SERVING OUR YOUTH

SUPPORTING THE HERO CHALLENGE



Be brave.
Test limits.
Persevere.
Work with others.
Push through fear to confidence.

PHILOMATH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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"I don't think you've reached your limit yet!"
rang out as students worked through their fears, high on the ropes of the OSU Challenge Course, in October, 2025.

SUPPORTING THE HERO CHALLENGE

THE PHILOMATH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION was pleased to begin awarding a $3,800 grant to Philomath Middle School's HERO Challenge to cover the cost of the OSU Challenge Course, a key part of the day-long, bullying prevention course. PCF stepped in after past funding sources became unavailable.

Mike Panico, counselor, Philomath Middle School, described the OSU Challenge Course as "the apex of our bully prevention instruction in 7th grade." He believes "the root of most bullying incidents is powerlessness." The high, rope challenges allow students to "experience a sense of personal power." This reduces the chance a student will mistreat someone and increases the chance the student may bravely speak out against bullying they may witness.

Each day for a week, a different set of 7th graders take up The Hero Challenge. In all, 115 students participated in 2025. The day started with morning activities at City Park teaching students about bullying behaviors and the hurt of being mistreated.

Small groups worked on frustrating tasks that required co-operation, perseverance, empathy, and communication to complete.

After lunch, they spent the afternoon on the OSU Challenge Course. Safety was paramount. Students were encouraged, to push themselves through their fears.

PCF 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**

THANK YOU **to Esta Rose Fund of Oregon Community Foundation for ongoing support through grants that help PCF better serve the Philomath community.**

NEW PCF SCHOLARSHIPS ESTABLISHED IN 2025

Art and Marilyn Bervin Linn-Benton Community College Scholarship

The Bervins spent decades educating youth at Linn-Benton Community College. They are passionate about supporting educational opportunities for Philomath youth. That is why they established this multi-year scholarship, which supports local youth planning to enroll at Linn-Benton Community College.

Bruce and Steven Moos Memorial Scholarship

Inspired by the memory of the dedicated support of local youth and community programs by this father and his son. They were longtime members of the Blodgett-Summit Community Club's fundraising activities and 4-H. This scholarship supports a Philomath School District graduating senior.

Jan Lane Memorial Scholarship

Jan was well-known as the lunch lady at Blodgett Elementary School and for her tireless dedication to local fundraising efforts, including leading the beloved Dime-a-Dip fundraisers which brought neighbors together. Jan Lane's children and the Blodgett-Summit Community Club established this scholarship.

Lilly Paytrah Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is in remembrance of the incredible young woman who was very special to all who were blessed to know her. Tragically, Lilly ended her own life in 2013. It will be awarded to a student who will pursue certification or a degree in the mental health field at an accredited university or community college.

2026 PCF Board of Directors

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SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships invest in the future of our community's youth, helping them move forward into adulthood. Contact PCF to establish a scholarship. Four new scholarships were established in 2025.

2026 Recipients

ADJUST YOUR SAILS SCHOLARSHIP
Allison Burnett

ART AND MARILYN BERVIN LINN-BENTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP
Abby Harwood, Avery Smith

BLODGETT-SUMMIT COMMUNITY CLUB JAN LANE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
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Leo Pausch, Isabelle Muir
Shaylee May, Lucie Oster

LILLY PAYTRAH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Ana Candanoza

MCRAE-DICKEY STEM SCHOLARSHIP
Nicholas Monroe

MCRAE-DICKEY STEM+ SCHOLARSHIP
Makayla Lillie

PCF YOUTH RECOGNITION AWARD
Lucy King, Roman Robins

PCF VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOLARSHIP
Parker Maxey, Hollie Barton

PHILOMATH FORWARD SCHOLARSHIP
Aleah Hendrix, Lucy King,
Parker Maxey

PHILOMATH PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOLARSHIP
Ace Gerding, Brielle Hagen

RUSS HUNT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Maggie King, Taylor Hudson

TERRY SELBY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Caleb Babcock

PCF COMMUNITY GRANTS

Grants invest in the community and are awarded to support community projects and activities that benefit Philomath area residents. Letters of request for funding may be submitted to PCF throughout the calendar year for consideration.

