



COLUMBIA GORGE
DISCOVERY CENTER & MUSEUM

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There's a place in
Oregon's high desert
with a rich history
that is rooted in
both ancient and
visionary thinking.



DISCOVER US

2025 Annual Report



Our Mission

Our mission is to inspire stewardship of the Columbia River Gorge and Wasco County and to encourage active, life-long learning about our shared environment and the preservation, collection, and interpretation of cultural and natural history of the region.

The Columbia Gorge Discovery Center & Museum is the official interpretive center of the Columbia Gorge National Scenic Area.

Our innovative educational programming, exhibitions, and public events seek to inspire us all to become cultural and ecological stewards of this magnificent place we call home.



We are incredibly grateful for the bravery and dedication of the firefighters and first responders who saved the Discovery Center during the Rowena Fire.



The Museum was closed to the public for **79 DAYS** from June 11 to August 29

Letter from the Executive Director



Dear friends and supporters of The Columbia Gorge Discovery Center & Museum,

As I reflect on the past year, 2025, with a little bit of hindsight, I realize anew what an impactful year it was! We certainly had lots of challenges, not just here but throughout the community. However, we experienced so much good as well.

As I write this, I'm sitting in a freshly painted office with new carpeting and a more open floor plan. It's a delight to come in everyday and know that all is well. Of course, this refresh came on the heels of flooding in this space as a result of some minor burning along the south side of the building during the Rowena Wildfire in June 2025. As many of our neighbors can attest, it could have been much worse for us. Thanks to the actions of many emergency responders, our beautiful building still stands ready to welcome visitors.

As you page through this year's organization update, you will see many staff reports of their experiences during and after the fire, which struck us quickly and unexpectedly in the early afternoon of June 11. Ushering more than 30 guests out of our exhibits as Highway 84 closed and evacuation orders were issued is certainly a memory that will remain with me, as



will the restless night wondering if we would have a standing structure by morning. We did (hallelujah!), though our grounds sustained heavy damage, including the loss of a sign, all of the fencing, and many of our huge, old trees. When the evacuation orders lifted, we returned to a building filled with smoke residue, charred in a few spots, and a first floor flooded from fire hoses fighting back the flames. The cleanup took much longer than we expected—we were closed to the public from June 11 until we invited visitors back on Labor Day weekend in late August.

My story gets much better from there. From September through December 2025, we celebrated the opening of a brand new exhibition, A Sense of Place, with a crowd that filled our River Gallery and hallways. The excitement from this re-opening set the tone for the rest of the year. We hosted a slew of events, new and classics, including Grossology for kids, holiday wreath making, the Archaeology Roadshow, and our Annual Auction—the Fall Fling. Guests from the cruise ships, kids on school field trips, and private meeting and party goers walked our halls once again. I love the sound of the Museum crowded with people!

I think some of the staff will tell you the best part was returning to the Discovery Center with fully-functioning air conditioning, thanks to the installation of the new unit in July. This only happened through the great generosity of good friends of the Museum. A lesson I learned from the long struggle to get our HVAC system operating correctly and to recover from the fire is that we need to take care of our 30-year-old building so it's ready to welcome the next generations. You will hear more about our developing capital campaign plan in the months ahead.

If you'd like to hear more about our trying year, ask any staff or Board member, and I'm sure you will get stories. For my part, I am basking in the return of warmer weather and the welcome sight of local flora and fauna rising from the ashes of last summer. You may find me basking in the sunshine on the bench by the water, meditating on how grateful I am to be here, among people who care so much about this beautiful place.

Dr. Cheryl Ragar
Executive Director



Serving our Community and Visitors

Community Served in 2025

In 2025 the Museum reached approximately **22,000** people including those who visited the Museum, participated in our school programs and free public events, tour groups, and private events.



Many traveled from other US states and from nations across the globe. Countless walkers and cyclists enjoyed our outdoor trails.



The total number we served in 2025 is significantly lower than last year's number of **66,330** due to the Rowena Fire closure.



The Discovery Center was closed to visitors for **79** days during our busiest season. This closure had a big impact on all of our numbers for 2025, from annual visitorship to annual income. For comparison, during the same period in 2024 we had 8,239 admissions. The loss of these admissions and typical store sales created an estimated \$143,000 in lost income in 2025. Despite our untimely closure, CGDCM still served our community and visitors in innovative ways in 2025.

