

Middlefield Oaks Senior Living residents celebrate gifts from local Walmart

Residents of Middlefield Oaks Senior Living in Cottage Grove received a holiday surprise from their local Walmart.

Leah Cooper, Walmart's People Lead, responded to the corporation's commitment to support local residents, and the store donated Walmart products to fill Christmas stockings for the senior living community.

"Walmart is proud that the work we do makes a real difference for our customers," Cooper said. "We are always happy to greet the residents of Middlefield Oaks when they enter our store, they are our neighbors, and it felt good to bring a little extra happiness to our seniors by reaching out with a few gifts."

Middlefield Oaks Senior Living is located a half-mile from Walmart.



A Middlefield Oaks Senior Living resident Shirley Bailey (above left) holds a stocking of gifts donated by Walmart as part of an effort coordinated locally by Walmart People Lead Leah Cooper (above right).



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Residents and staff say Walmart feels like their General Store. "Our residents look forward to shopping, and they usually choose Walmart as their first stop," said Middlefield Oaks Executive Director Heather Arnason. "Community partnerships create strong

bonds, and a gesture like this builds a feeling of friendship and safety between our residents and the businesses they frequent.

"We at Middlefield are happy to build partnerships with local merchants."

Middlefield Oaks Se-

nior Living is home to nearly 100 assisted living and memory care residents and is located across the road from Middlefield Golf Course and PeaceHealth Hospital; and is next door to the Cottage Theatre.

"We thank Walmart very much for their

thoughtful and generous outreach, and we look forward to building many more fun and mutually heartfelt memories together with local organizations and businesses in the new year," said Arnason.

Lane County Cultural Coalition announces 2021 grant recipients

The Lane County Cultural Coalition has announced its 2021 Cultural Opportunity Grant awardees.

The grants, totaling over \$35,000, support

significant arts, heritage, and humanities projects throughout the county, helping to preserve and enhance the area's vibrant cultural life.

Cultural Opportunity

Grants were awarded to individuals and for-profit and nonprofit organizations to support access, awareness, and education projects taking place in Lane County in 2021.

This year, 15 awardees received grant amounts ranging from \$1,900 to \$2,500.

The Lane County Coalition is the local arm of the Oregon Cultural Trust. Unique to Oregon, the trust model allows donors to double the impact of their giving through an innovative state matching program. Annually, the trust

allots funds to all 36 counties and 9 federally recognized tribes in the state.

Grants were awarded to the following Cottage Grove area organizations:

- Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce
- Downtown Cottage Grove Heritage Banners \$2,304.30
- Cottage Theatre "Hear Clearly!" \$2,500.00

For more details on grant winners and future opportunities, please visit the coalition website at www.laneculture.net.

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