



# PHILOMATH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Report to the Community · June 2021

# OUR MISSION

The Philomath Community Foundation is committed to serving the needs of youth and family, assisting the elderly and fostering community service, including arts and economic development. The Philomath Community Foundation fulfills its mission as a 501(c)3 foundation by:

- Encouraging private giving to charitable endowments for the public good
- Providing a flexible tax-exempt way for donors with diverse philanthropic interests to make gifts benefiting the community
- Carrying out grant and gift-making programs that are visionary, inclusive and enhance the quality of life in the Philomath community



## Pulling Together to Overcome Challenges and Hardships

**PHILOMATH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION'S** grantmaking last year focused heavily on nonprofits and their efforts to help greater area Philomath residents cope with ongoing challenges from economic hardships caused by the COVID-19 pandemic shutting down our economy. As needs increased, people pulled together to continue providing services. PCF awarded grants to help.

Our June 2020 Annual Report to the community covered Philomath Community Services (PCS) efforts to prevent hunger. Here we highlight three other organizations that pivoted to serve individuals and families in our area over the past year. Challenges remain, as hardships have spilled into 2021.

### Weekend Food Pack Program

This program experienced a surge of new family needs and an outpouring of support from community partners. Since students could not be physically present on school grounds, Philomath School District counseling staff committed themselves to making home food deliveries, which became a program highlight. School counselors were able to meet parents and children face to face (mask to mask) and provide critical support. The COVID-19 pandemic created many negative impacts, but a positive outcome was the direct service the school counselors were able to provide on the door steps of our local families.

### Philomath Youth Activities Club (PYAC)

The COVID-19 pandemic led to PYAC canceling all children's programs and losing staff. The resultant hardship on the community was overcome with the support of PPE loans, local partnerships, and the opportunity to provide emergency childcare

services starting in October. Small businesses lost revenue, resulting in decreased traditional sponsorships for PYAC.

PYAC is now offering summer activities and planning for fall sports. Hope is that the annual Carnival in September will signal that people are physically attending fundraising, community events that support children's programs in Philomath.

### We Care

Due to COVID-19, there has been an increase in the number of families seeking financial assistance as well as the amount they need to pay for rent, utilities and other basic needs because of the ongoing crisis. Some experienced financial crisis for the first time in their lives and have reported that they would never in their families' wildest nightmares have imagined they would be faced with the need to ask for help—until now. We Care is seeing the tremendous toll that this financial disruption is having on the emotional and mental health of members of our community.

## PCF COMMUNITY GRANTS

Grants invest in the community and are awarded to support community projects and activities that benefit Philomath area residents. A local nonprofit may submit a letter of request for funding to Philomath Community Foundation throughout the calendar year for consideration.

### Recipients 2020

- BENTON FURNITURE SHARE
- BENTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
- CITY OF PHILOMATH  
*Inclusivity Speaker*
- PHILOMATH ROTARY CLUB  
*Salmon & Jazz Event*
- PHILOMATH COMMUNITY SERVICES
- PHILOMATH SCOUT LODGE  
*Veterans Memorial Dinner*
- PHILOMATH YOUTH ACTIVITIES CLUB
- WE CARE
- PHILOMATH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
*Weekend Food Packs*
- PHILOMATH HIGH SCHOOL  
*Senior All Night Party*

## SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships invest in the future of our community's youth, helping them with their transition into adulthood. Contact us to learn how to establish a scholarship fund.

### Recipients 2021

- ADJUST YOUR SAILS SCHOLARSHIP  
Dara Coon, Cody Hansen
- CODY JAMES PATTERSON  
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP  
Emily King
- MCRAE-DICKEY STEM SCHOLARSHIP  
Audrey Davis, Caleb Matthews,  
Casey McDaniel
- MCRAE-DICKEY STEM+ SCHOLARSHIP  
Sarah McDaniel
- PCF YOUTH RECOGNITION AWARD  
Chloe Jurva, Katherine Champion
- PHILOMATH PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOLARSHIP  
Amey McDaniel, Ada Wennstrom
- TERRY SELBY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP  
Madelyn Olsen