YEAR AT A GLANCE

22,000

People Served

300+

Members

616+

Visitors with Free or Reduced Admission Rate

2,000+

People Participated in our Special Museum Events

2,230+

Volunteer Hours

3,466+

Students Reached in School-based Programs

2,391+ Students from **49** Schools Came for CGDCM Field Trips

3,000+

Guests Hosted During Private Events

Members & Donors

Many people don't realize that the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center & Museum receives no significant local, state nor federal government funding. We depend entirely on our memberships and on a generous and dedicated core of individual, foundation and corporate donors to keep our programs going and our doors open to our guests.



We appreciate the nearly **300** current memberships, with over **150** at or above the Family Membership level. This year, we added the ability to participate in **NARM**, the North American Reciprocal Museum program, which offers free admission to over 1,400 museums across North America.

Free & Reduced Admissions and Free Special Events

We understand that not everyone in our community can afford to pay admission or purchase a membership. Throughout the year, we hosted several innovative events, including **Grossology**, **Eagle Watch**, and the **Archaeology Roadshow**, at no cost to guests, enabling over **2,000** community members and travelers to learn about the natural and cultural history of the Gorge.



In addition, CGDCM is proud to participate in free and reduced admissions programs, and we provide free family day passes available at area public libraries. Veterans are always free, as are individuals with formal tribal affiliation. Over **616** visitors attended CGDCM for free or at reduced rates in 2025.

Serving Gorge Students and Life-long Learners



Our outstanding educational programs reached **3,466** students, more than double from 2024. Students from **49** schools came to the Discovery Center for class field trips in 2025, more than double the prior year.



The CGDCM Education Team brought the innovative and highly regarded STEM-Ecology program, **SECRETS**, to **550** students in **5** Gorge schools for intensive in-class and outdoor learning experiences.



Our After School Programs, Summer School, Migrant Education Programs, and the Snow School Winter Ecology Program brought innovative experiential outdoor learning to kids who might not otherwise have access.



The Museum's Raptor Program reached **2,593** visitors this year, another increase from last year! Over **2,230** Volunteer Hours were donated in all sectors of the Museum.



Community Home for Private Celebrations and Professional Events

Despite the summer closure, CGDCM still hosted **46** private events. Over **3,000** people attended weddings, meetings, parties, and other private celebrations in our facilities.



Mark Federighi Photography

Private Events, Weddings & Catering

Welcoming back weddings, meetings, and community gatherings after the Rowena Fire was deeply rewarding and marked an important step forward. The return of these events symbolized renewed optimism in the year ahead. We look forward to filling our spaces—from the stunning River Gallery, Basalt Rock Cafe, Murdock Theater, and conference rooms—with our friends and community in the 2026 season.

The Rowena Fire closure came during our busiest season. In addition, our lack of reliable heating and cooling during 2025 caused a significant loss of income from private events. In 2025, income from events and catering was **\$60,600**. That is less than half the amount earned in 2024 which totaled over \$117,000. We are grateful that our friends and supporters came back after our reopening in September and, with full air conditioning and heating, interest in hosting private events at CGDCM has regained its usual momentum.



Education and Inspiration

In 2025, the Education Department at the Discovery Center continued to deepen its role as a regional hub for place-based learning, environmental stewardship, and community connection.

Through long-standing school partnerships, community collaborations, and public programs, the Museum reached learners of all ages across the Gorge. Education efforts focused on connecting people to the natural and human history of this place while creating accessible, meaningful experiences that foster curiosity, confidence, and care for the landscapes and communities we share. This work was supported in part by the successful acquisition of **\$98,000** in grant funding to expand and strengthen educational programming.

SNOW SCHOOL

In 2025, Snow School expanded to serve all fifth grade students from Colonel Wright Elementary School and the Youth Empowerment Shelter or YES House. Students spent time snowshoeing through forested landscapes, learning new skills, and exploring winter ecosystems. For many participants, this was their first outdoor learning experience in a snow-covered environment.

This expansion was made possible through a successful Snow School fundraiser that brought the community together for a winter kickoff film, donated prizes, and a shared commitment to outdoor education. Funds raised fully supported snowshoeing experiences for participating students, at no charge to the schools or YES House, turning community enthusiasm into direct access for youth.

