

Virtual volunteering opportunities

Volunteerism is the life blood of charitable organizations. Many cannot function effectively without volunteers campaigning for their efforts, handling day-to-day activities and serving in many other essential capacities.

During the pandemic, nonprofit organizations have been affected by social distancing recommendations. It's challenging to lend a helping hand when those hands may inadvertently be passing on a potentially dangerous illness.

Social distancing and other restrictions instituted in response to the global pandemic do not have to stifle volunteer efforts. The internet can be a gateway to volunteer opportunities — many of which can be handled virtually from the safety of home.

Organizations like Goodwill, the United Nations and even AARP offer online volunteering opportunities. Resources such as Volunteer Match also can connect interested parties with organizations that have virtual volunteer options. The following are a few additional ways to become a virtual volunteer.

- Manage social media accounts. Charitable organizations recognize the importance of a social media presence, so prospective volunteers can offer to help nonprofits keep their social media accounts updated and viable.

- Assist those without sight. Volunteers with Be My Eyes can provide important assistance to blind or low-vision individuals. Virtual video calls enable volunteers to communicate with people directly and

provide help.

- Offer tutoring or teaching. Virtual learning has become the new norm in many different school districts. Parents who may need assistance with children adapting to remote learning can benefit from quality educators willing to lend their time and skill sets.

- Design and build websites. Organizations may have trouble finding time to keep their websites updated with the latest information. Writers may be needed to keep blogs current, while coders can improve sites and make them more secure.

- Assist call centers. People may have various questions and needs in a time of crisis. Volunteers can be used in retail call centers, online therapy lifelines and even school offices. Remote technology enables calls to be parsed out and answered by volunteers working from home.

- Translate emails and phone calls. Translators are always in demand in an increasingly global society. Bilingual men and women can volunteer as translators so their favorite charitable organizations can effectively overcome any language barriers that may exist between their staffs and the people they're trying to help.

Staying close to home has become the norm during the pandemic, paving the way for virtual volunteers to make a difference in their communities.



VOLUNTEERS



The support of our community members is vital.

We would love to have you be part of our mission.

Since 1982, Community Sharing has been meeting the basic needs of South Lane County community members. Due to budget cuts and increasing numbers of clients, the continued success of this work depends greatly on the generosity of our community.

In the coming months, Community Sharing kicks off the South Lane Food Project. The Food Project will simplify the way our generous community meets the food needs of our neighbors.

Based on the Ashland Food Project, community members volunteer to become **Donors** or **Neighborhood Coordinators**.

Neighborhood Coordinators help by:

Recruiting friend, family, and neighbors to be Donors

Picking up full donation bags and leave replacements every 2 months

Donors help by:

Filling a provided reusable grocery tote every 2 months

Putting out totes for pickup on the designated day

It's that simple!

All volunteers for the South Lane Food Project have the full support of the Community Sharing staff. The staff has software specially designed for the Ashland Food Project to help coordinate.

If you have more questions, feel free to contact our office, or write to us at the address listed below.

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11:00am-3:30pm**

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Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce

-A non profit membership organization for businesses

The Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce promotes economic vitality through advocacy and collaboration with its members and the larger community.

What does a Chamber of Commerce membership offer my business?

Credibility – When you belong to the Chamber of Commerce you are publicly stating that you support the local economy. Chamber members are generally viewed as the most reputable and socially responsible members of the business community.

Advocacy – Chamber membership takes your single voice and amplifies it by providing a platform to advocate for local, regional, and state public policies that contribute to a business environment where businesses can grow and thrive. It provides you the chance to e a part of the conversation and help shape the community that you live in.

Opportunity – By getting involved in Chamber committees, you can make meaningful connections with the people, businesses, information, and resources that you need to grow your business and make a positive impact in the local community. Cottage Grove Chamber Committees include, Training, Education and Membership, Promotions and events, Tourism, Legislative and Greeters, among others.

Leadership – The Chamber leads the local business community by convening a broad range of business leaders to address local issues. Issues that determine our quality of life, growth, planning, economic development, education, and all facets of community partnership.

Visibility – There are hundreds of ways to make your business more visible through Chamber programs. We offer low cost advertising, ribbon cuttings, a listing in our directory, sponsorships and several other opportunities for businesses to take advantage of attending events like Business After Hours, and Chamber Forums allows you to meet new people, make more connections and be more visible in the community.

Community – Your support of the Cottage Grove Area Chamber allows us to provide events like Concerts in the Park, Christmas in Cottage Grove, and many other events that bring our community together as well as attract visitors and tourism dollars to our local businesses.

Working together to build a stronger community!

For more information on how to get involved contact Shauna or Georgia at:
541-942-2411 or info@cgchamber.com

Chamber Supported Non-Profits:

Bohemia Sunrisers Kiwanis	Looking Glass Rural Program
Community Sharing Program	Opal Center for Arts & Education
Cottage Grove Historical Society	South Valley Athletics
Rotary Club of Cottage Grove	Goodwill Industries of Lane & South Coast Counties
Cottage Theatre	Cottage Grove Community Development Corporation
Family Relief Nursery	Cottage Grove Genealogical Society
Grove Christian Service Camp	Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce
Coast Fork Kiwanis Club	St. Andrews Episcopal Church
Masonic Lodge #51	CJW, LLC (The Woodard Building)
Oregon Aviation Historical Society	Life Flight Network
Prospectors & Gold Diggers	Trinity Lutheran Church
South Lane Television	Cottage Grove Safe Haven, Inc.
South Lane Wheels, Inc.	Another Way Enterprises
Western Oregon Exposition	Friends of the Cottage Grove Carousel
Womenspace	Cottage Grove Christian School
Bohemia Gold Mining Museum	Bohemia Foundation
Bohemia Mining Days, Inc.	Great Days Early Education Center
Cottage Grove Community Foundation	Covered Bridge Church of the Nazarene/Oak Park Christian School
Habitat for Humanity of Central Lane County	Lane Families for Farms & Forests
Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce	Cottage Grove Riding Club
American Legion	Cottage Village Coalition
Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council	CASA of Lane County
Cottage Grove Museum Perpetuation Corp.	Veterans Legacy
South Lane Mental Health Services, Inc.	
Cottage Grove Lions Club	