

CG Community Foundation receives \$100K grant from Woodard Family Foundation

The Woodard Family Foundation announced today that the Board of Directors has approved a \$100,000 grant to the Cottage Grove Community Foundation intended for immediate redistribution to local social service agencies best positioned to help those most severely impacted by the COVID-19 crisis.

“This historically large grant represents the Foundation’s realization of the historic disruption to the social service infrastructure as a result of and COVID-19 and our deep commitment to supporting the Greater Cottage Grove community” said Casey Woodard, President of the Woodard Family

Foundation. “We believe the community-based representation on the Cottage Grove Community Foundation Board of Directors know best the most severe impacts on the people and places in our community.”

Kris Woodard has been designated point-person to work with the Cottage Grove Community Foundation on this initiative. “Philanthropy must step-up in this pivotal year. In 2021, no one wants to look back and wish they’d done more.”

“Among the Woodard Family Foundation guiding principles is the belief that those who are closest to the issues understand those issues the best.

“They are not only the most equipped to build solutions, they are also the most effective at implementing those solutions”, said Tyson Woodard, administrator of the Woodard Family Foundation.

“We know the community foundation will find area organizations which are already responding to COVID-19 in a way that keeps us connected to who we are and what we are fighting for as a viable community”, said Dena Woodard McCoy, board member of the Woodard Family Foundation.

“We recognize this is a time of great uncertainty for families. The lives of people grappling with unemployment, food insecurity

and homelessness are far more uncertain now than just four weeks ago. This is the time to help heal communities”, said Joy Bridgens, board member of the Woodard Family Foundation.

The Woodard Family Foundation was founded in 1952, with a gift of \$25,000 from W.A. Woodard, as a means to support local causes with philanthropic gifts well into the future.

In the decades following, the foundation and five generations of the Woodard family have carried on the tradition and legacy of the founder, having made over 3,000 grants totaling over \$10 million.



Pet Tips ‘n’ Tales

By Mary Ellen
“Angel Scribe”

Murphy’s home



Cathy and Murphy share their happy ending

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“I love my pets to the moon and back,” said Cathy. “When my 10-year-old Red Setter, Murphy, went missing, I knew that I would never be a whole person again if I did not find him.”

She had followed her dream of moving to Cottage Grove and bought a home next to a great hiking area. Her dogs knew the hiking rule: “Stay within sight!” In years of exploring the logging roads, her dogs knew the area like the back of their paws. But one sunny day, at the end of winter, they were excited to stretch out their muscles on the trails. Almost immediately, the day took a dark turn.

“As we began the hike, all three of my dogs simultaneously jumped down into a steep ravine, ran after something and disappeared. When called, only Molly and Daisy returned. But not Murphy,” said Cathy. “It was like he had disappeared into thin air. There was no barking, no noise, just silence. It was alarming.”

Cathy phoned her neighbors and said, “Murphy may funnel down the ravine and come out at your ranch.” They told Cathy they would keep an eye out for him as their 20-year-old son (who wishes to remain anonymous) began searching.

He searched from morning to night, described by his parents as being “on a mission and going to find Murphy if it killed him.”

After searching for hours, feelings of dread swirled within Cathy with visions of Murphy frozen in the dropping temperatures, injured and being surrounded by predators. “I’m almost 70 years old and I couldn’t eat or sleep. I was exhausted from the hiking miles in the forest, in rain,” Cathy said.

She reported his disappearance to the police station, KNND radio, vet clinics and the local humane society. In addition, her granddaughter put up flyers around town and Cathy’s yoga friends, Judy and Terry, listed Murphy’s disappearance on Cottage Grove’s “What’s Going on in Cottage Grove” Facebook page. Cathy also offered a \$500 reward.

“During the next three days, I could not eat or sleep. On the third day, I asked on Facebook for search party volunteers. Twelve people arrived; some I knew, some were total strangers — and one man came with a scent dog,” said Cathy. “Just as we were about to set out, my neighbor’s son approached saying, ‘Are you looking for a dog?’ He then led me to Murphy curled up in a car!”

Murphy was exhausted and soaked to the bone, but alive. It was evident that he could not have made it another night.

