

# Cottage Grove Medical Center chief admin Tim Herrmann retiring

Tim Herrmann, PeaceHealth Cottage Grove Community Medical Center (CGCMC) chief administrative officer, will be retiring next month after 32 years of service.

and minds of our Founding Sisters and has emulated PeaceHealth's Mission and Values in his work." Herrmann held a wide range of clinical and administrative roles during his time with PeaceHealth:



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**Tim Herrmann will be retiring July 31 as PeaceHealth's CGCMC chief administrator**

administrator of Cottage Grove Community Hos-

pital. The old 50-year-old community hospital closed, and CGCMC opened in October 2003 as the first Critical Access Hospital in the state of Oregon

- 2006-2011: Served as administrator of Sacred Heart Medical Center, University District
- 2011-2014: Served as Oregon Network vice president of Patient Care Services
- 2014-present: Served as chief administrative officer of CGCMC

Among a few of the countless accomplishments

during his tenure with PeaceHealth Oregon, Tim was:

- The clinical leader during the compassionate response to the 1998 Thurston High School shooting alongside providers and caregivers who saved many students' lives
- Instrumental in the 2003 opening of CGCMC and 2008 opening of Sacred Heart Medical Center at RiverBend
- Named five times as one of Becker's Hospital Review's Top Critical Access CEOs to Know

- The original member of the state Trauma Advisory Board, on which he served for nine years
- The first president of the Oregon Rural Health Quality Network

"My time with PeaceHealth has been so inspiring and fulfilling, and I am so grateful for the opportunity to serve Oregon, alongside amazing leaders within the community and dedicated caregivers, leaders and providers at PeaceHealth — all who live the PeaceHealth Mission each and every day," said Herrmann.

## Indigenous Peoples Day officially recognized by Lane Community College

The second Monday of every October will now be known as Indigenous Peoples Day at Lane Community College.

LCC's Board of Education unanimously adopted a resolution making the change at its June 17 meeting.

The resolution commemorates and honors Lane's Native American heritage, culture and community and intends to welcome Lane's "strong and active indigenous community of students and employees"

as well as show "respect to the land on which LCC is built."

The resolution was proposed by the college's Native American Student Association and student government.

Authors and sponsors included Sophia Reyes, Lori Lewellen, Amber Coleman and Matthew Murdock, Admissions and Community Outreach Specialist Russell Keith, and Native American Student Co-Advisors Lori Tapahonso and Drew Viles.

## United Way launches new grant to address short-term needs

United Way of Lane County has just launched new grant opportunity for local organizations, aimed at addressing the increased needs of the community that are now more apparent than ever.

"The pandemic has highlighted and exacerbated persistent challenges many children, families and communities experienced before COVID-19 due to race, geography, income and other factors," said Noreen J. Dunnells, President and CEO of United Way of Lane County.

Last week's release of the 2018 ALICE Report, detailing the plight of those who are "Asset Limited, Income Constrained Employed" — essentially, the working poor — shows us that 45 percent of Lane County community was already struggling even before COVID-19 hit.

United Way's new Respond, Recover, Reimagine grants will specifically support COVID-19 recovery efforts such as safe and affordable housing; affordable healthy food; early childhood development and safe/nurturing environments; physical, behavioral, mental and oral health care; as well as advance efforts to create more equitable outcomes for our priority populations, including civic engagement, voter registration, policy change, advocacy and other strategic efforts.

Part of this commitment includes United Way prioritizing funding for organizations specifically serving priority populations, including American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian, Black, Latinx, Multiracial, and Hawaiian/Pacific Islander populations; rural areas of Lane County; under-repre-

sented and/or underserved populations including, but not limited to people living with physical and cognitive disabilities and LGBTQ+ people; and ALICE families or families navigating poverty.

This fund was launched with help from Lane Community Health Council, which contributed an initial investment of over \$246,000. They are challenging the community to match \$100,000 of their investment by June 30.

"We know that when it comes to health, access to care is only one factor in determining outcomes for our community," said Rhonda Busek, Lane Community Health Council's Executive Director. "Lane Community Health Council is committed to investing in the many other vital supports necessary for the health of our community — affordable housing, access to food, and more — all of which have become increasingly urgent amidst the COVID-19 pandemic."

Grants up to \$20,000 will be awarded to eligible organizations, and the deadline to apply is Wednesday, July 8. Applications and more information can be found at [www.unitedwaylane.org/response-fund-application](http://www.unitedwaylane.org/response-fund-application).

Those interested in contributing to this local fund can donate online at [www.unitedwaylane.org/donate](http://www.unitedwaylane.org/donate); or mailing checks to United Way of Lane County at 3171 Gateway Loop, Springfield, OR 97477, or by calling 541-741-6000.

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