation of Oregon, Inc. McMinnville Area Habitat for Humanity Multicultural Integrated Kidney Education Program Muscular Dystrophy Association My New Red Shoes National Indian Child Welfare Association National Korean American Service and Education Consortium, Inc.

Nest Foundation

Oregon Law Center Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation, Inc. Parent Partnership Portland Backpack Rahabs Sisters Raphael House of Portland Rock Creek Food Pantry SABLE House Sauvie Island Center Sexual Assault Resource Center St. Johns Food Share The Northwest Catholic Counseling Center Therapy Works NW Tillamook County Women's Resource Center Urhan Gleaners Virginia Garcia Memorial Foundation Warrior Sisters Willamette Valley Law Project YWCA of Greater Portland



#### **ENVIRONMENTAL PRESERVATION**

11 GRANTS- \$247,375

Columbia Riverkeeper
Friends of the
Columbia Gorge
National Wildlife Federation
Northwest Center for
Alternatives to Pesticides

Ocean Blue Project, Inc. Oregon Environmental Council, Inc. Physicians for Social Responsibility Sandy River Basin Watershed Council The Freshwater Trust World Salmon Council, Inc. Xerces Society



#### PUBLIC SAFETY 5 GRANTS - \$129,500

City of Dallas Fire Department Good Neighbor Center Life Flight Network Foundation Oregon Justice Resource Center Somali American Council of Oregon

### 2018 TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS

125 GRANTS - \$2,800,746

#### HATFIELD FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde established the Mark O. Hatfield Fellowship in 1998 as a lasting tribute to Senator Hatfield, who played an instrumental role in the tribe's restoration.

Each year, the Spirit Mountain Community Fund sponsors a highly motivated Native American to serve as the Hatfield Fellow and intern in an Oregon Congressional office, enhancing the mutual understanding between leadership in Washington, D.C. and Indian Country. Hatfield Fellows begin their Capitol Hill experience in November with a month-long orientation at the American Political Science Association (APSA), followed by an eight-month term in an Oregon congressional office. The Fellowship includes a monthly stipend, relocation and travel expenses.





#### 2017/18 HATFIELD FELLOW

Karlen Yallup, a member of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, is a graduate of the University of Idaho where she received a double Bachelor of Science degree in Forest Resources and Fire Ecology & Management.

Yallup began her Fellowship in November of 2017 with a month-long orientation at APSA before assuming her eight-month congressional placement in Senator Ron Wyden's office.

During a district visit with Tribal Council, Yallup talked about her experiences as a Hatfield Fellow, such as learning how the legislation process works, doing research for natural resource and energy issues, the challenges of learning how the Senator likes things done, and establishing a trust with him and his staffers.

Karlen completed her Fellowship program in July of 2018 and is now enrolled in Law School at Lewis & Clark College. She shared the following message about her experience as a Hatfield Fellow:

I truly appreciate the opportunity that was given to me. I wanted a way to better understand how to help people and the environment, and this fellowship has given me just that. I came in thinking I would only be working on Tribal issues, but having the opportunity to work on other issues has given me an understanding of not only how Laws are passed, but an understanding of how much influence the local level obtains when legislation is moving forward. Looking towards the future, this fellowship has helped me determine my career path, given me a better mindset, and has helped me become a better problem solver.

I obtained an interview yesterday. I was chosen to be among 10 candidates out of 200. Regardless if I get the position or not, I know this fellowship is truly prestigious. I know there are many doors open for me that were not open before. Regardless if it is a Republican such as Mark O. Hatfield or a Democrat such as Ron Wyden, there will always be tribal representation through this Fellowship program. I did much research on Mark Hatfield and he was a strong leader who helped many Oregon tribes. I am glad your tribe continues to carry on his legacy.





2018/19 HATFIELD FELLOW

Traven Joseph, who was born and raised in Oregon, is a member of the Koyukon Athabaskan of Tanana, Alaska/Doyon Corporation and the Gros Ventre (White Clay) tribe in Fort Belknap, Montana.

Joseph is a graduate of the University of Oregon where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Applied Business and Economics. He has an active history in Indian Country with past work at the Native Wellness Institute and Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board.

Traven began his Fellowship in November of 2018 and is currently serving in Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici's office. Learn more about Traven's

experiences on Capitol Hill in the 2019 Annual Report, or check our website www.thecommunityfund.com in September.

**Looking Forward:** In the coming year we're increasing efforts to build awareness of the significance and importance of the Hatfield Fellowship program. One strategy we're implementing is creating a Junior Hatfield Fellowship program to provide a Native American youth with an opportunity to work with local government agencies and tribal government leaders to learn about the political process at the state and tribal level. The program will give a tribal youth with an interest in public service a chance to explore career opportunities and prep them for the possibility of a future Hatfield Fellowship in Washington, D.C.