In the Schools

SECRETS

SECRETS is a seven-week, place-based program consisting of seven 75-minute lessons that culminate in a full-day field trip to the ecosystem surrounding each participating school. Students study the landscapes they live in and then spend an entire day outdoors applying their learning. In 2025, this resulted in **19** full-day field trips, offering rare opportunities for extended outdoor learning and meaningful teacher-student connection.

In 2025, **SECRETS** reached approximately **475** students from communities including Cascade Locks, Parkdale, Dufur, and Wishram. The **SECRETS** program continued its steady expansion toward the goal of serving all fifth grade students within a reasonable driving distance of the Discovery Center.

This work was supported by generous contributions from the Roundhouse Foundation and the Union Pacific Railroad Foundation.

Afterschool Enrichment

In addition to in-school programming, the Education Department made more than **26** visits to afterschool programs across the Gorge. These sessions transformed afterschool time into hands-on, exploratory learning experiences. Activities included dissecting owl pellets, building birdhouses, flying kites, and engaging in creative science and nature-based exploration designed to be both fun and meaningful.



Migrant Education

2025 marked the third year of partnership with the Migrant Education summer school, *Esquilita*. Programming focused on ensuring students experienced the very best that Wasco County has to offer. Summer activities included swimming, fishing, and visits to state parks, Forest Service lands, city pools, and other community resources.

This collaboration has grown into a year-round partnership. Beyond summer programming, museum educators now support afterschool and evening programs. Family-centered events such as fishing and archery days created welcoming spaces for connection and helped strengthen relationships between the program and the families it serves.

Summer School

We provided enrichment programming for *Eagle Quest Culture Camp*, serving Native American youth through hands-on learning experiences aligned with the camp's cultural focus. The department also partnered with *Jumpstart*, the district's kindergarten readiness program, supporting students as they prepared for their first day of school.



Field Trips to the Museum

Throughout 2025, the Education Department welcomed students to the Museum for curriculum-aligned field trips designed to enrich and extend classroom learning. These experiences reinforced the Museum's role as a trusted destination for educators seeking to deepen student learning beyond the classroom. We worked closely with teachers to ensure field trips complemented classroom instruction and supported learning goals. In 2025, the Museum served approximately **2,391** students across **49** schools through on-site field trip programming, while continuing to build out curriculum offerings that meet educator needs.

Supporting Regional Programs

In 2025, the Education Department continued to serve as a regional hub by lending space, staffing, expertise, and encouragement to partner organizations advancing shared goals. Support included instructional assistance for *Friends of the Columbia Gorge* and *Great Wazoo*, staffing support for *Eagle Watch* at The Dalles Dam, and collaboration with *Oregon State University Extension Service* to provide Outdoor School training for regional providers.

We also co-hosted a *Maritime Career Day* with the Columbia Gorge ESD STEM Hub at *Columbia Gorge Community College*, welcoming every eighth grade student in the region to explore career pathways that offer livable wages close to home. The annual Interpretive Gathering brought educators and interpreters together to align efforts, share resources, and strengthen regional collaboration.



Building Capacity Through Partnerships

Oregon Naturalist

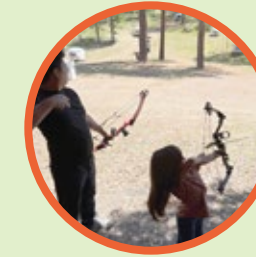
The Oregon Naturalist Program (Gorge Ecoregion Course) was incorporated into the Museum's educational offerings in 2025, expanding its adult-focused, place-based learning opportunities. In partnership with the Oregon State University Extension Service, the Museum hosts the six-month Gorge Ecoregion Course, which includes in-person field components and a series of hands-on learning experiences throughout the region.

Each cohort includes approximately **20** adult participants who build knowledge, confidence, and practical skills related to the natural and cultural history of the Columbia Gorge. The program emphasizes experiential, place-based education, and meaningful volunteer engagement, with participants completing service hours in collaboration with local partners such as the Hood River Watershed Group, Friends of the Columbia Gorge, Ice Age Floods Institute, Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (CRITFC), and Washington Department of Natural Resources. Through this model, participants deepen their connection to place while contributing directly to stewardship and conservation efforts in the Gorge.



Archery Training

In partnership with the National Archery in the Schools Program and AgWest Farm Credit, the Museum established its archery program in 2025. This collaboration provided training and equipment that now allow archery programming to be offered in summer camps and afterschool programs, adding a skill-based, confidence-building activity to the Museum's educational offerings.



