

# Labor's Community Service Agency launches spring fundraiser; hires new staffer

Labor's Community Service Agency has launched a COVID Safety-Net Spring Fundraiser through May 31.

LCSA has been at the frontlines serving union families statewide through the devastating impacts of both the 2020 wildfire crisis and the COVID-19 pandemic.

But their work is not done. LCSA's small staff of three has been triaging working families and providing financial aid, unemployment claim assistance, medical emergency assistance, community resource guidance,

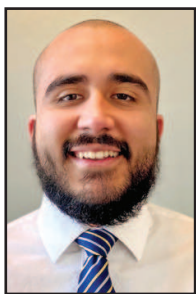
offering a helping hand to get union members through difficult times.

"And the numbers and the need have only increased," said LCSA Executive Director Eryn Byram.

LCSA is asking unions to make a treasury donation so that it can maintain its safety net programs and services until all union families are whole again.



Jackie Whitt



Rodrigo Juarez-Castellano

Individuals also can donate to the a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Donations are tax deductible. LCSA is a partner of United Way of the Columbia-Willamette.

"We can not continue without your support," Byram said.

**Rodrigo Juarez-Castellanos** has been hired as a program as-

sistant. A Portland native, he holds a degree in marketing from Portland State University. He speaks fluent spanish and will help the agency with outreach in the Latinx community.

"I have been in the work force since the age of 16 and see the need to continue pushing for workers rights," he said. "I am very excited to become a part of Labor's Community Services Agency and be able to bridge a gap for the workers in need."

The Helping Hands program lead is **Jackie Whitt**, who has been with the agency for two

years. An enrolled Cherokee citizen and tradeswoman who got her start at IBEW Local 48, she said as a young apprentice the union instilled values of solidarity within her and the practice of looking out for brothers and sisters who were facing difficulties and adversity.

### TO DONATE

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Or send a check to:  
Labor's Community Service Agency  
9955 SE Washington St., Suite 301  
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## Women in Trades Fair canceled

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the annual Women in Trades Career Fair has been canceled. The popular even sponsored by Oregon Tradeswomen Inc. (OTI), gives women and teens a chance to learn more about careers in construction, mechanical, utility, and other trades. Most workshops are managed by tradeswomen, demonstrating the power and potential of a truly diverse workforce. The fair is free and open to

the public. The day prior is reserved for area middle and high schools.

"With the continued unknowns for large events in 2021, we have made the difficult decision to cancel our annual Career Fair again this year," OTI posted on its web site.

For more information about OTI and programs it offers, go to [info@oregontradeswomen.org](mailto:info@oregontradeswomen.org).

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