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## Obama: Who Gives?

Fundraising takes the stage as November 2012 election nears

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President Obama visited Oregon Tuesday, on a fundraising trip to build his campaign war chest. A \$500 donation won't buy you face time with the president, but it will open the door to Oregon Convention Center. Premium seating at the event cost donors \$1,000. About 25 people forked out \$30,000, to have lunch with the leader of the free world.

With the November election fast approaching, the battle to raise funds is intensifying. And the three states on the West Coast are some of the president's most reliable sources of support. So far, Obama has raised close to \$1.9 million from Oregon donors during the 2012 election cycle, according to the Center for Responsible Politics. Mitt Romney, the likely Republican nominee, has raised just \$837,000 in Oregon, although Republican Party presidential candidates together racked up \$1.5 million in donations.

### Campaign Moneyball

Nationally, presidential campaign contributions are fairly evenly split between Democrats and Republicans. Both parties received around \$300 million in candidate contributions. The split favored Obama until recently, however, because as the sole Democrat in the race, his campaign pocketed the entire sum. Romney, still battling for the nomination, received \$153 million.

Look at House and Senate races across the country, and the picture looks very different. Republicans have far outraised Democrats in Congressional campaigns. Republican Senate candidates raised \$232 million in campaign contributions compared to \$200 million for Democrats. In House races, Republicans have raised \$445 million, compared to \$325 million for Democrats.

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# HONORING WOMEN



PHOTO BY HELEN SILVIS

The Century of Action committee and Friends of Lone Fir cemetery honored the brave Oregon suffrage workers who fought for the vote 100 years ago, in a colorful and moving ceremony, July 21. The event brought together about 200 people to remember suffragists Hattie Redmond, Esther Pohl Lovejoy, Martha Cardwell Dalton and Harry Lane, all buried in Lone Fir Cemetery. Thanks to the Friends of Lone Fir Cemetery, Redmond and Cardwell Dalton, whose graves were almost overgrown, now have new headstones. Former Sen. Avel Gordly dedicated Redmond's headstone.

## Fundraisers for Child with Cancer

Nine-year-old's family faces expenses not covered by insurance

When 9-year-old D'Anthony Dancer fell down while playing, his mom brought him in and iced his knee.

The following Monday he went to school and fell twice; his mom iced his knee again.

"Then he woke up and he was limping to his left, and I thought he had dislocated his hip or something," Toi Chanelle Lewis says. "So we went to the emergency room."

There D'Anthony was diagnosed with a large malignant

brain tumor – a high grade glioma – essentially the worst diagnosis possible.

"He had a very large and rare tumor, that's the most aggressive tumor," she said. "They don't know how long he's had it," but they believe it's been less than a year.

"They started chemo and radiation on May 15, and three weeks after that they couldn't do it any more because they said the treatment was making it progress faster.

"They said take him home and

enjoy the quality of life you have with him. And that's what I did," Lewis said.

Then on Thursday night, doctors told Lewis that they had done all they could do.

"They are giving him approximately 10 days," Lewis said. "Ten days at the most."

Two fundraisers are planned.

Thursday, July 26, Interstate Lanes holds "Bowl for Blessings," where \$11 tickets buy two games plus shoe rental; all the proceeds go to the cost of D'Anthony's care.

Then on Sunday, July 29, Applebee's restaurant at Lloyd Center hosts "Dining for D'Anthony." Free tickets are available at businesses around Northeast Portland, where the Dancer Lewis family lives.

All day on July 29, from 11 to close, people who eat at Applebee's can then give their ticket to the server along with their bill, and the restaurant donates a portion of that to the family.

The free tickets are available starting Tuesday at The Skanner

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## Farm the Congregation: Healthier Food

EMO connects suburban farmers to city families on a shoestring

By Lisa Loving  
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Farmers markets in the city are great, but many local families see them as a luxury they cannot afford.

The Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon is trying to change that with an innovative idea aimed at improving community health with fresh food that won't break the household

budget.

The Skanner News connected last week with the EMO's food justice coordinator Sean McEvoy, and program associate Alison Warren, to learn more about the organization's work and how local households can get involved.

The Skanner News: First of all, what is the Farm the Congregation Program?

EMO: The Farm to Congregation Program is focused on increasing access to healthy, affordable produce for everyone while providing opportunity for small farmers, especially new and immigrant farmers. It is one of several projects of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon's Interfaith Food and Farms Partnership (IFFP). Partnerships

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