Public Museum Events

Wildflower and Watershed Festival

The Wildflower and Watershed Festival was a major success, featuring two evening speakers, a community open house, and classes ranging from Gorge history to in-depth soil science. Participants joined guided hikes with a United States Forest Service ranger and took part in a seed-saving course led by Humble Roots Nursery.



Grossology

We also hosted our long-running Grossology event, inviting families to explore the slimy and shadowy side of science while dressed in their Halloween best.



Archaeology Roadshow from PSU

The Archaeology Roadshow marked its biggest year yet. In partnership with Portland State University, the Museum became a gathering place for archaeology enthusiasts from across the region. The 2025 event included the largest-ever participation from Native partners and local historical organizations.

Looking Ahead

Looking toward 2026, the Education Department is energized by the momentum built throughout 2025 and excited for the work already underway. Plans include a significant expansion of Snow School made possible through funding from Adventist Health, along with focused efforts funded by the Knight Cancer Institute to incorporate air quality mitigation strategies that help keep staff, participants, and communities safe during poor air quality events. The department will continue to strengthen existing partnerships, seek out new collaborations, and grow its role as a trusted regional hub for learning. Together, this work ensures that people across the eastern Gorge have meaningful opportunities to connect with this place, deepen their knowledge, and care for the landscapes and communities we all love.





The Raptor Program

In 2025, Julia Khoury took over as Raptor Program Manager. In doing so, she and new Raptor Program assistant, Kenna Izen, met this year of significant challenges admirably. The Raptor crew also gained a few volunteers throughout the year. Though they faced some daunting setbacks in the summer, the team was able to make the best of a bad situation by working to improve the bird mews (a name for the shelter where the raptors live) and other infrastructure.

Caring for the four raptors, Killer the Red-tailed Hawk, Hank, an American Kestrel, and Liberty and Ferguson, Bald Eagles, (all unable to live in the wild) is a big responsibility. These birds and the Raptor Team played a crucial role in educating our community and out-of-town visitors about these keystone creatures, whose wild cousins soar through the Gorge.

2,593 people attended raptor programs in 2025. That's more people than in all of 2024, despite being closed to the public for 79 days during our busiest season.

The Raptor Program is central to visitor engagement at the Discovery Center. In fact, **2,593** people attended raptor programs in 2025. That's more people than in all of 2024, despite being closed to the public almost 3 months during our busiest season. In years past, June-August made up 30-40% of our Raptor Program visitor numbers, indicating that 2025 was on track to be a much bigger year. The Raptor Program has grown in popularity on social media with weekly Winged Wednesday postings that share facts, videos, and photos of the CGDCM "flock."



Raptors safe at the Sunriver Nature Center and Observatory

The Wildfire Evacuation

The evacuation itself went as well as it possibly could have, given the circumstances, and given the fact that the raptors had never been fully evacuated for more than a day. We were extremely fortunate to have both Kenna and Program Director Britney Gitch, in addition to Julia, working that day. Though the fire raced through the Gorge and we went from no fire to a level 3 evac zone in an hour and a half, they were able to collect all of the necessary supplies to last the birds through their entire evacuation. Everyone that day worked efficiently and calmly. Though Kenna, Britney, and Julia had never had to crate the eagles, Julia had seen it done several times and Kenna and Britney were able to follow her instructions, taking only 6 minutes to crate them and get them to a vehicle.

After safely evacuating, Julia contacted former Raptor Coordinator, Morgan Olson, who helped locate a place to house the birds until it was safe for them to return to the Discovery Center. We are so grateful to the **Sunriver Nature Center and Observatory (SNCO)** for housing and caring for Killer, Hank, Liberty, and Ferguson! The Raptor Team made frequent trips to Sunriver to check on the birds and support SNCO throughout that time.

When the team was able to return to the Museum to assess the fire damage, they quickly took action, recruiting volunteers to make repairs and additional improvements to the mews that could not be done while the birds were living in them.

Tasks included cleaning the enclosures of smoke dust, applying fresh gravel, new perches, and turf mats, enlarging Hank's shelter and even creating a viewing window in the eagle enclosure to make it easier for visitors to observe Liberty and Ferguson.