## 2021 PCF Board of Directors

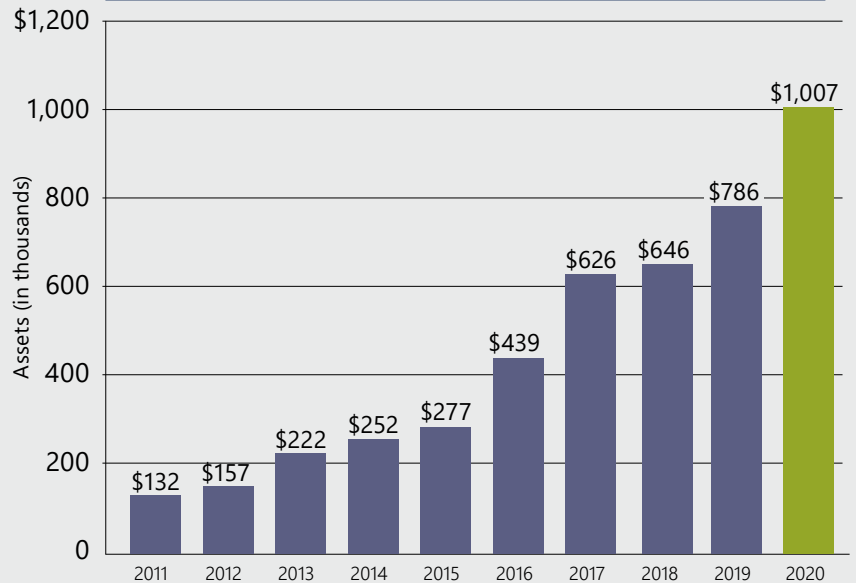
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## Asset Growth & Financial Impact

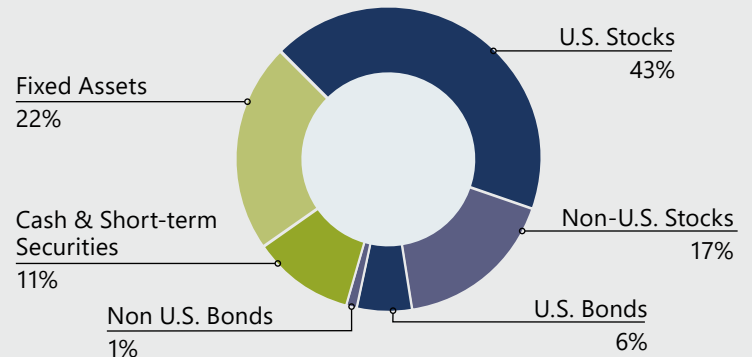
As assets grow, greater amounts become available for distributions.

The Foundation ended its first year of operation (1998) with less than \$10,000 in assets. Year end 2020, assets were \$1,006,971. Since 1998, the Foundation has distributed a total of \$590,613 in the form of community grants, distributions from fiscal sponsored funds, and scholarships. *Your gifts helped make this possible. Thank you!*

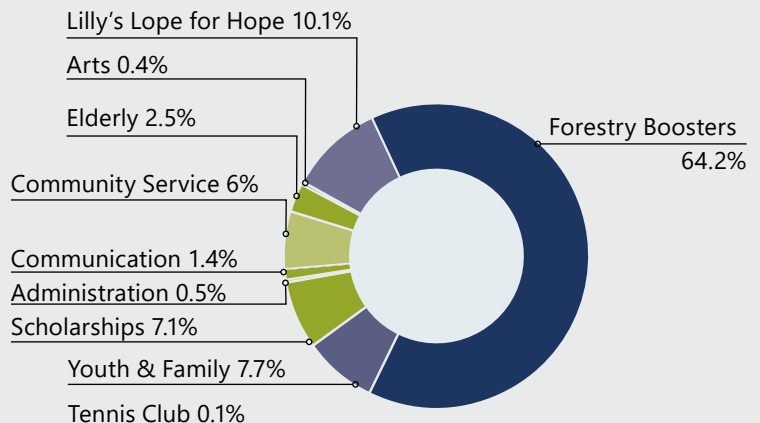
### Growth in Assets 2011–2020



### 2020 Asset Investment Allocation



### 2020 Distribution of Funds





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## ***A Letter from PCF President Neal Peterson***



**YEAR 2020 WILL BE KNOWN HISTORICALLY AS THE YEAR OF COVID-19;** however, we doubt whether anyone would have imagined that in the middle of 2021 here we are still dealing with the COVID-19 Pandemic. There is hope that it will soon be behind us. But the aftereffects will be felt for years as we try to recover from the toll placed on our health care system and community service programs that help people make payments of delayed rent, provide youth programs, and put food on someone's table.

PCF's priority this year continues to be helping organizations and programs address ongoing needs arising out of the COVID-19 pandemic through funding that can help them meet community needs. This includes for example, Philomath Community Services, We Care, Philomath Youth Activities Club, and Philomath School District Weekend Foodpack Program.

PCF work is done by volunteers who are committed to giving back to the community. Providing financial assistance to enhance the quality of life in the Philomath area is possible because of gifts of time from volunteers and financial gifts from donors.

Thank you to volunteers and donors for your gifts, which allow us to help local nonprofit organizations and programs address a variety of community needs.

**Neal Peterson, President**  
Philomath Community Foundation

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