“I collapsed to the ground crying, thanking and hugging everyone,” recalled Cathy. “My neighbor’s son kept his word. He found Murphy camouflaged up next to a cedar tree. The dog did not bark because he was nearly frozen.

“The young man had to carry my 71-pound-dog up a steep ravine where, luckily, he met the man whose car the dog was in. He then put Murphy in my vehicle for the trip to the vet clinic for a check-up and hydration.”

Both Murphy and Cathy are recovering. Her dog couldn’t walk for a few days but is slowly rebuilding his stamina. He also suffers with reoccurring bad dreams.

Cathy was not expecting this happy ending, so she wanted to say, “Thank you Cottage Grove! I love this town and am so glad we moved here. I am grateful for its awesome people! Thank you to a great community who came together when someone needed help. Your kindness brings tears to my eyes. I will be forever grateful and so will Murphy.”

The reward? Her neighbor’s brave and determined son refused it, insisting “This is what neighbors do for each other.”

TIPS:

Cathy massaged Murphy’s leg muscles, hamstrings and stretched his legs to help facilitate his healing.

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Census response limited to online for now

One of the unexpected casualties of the COVID-19 pandemic has been the 2020 Census. The census is conducted nationwide every 10 years and previously has been conducted on a door-to-door basis by individuals trained specifically for the task.

Unfortunately, restrictions put in place by state, county and local officials have hampered and, in many instances, completely curtailed the possibility of onsite interviews.

The Census Bureau has decided after assessing guidance from multiple sources to suspend field operations until April 15. The Census Bureau announced this step was taken to help protect the health and safety of the American public, Census Bureau employees and everyone who will go through the hiring process for temporary census taker positions.

One of the changes put in place for the 2020 Census has been a more comprehensive online presence which offers the public an additional — and under current circumstances the only — avenue for public response. This can be accessed at 2020census.gov.

If people do not have the mailed postcard with further information, they can still complete the process.

The modern U.S. Census Bureau has been shaped by two important pieces of legislation: the 1902 legislation that made the Census Office a permanent agency and the 1954 legislation that combined the existing laws governing the Census Bureau’s statistical programs and codified them in Title 13. Title 13 is the section of U.S. Code that governs Census Bureau activities to this day.

Title 13 provides the

following protections to individuals and businesses:

- Private information is never published. It is against the law to disclose or publish any private information that identifies an individual or business such, including names, addresses (including GPS coordinates), Social Security Numbers and telephone numbers.

- The Census Bureau collects information to produce statistics. Personal information cannot be used against respondents by any government agency or court.

- Census Bureau employees are sworn to protect confidentiality. People sworn to uphold Title 13 are legally required to maintain the confidentiality of your data. Every person with access to your data is sworn for life to protect your information and understands that the penalties for violating this

law are applicable for a lifetime.

- Violating the law is a serious federal crime. Anyone who violates this law will face severe penalties, including a federal prison sentence of up to five years, a fine of up to \$250,000, or both.

The public can respond to the 2020 Census online, by phone or by mail, with a strong preference for online.

People can respond online at 2020census.gov in the following languages: English, Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean, Russian, Arabic, Tagalog, Polish, French, Haitian Creole, Portuguese and Japanese.

The Census Bureau also offers webpages and 2020 Census guides in 59 languages, including American Sign Language, in addition to guides in Braille and large print.

For more information, visit 2020census.gov.

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• We are several days into the week. The teachers, staff and administration have

been working very hard to contact everyone with work packets, email addresses and information for your distance learning. If you need any information, contact cglazier@cal.k12.or.us

to help you through anything you don’t understand. The teachers have given out wonderful lessons and have some innovative work.

- Everyone is doing a great job of distancing and staying home. All functions are still canceled in Lorane and Crow through April. Lorane Grange will let everyone know if there is a meeting in May.

- For now, Easter Blessings to you all. May you have a very Happy Easter while being safe. Find creative ways to share, especially through emails and video chats. For you grandparents, you can always drop something off on the porch, ring the doorbell, go to the car and wave to them. Have a great Easter weekend.

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