Most importantly, no person or bird was injured during the Rowena Fire nor in the entire evacuation process. The only adverse effect suffered was Hank's weight dropping, which he quickly recovered after life returned to normal.

The Raptor Team worked with Killer to help her feel more comfortable with visitor programs and go into her crate voluntarily, and they nurtured the now-18 year old Hank, taking him out on display regularly. Ferguson and Liberty laid 2 infertile eggs this year, and the team secured a reliable supply of local fish from the Bonneville fish hatchery. All that in addition to sharing these amazing raptors with 2,593 visitors.

Since the writing of this report, our old friend Hank passed away in early spring 2026. He will be missed.





“If the land wins, everything else wins: the animals, our business, and our future.” —JEANNE CARVER



— A NEW PERMANENT EXHIBITION —
A SENSE OF PLACE
 SEEING THE LAND WIN

Our newest exhibition, *A Sense of Place*, opened on September 6, 2025, with a wonderful celebration of 300+ friends and supporters. *A Sense of Place* takes visitors through the story of Dan and Jeanne Carver, who transformed an historic ranch into a modern leader in regenerative ranching and farming. As Jeanne tells it, they were driven by a simple philosophy: “If the land wins, everything else wins: the animals, our business, and our future.”

A Sense of Place invites visitors to explore the vivid history of the Imperial Stock Ranch in Oregon’s High Desert, from its founding in 1871. It has operated continuously as the region grew into a thriving wool-production capital in the early 1900s, and then through the collapse of the American wool market a century later.

Dan and Jeanne Carver, only the fourth family to own and operate the Imperial Stock Ranch, had to adapt to a multitude of changing factors and markets. Their innovative approach led the ranch to become a global leader in sustainable farming and ranching, creating the highest quality merino wool products, and successfully scaling that effort with a new company, Shaniko Wool Company. They have competed for global market share in the world of high fashion,

including as a partner with Ralph Lauren for the Team USA official uniforms. For five Olympic Games, Carver and Shaniko Wool provided the quality American wool used for team uniforms—most recently those worn in the 2026 Milano-Cortina Winter Olympics.

The multisensory exhibition at the Museum showcases an extraordinary collection of historic ranching photographs and implements alongside beautifully crafted textiles and clothing. Visitors can feel the wool in its processing stages, see beautiful woolen garments, textiles, and selections from the Ralph Lauren designed and produced official Team USA Olympic uniforms, all made from wool from the Imperial Stock Ranch and Shaniko Wool Company.

2025 Collections & Exhibitions

BY SUSAN BUCE, REGISTRAR



We are happy to report that the Collections storage room, where all of our important historical pieces are housed, received very little smoke damage. Throughout the duration of the Rowena Fire and recovery process, as well as during the determined push to replace the HVAC system, the objects in our care faced some serious challenges. However, the Collections storage room is well sealed and has an independent climate-control system, protecting our important artifacts.

2025 Major Projects

The repatriation of the Winquatt dugout canoe, which had been in CGDCM's care since 2000, was returned to the Wanapum Heritage Center at Priest Rapids, on the Columbia River, on December 8, 2025. The evidence was clear the canoe had been lost during the flood of 1948. After thorough examination of the documentation, the Wasco County/City of The Dalles Museum Commission authorized the ethical return of the canoe to the Wanapum band. We are delighted that it is home where it belongs.

A \$10,933 City of The Dalles Vision 2040 Program Grant was awarded to CGDCM for the restoration of our online photo archive. This

grant has enabled us to make important strides toward bringing our vast collection of historic photographs to online researchers. This complex project will continue into 2026.

The move of the Lewis and Clark Cargo exhibit from the Discovery Gallery to the Kuck Wing offered an opportunity to refresh the display and open space for a new exhibition.

After three years of planning and design, A Sense of Place was installed in the Discovery Gallery. The new exhibition about sustainable sheep ranching at the historic Imperial Stock Ranch in Wasco County opened on September 6.

2025 Catalog Records

The records below represent the total number of artifacts and photos in our collection at the end of 2025. We processed 38 new donations for the collection in 2025, including 4 in storage that were previously uncataloged. In addition to keeping up with current donations, many hours have been spent working to correct insufficient records from past years.

