

## Community Fund seeking Hatfield Fellow applicants

Applications for the 2024-25 Hatfield Fellowship program funded by Spirit Mountain Community Fund are being accepted through Tuesday, April 30.

Spirit Mountain Community Fund annually sponsors a Native American to serve as the Hatfield Fellow and intern in an Oregon congressional office. Placement of the fellow rotates through the Oregon delegation to enhance mutual understanding between leadership in Washington, D.C., and Indian Country.

Fellows are provided an opportunity to gain knowledge and understanding of how to navigate the political process in Washington, D.C., while working on issues that affect Native Americans.

Fellows begin their Capitol Hill experience in November with a month-long orientation at the American Political Science Association, which is followed by an eight-month term working in a congressional office. The fellowship includes a monthly stipend and relocation and travel expenses.

The fellowship is for Tribal members from the nine federally recognized Tribes in Oregon, as well as members of Pacific Northwest Tribes. Preference will be given to members of Oregon Tribes. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree or be graduating in June 2024, and be 21 or older.

For more information, visit [thecommunityfund.com/other-programs/hatfield-fellowship](http://thecommunityfund.com/other-programs/hatfield-fellowship) or go to Youtube to watch an informational video about the Hatfield Fellowship.

The fellowship was created in 1998 to honor the late Sen. Mark Hatfield's public service to Oregon and the Pacific Northwest. ■

## Youth gathering



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

**Nehemiah Mushaney, 15, getting support from Native Wellness Institute Trainer Josh Cocker, walks on a rope that is held by participants of the Youth Grand Ronde GONA (Gathering of Native Americans) held at the Chachalu Tribal Museum & Cultural Center gym on Thursday, March 28. Approximately 25 youth attended the culture-based gathering geared toward middle and high school youth as well as young adults under the age of 24. The Tribe's Youth Empowerment & Prevention Program sponsored the two-day event that also took place on Friday, March 29.**



**Hadley Kimsey, 11, paints a flower pot during the Youth Grand Ronde GONA held at the Chachalu Tribal Museum & Cultural Center gym on Thursday, March 28. Painting flower pots or rocks, necklace beading and medicine bag making were just a few of the activities for the youth to make for gifts to be given out at the end of the event.**

### TRIBAL VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE

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| <b>Scheduled Appointments Only</b> | <b>Walk-In Day</b> |
| <b>Monday</b>                      | <b>Thursday</b>    |
| <b>Tuesday</b>                     |                    |

**To schedule an appointment:**  
**Call (503) 879-1424 or**  
**CTGRtribalVSO@GrandRonde.Org**

CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES IS HOSTING

## Full Moon Family Paint Night

WITH DIANA ROBERTSON

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF PAINTING TO CELEBRATE HEALTHY ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES  
**DINNER PROVIDED!**  
 APRIL 23RD FROM 5:30PM-8:00PM  
 CTGR COMMUNITY CENTER;  
 9615 GRAND RONDE RD. GRAND RONDE, OR 97347  
 TO RSVP EMAIL [ALEXANDRIA.WARREN-MASTERS@GRANDRONDE.ORG](mailto:ALEXANDRIA.WARREN-MASTERS@GRANDRONDE.ORG)  
 OR CALL/TEXT 541.921.0610

# FOOD DRIVE

Please help us collect non-perishable foods for a food program to help youth in the Sheridan area for weekends and non school days. Now through May 15th

**DROP-OFF LOCATION:**  
 Elder Activity Center  
 48940 Blacktail Drive  
 Grand Ronde, OR

**ITEMS NEEDED:**  
 Non Perishable, Individual items would be preferred.  
 Mac and Cheese, Noodles, Fruit Cups, Granola Bars, Cheese and Crackers, Soup, etc. All items are appreciated!