

Give Guide

If in doubt, help others out BY EW STAFF

As the Winter Solstice brings light to the world, here's your chance to bring light to others by contributing to local nonprofits.

Eugene Weekly

1251 Lincoln Street, Eugene, OR 97401. 541-484-0519. Support.EugeneWeekly.com.

"From KLCC to *The Register-Guard* to the little red boxes of *Eugene Weekly*, the community needs news sources. Whether it's a subscription to a daily paper, a contribution to public radio or supporting *EW*'s efforts to put out a paper for the past 40 or so years, support your local news source." — *Camilla Mortensen, Eugene Weekly editor*

Helping those in need

Burrito Brigade

541-556-5051 or 541-632-3239, info@burritobrigade. BurritoBrigade.org.

"I have watched them grow from some Whiteaker folks making vegan burritos for the unhoused in 2013 into a group making 500 to 700 burritos every weekend, establishing 55 free little pantries hosted in neighborhoods across Eugene-Springfield and running a free grocery store stocked with rescued and donated food serving 1,200 families per month." — *Chris Calise, volunteer*

Community Supported Shelters

1160 Grant Street, Eugene, OR 97402. 541-683-0836. CommunitySupportedShelters.org.

"I believe in CSS because they do so much that helps the unhoused obtain housing, jobs, food and whatever other support they need." — *Devin Sharp, volunteer*

Lane County Diaper Bank

5729 Main Street #176, Springfield, OR 97478. 541-221-0824. LCDiaperBank.org.

"Lane County Diaper Bank gives back to the most vulnerable demographic. The only way to improve our society's future is to pour as many resources as we can into our youths. Here at the Diaper Bank we make this our mission every day." — *Melody Pittman, volunteer*

Ophelia's Place

1577 Pearl Street, Suite 100, Eugene, OR 97401; 1497 Kalmia Street, Junction City, OR 97448; 104 SE 4th Avenue, Albany, OR 97321. 541-284-4333. OpheliasPlace.net.

"My 5th grader's school counselor highly recommended Ophelia's Place to us. I've benefited tremendously from their parenting workshops and family counseling. My daughter loves the after-school program and camps for the diverse and welcoming atmosphere. She's learned helpful coping strategies in counseling; once grumpy and anxious, she's regained her joy." — *Shanna Gazley, Ophelia's Place parent*

PrayBig! Food Pantry

4110 N. River Road, Eugene, OR 97404. 541-689-4010.

"Once a month the pantry is open to everyone to fill a box of food and clothing. Although a project for 11 years at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, it is a non-denominational project open to all. The pantry has zero administrative costs with total staffing of volunteers." — *Mike Fassel, volunteer*

ShelterCare

499 W. 4th Avenue, Eugene, OR 97401. 541-686-1262. ShelterCare.org.

"During a time of immense need, ShelterCare has the experience, expertise and local involvement with the community that allows it to make an impact. Their wide-reaching services do an amazing job of tailoring themselves to the disparate housing and behavioral health assistance that members of our community need." — *Jesse Elconin, ShelterCare board member, co-founder & principal broker of Duo Property Group*

Whiteaker Community Council

PO Box 11692, Eugene, OR 97440. Whiteakercommunitycouncil@gmail.com. WhiteakerCommunityCouncil.com.

"City of Eugene Emergency Management understands the need for community emergency preparedness education. WCC efforts increase capacity for vulnerable populations to prepare for, respond to and recover from crises. Without support of community leaders like WCC, it's nearly impossible to prepare each neighborhood for emergencies our community can expect." — *Sierra Anderson, city of Eugene emergency manager*

Education

Parker Learning Gardens

31239 Lanes Turn Road, Eugene, OR 97408. Parker-LearningGardens.org.

"Parker Learning Gardens provides a vital opportunity for children from toddlers through high school to connect with nature and where food comes from. The organization fosters a sense of wonder and a love of science while instilling in them the value of community. It's a worthy cause for any nature-lover to support." — *Hope Zima, volunteer*

SMART Reading

PO Box 1378, Springfield, OR 97477. 541-600-8035. SMARTReading.org.

"I have worked closely with the SMART Reading Program in three of our elementary schools. I have personally witnessed SMART readers make connections with students over the love of books every week. The dedication of the SMART volunteers goes way beyond reading to individuals or classes of students." — *Carissa Boyce, Title 1 coordinator, Eugene School District 4J*

Environment

Beyond Toxics

120 Shelton McMurphey Blvd., Ste #280, Eugene, OR 97401. 541-465-8860. BeyondToxics.org.

"Beyond Toxics made a program available to get us (Bethel residents) free air purifiers. It was nice to see an immediate impact. You can really sense the unity and passion they bring into their work."

— *Kyle Meyer, west Eugene resident facing soil remediation due to dioxin contamination from J.H. Baxter Co.*

Cascadia Wildlands

PO Box 10455, Eugene, OR 97440. 541-434-1463. Casc-Wild.org.

"Cascadia Wildlands works overtime to keep our precious waters safeguarded, big trees standing and unique species persisting in our special region. These are important values for Ninkasi, and we hope you can join us in supporting this outstanding organization." — *Jamie Floyd and Nikos Ridge, Ninkasi Brewing Company co-founders*

Better Eugene-Springfield Transportation (BEST)

PO Box 773, Eugene, OR 97401. 541-343-5201. Best-Oregon.org.

"I have admired BEST's efforts to share information about city and regional plans that affect everyone's transportation needs in the community. It's clear BEST seeks all possible information and then interprets and publishes their findings with highlights and careful opinions. We need their voice, along with everyone's individual contribution." — *Steve Bade*

Breach Collective

PO Box 5291, Eugene, OR 97405. 541-632-4044.

"Breach has brought policy and technical expertise to critical questions facing our community to address climate change and the transition to clean renewable electricity. As a nonprofit executive director myself, I have been impressed by their collective passion, efficiency and ability to work collaboratively to effect change." — *Lyndsie Leech, executive director of WellMama and Eugene city councilor*

Environmental Law Alliance Worldwide

1412 Pearl St., Eugene, OR 97401. 541-687-8454, Elaw.org.

"ELAW is a lifeline for grassroots advocates around the world." — *Eduardo Mosqueda, ELAW partner, Mexico*

Friends of Family Farmers

PO Box 751, Junction City, OR 97448. 503-581-7124. FriendsOfFamilyFarmers.org.

"FoFF truly supports small farms. The opportunities to meet other farmers, get to know other players making decisions that affect our farm and get on the ground mentorship as a young farmer and young business are really nice to have. I am very pleased that FoFF is in my corner." — *Kait Crowley, owner/operator of PK Pastures*

ToolBox Project

2235 Adams Street, Eugene OR 97405. 541-838-0125. EugeneToolBoxProject.org.

"As a ToolBox Project member I have access to over 1500 tools for my home gardening and carpentry projects. I can reserve tools online, and the staff are always helpful." — *Rich Klopfer, ToolBox volunteer & member*



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