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A guide to the non-profit organizations that help improve our quality of life in Umatilla and Morrow Counties

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Giving Guide 2015-16 © 2015 East Oregonian & Hermiston Herald 1-800-522-0255 his holiday season, please take a moment to recognize the important service our non-profit organizations provide to improve lives in Eastern Oregon. Some organizations feed the hungry and shelter the homeless. Some support our schools and disadvantaged children. Some help animals and wildlife, or work to improve the environment. Others teach, entertain and delight — making our lives richer in so many ways.

Many non-profits operate on a shoestring budget, depending on donations and grants. Their board members are volunteers, and staff members are rarely highly paid. For most, it's a labor of love. The value of what they provide to their community is often immeasurable.

This is our first-ever Giving Guide. We hope to make it an annual publication — a place to list, honor and celebrate the non-profit organizations of Umatilla and Morrow counties. Thank you to the businesses who helped us launch this effort.

We hope this guide will inspire everyone to think about what you can do to help those organizations that are near and dear to your heart. Whether you can give a cash or in-kind donation, attend a fundraising event, donate your time as a volunteer or join a board of directors, you'll know that whatever you can give to a non-profit will be passed on and will help others.

Happy Holidays from all of us,

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