The Junior Hatfield Fellow will intern for three to four weeks in an Oregon State Representative office, and three to four weeks in the office of CTGR Tribal Council. The intern will work with staff members on issues that affect Native Americans and will get a glimpse of what it takes to navigate the state and tribal political process.

## 2018 YE?LAN LIMA (HELPING HANDS) AWARD RECIPIENTS



The Spirit Mountain Community Fund frequently celebrates the remarkable achievements of Oregon nonprofit organizations. Our board and staff realize the fundamental ingredient to the success of nonprofit organizations is the dedication, commitment and unwavering effort of its individual staff and volunteers.

Each year, the Spirit Mountain Community Fund recognizes three individuals working in the nonprofit sector (an unpaid volunteer, a paid staff member, and a paid management member) who exhibit style and inspiration, and are dedicated to achieving the mission, goals and objectives of the nonprofit organization they work with. Each award recipient receives a special plaque, a free night stay and dinner for two at Spirit Mountain Casino, and a check in the amount of \$500 for their outstanding contributions to the communities they serve.

The 2018 ye?lan lima (Helping Hand) award winners are Jim Landkamer with Dial-A-Bus, Hortensia Mandujano with Adelente Mujeres, and Laura with Womenspace.



#### **VOLUNTEER AWARD WINNER**

Jim Landkamer is a Volunteer Bus Driver for Dial-A-Bus. Jim is 90 years old and maintains a regular weekly shift. He volunteers three to four days per week and has volunteered more than 16,000 hours during his 31 years of service. He has actually volunteered for more years than he worked in his career as an engineer.

Two years ago, Jim recruited a friend to volunteer with Dial-A-Bus. His friend is sight impaired and has not driven for many years. He was struggling with depression due to inactivity. Despite reluctance from his friend, Jim started picking him up every week as his "co-pilot." His friend began getting to know the clients, helping with directions and carrying packages. He gets an immense sense of purpose and self-worth from his participation, and he no longer struggles with depression. He can be seen around town proudly wearing his Dial-A-Bus jacket and hat. "Jim is solely responsible for this transformation. His record of service is a gift that has changed many lives and will guide the rest of us long after it comes to an end." – Steve Harder, Executive Director of Dial-A-Bus





#### PAID STAFF AWARD

Hortensia Mandujano is a Teacher's Assistant at Adelante Mujeres. Hortensia began her relationship with Adelente Mujeres as a participant in their Adult Education Program. Originally from Michoacán, Mexico, she immigrated to Oregon at the age of 23. It was difficult when she got to the U.S. because of

the language barrier. Eventually, she decided she wanted to go back to school, though she knew it would be a financial sacrifice. She took a leap of faith and enrolled. She did homework alongside her children in the evenings, and they helped her with her English. Soon, Hortensia passed her GED exams, and several years later, she took another leap of faith and applied for the Teacher's Assistant position.

"Hortensia has a natural ability to connect with children. They watch her with admiring eyes and laugh with her as they sing and dance. Being able to hire former participants like Hortensia is the finest confirmation we could ask for of Adelante's impact; they've lived the journey of empowerment, confronted their fears, overcome obstacles, and accomplished their goals." – Bridget Cooke, Cofounder and Executive Director of Adelante Mujeres

#### PAID MANAGEMENT AWARD

Laura is the Turning Point Program Manager for Womenspace. She provides assistance and motivation to hundreds of women breaking free of domestic violence. Since many women suffering from abuse often turn to drugs and alcohol as coping mechanisms, Laura provides resources and assistance to help them.

"Laura is dedicated, committed and compassionate. She is also fierce and works tirelessly on behalf of a survivor and their family. She embodies the very ideal and strengths needed in a case manager (client centered, meeting the survivor where they are right now, helping them to stabilize and create goals for their future). Laura inspires others to turn off judgement and listen with compassion. She is dedicated to the mission of Womenspace and empowering survivors to regain their personal power." – Julie, Chief Executive Officer of Womenspace

## A GLIMPSE OF OUR 2018 PARTNERS AT WORK





















- 1. Oregon Bravo Youth Orchestra: After School Program Expansion to Sitton Elementary School
- 2. Warrior Sisters: Empowering Women & Girls through Self-Defense Education
- 3. Bridge Meadows: Changing Lives Together Intergenerational Place, Permanence & Shared Social Purpose
- 4. The Jim Pepper Native Arts Council: Jim Pepper Speak/Sing Native
- 5. Guide Dogs for the Blind: GDB Oregon Support
- 6. Playworks Education Energized: Playworks Coach Portland
- 7. Sandy River Basin Watershed Council: Campus Creeks Clean Water Retrofit
- 8. Little Hands Can: After School Grow and CARE Program
- 9. Neighbors for Kids: Kids Zone Community Support Project
- 10. Columbia Riverkeeper: Protect Our Columbia Empowering People to Engage on Toxic Cleanups



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Front row, left to right: Mychal Cherry, Val Hoyle, Denise Harvey, Karin Power, Chip Lazenby, Marissa Leno

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