CATALOG/OBJECT DATABASE
13,277 records

PHOTO DATABASE
30,827 records

LIBRARY DATABASE
2,819 records

WASCO COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM MAP DATABASE
991 records

INCOMING DONOR RECORDS
1,499 records



Winquatt dugout canoe in the Wanapum Heritage Center

Volunteer Activities

Volunteers are critical to the successful functioning of the Collections department and to the William G. Dick Library. We are so grateful for their hard work and their boundless wisdom!

- Volunteer **Tami Quinton** improved available Collections storage space; reviewed and corrected the Oregon Trail Inscription database; reviewed 40 boxes of archived photos to verify storage shelf location; and began to scan hundreds of negatives that were previously not scanned to add to the Photo Database. This work is ongoing.
- Volunteer **Billy O'Keefe**, retired entomologist, reviewed bug traps gathered throughout 2025. He identified over 545 bugs and pests that blundered into CatchMaster traps, for the Integrated Pest Management (IPM) report.
- Library volunteers **Susan Munger** and **Georga Foster** processed dozens of queries over the past year and made the library available to **173** outside researchers, for a combined total of **577** volunteer hours. We are grateful to both Susan and Georga for their many hours of donated time and expertise. We wish Susan well as she and her husband relocate to Eastern Oregon this spring. We are always seeking more volunteers in the library!
- **Martin Gibson** from the Columbia Gorge News researches old newspapers for the *Looking Back* column and has been assisting with scanning old slides and cataloging them. Gibson also volunteers in the Raptor Department.



2025 Exhibitions Management

Exhibitions Manager, Adriana Thompson, spearheaded many improvements and changes to exhibit spaces this year, beginning in January with the removal of the **Cliff Barackman Bigfoot exhibit**. Then Adriana began the process of moving the **Lewis and Clark Cargo exhibit** from the Discovery Gallery to the Kuck wing. She photographed and cataloged many of the objects which had not been properly accessioned, and oversaw the re-installation. This included cleaning and cataloging the **Lewis and Clark medicine chest** in anticipation of volunteer historian John Fisher's restoration. Adriana regularly updated the **Community Chest** exhibit with relevant themes and brought the **Kid's Explorer Room** to life by restoring the interactive keel boat balancing display, creating a "covered wagon" area for kids, and enriching the book shelf and creative tables.

Once staff regained access to the Museum after the Rowena Fire, we focused our efforts on facilitating the installation of our newest exhibition, **A Sense of Place**. This included gathering and delivering exhibition objects for a professional photo shoot and assisting in all phases of the installation of the exhibition pieces. Additionally, Adriana managed the installation of a fiber art installation by Kristina Foley. She also continued the care and upkeep of the new exhibition, along with all of the exhibit galleries throughout the Museum.



Our Team

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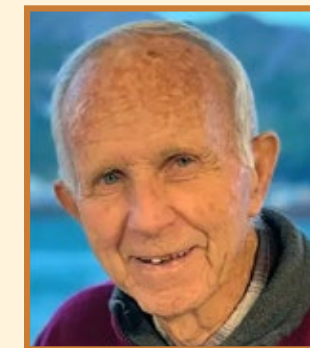
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In memoriam

Art Carroll
1935-2025

Art Carroll will be remembered as a longtime and passionate steward of the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center and Museum. He was instrumental in securing the federal funding to help build the Discovery Center while he served as the U.S. Forest Service Area. After retirement, he served as a dedicated and active Board member and advisor from 2011 until his passing. He will be deeply missed by us all.

Our Generous Community of Supporters

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The 2025 Annual Auction **\$74,800+**

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We are deeply grateful to all the organizations and partners that make our work possible.

Oregon Community Foundation

2025 Oregon Arts & Culture Rebuilding Program **\$25,000**

Raymond E. and Gloria M. Schultens Fund **\$3,443.97**

William and Emmy Lawrence Family Fund **\$3,000**

Northern Wasco County PUD Economic Development Grant **\$20,000**

Roundhouse Foundation **\$15,000**

Trust Management Services **\$15,000**

City of the Dalles Vision 2040 Plan **\$10,933**

Union Pacific Railroad **\$10,000**

Oregon Cultural Trust **\$5,202**

Adventist Health—Gorge Foundation **\$5,000**

Diack Ecology Education Program **\$4,100**

United Way Columbia Gorge **\$4,000**

AG West **\$2,000**

Pacific Power **\$2,000**

Hood River Lions Club **\$1,000**





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