2025 Recipients

BENTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

PHILOMATH COMMUNITY SERVICES

PHILOMATH FROLIC & RODEO

PHILOMATH HIGH SCHOOL
Mariman Invitational Track Meet
Senior All Night Party

PHILOMATH MIDDLE SCHOOL
The HERO Challenge

PHILOMATH ROTARY
Salmon and Jazz

PHILOMATH YOUTH ACTIVITIES CLUB
Community Carnival

WE CARE

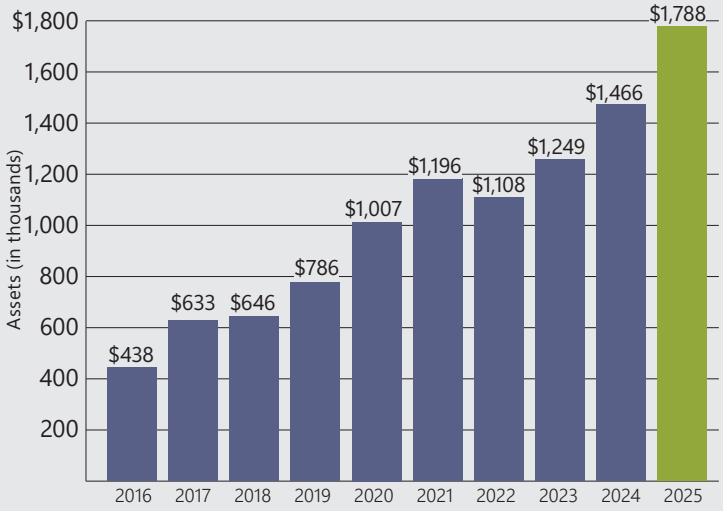
Asset Growth & Financial Impact

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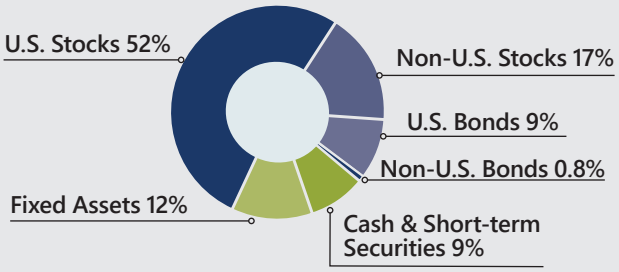
In 2025 PCF distributed $57,868 in the form of community grants and scholarships, and distributions from fiscal sponsored funds.

Thank you to the generous donors who made this possible!

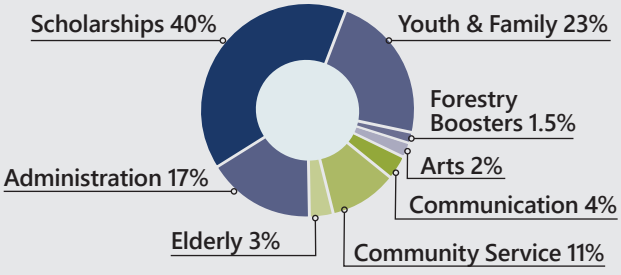
Growth in Assets 2016–2025



2025 Asset Investment Allocation



2025 Distribution of Funds



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A Letter from PCF President Linda Howard



IN 2025, THE PHILOMATH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION was fortunate to add four new scholarships and to increase the number of recipients of a four-year Philomath Forward Scholarship from one in 2025 to three this year. Such successes are possible through continued co-operation with local organizations, other local non-profits, and individuals. Co-operation strengthens PCF's ability to carry out our mission and to provide support to the Philomath Community in a consistent, reliable manner. We appreciate the ongoing support of the Philomath community and beyond.

Three new directors were welcomed to the Philomath Community Foundation Board of Directors in 2026. Each has strong ties to our community and values PCF's mission. The board continues working to strengthen the Philomath community and to effectively steward gifts from the community. Investment management policies guide the board's stewardship of generous gifts received from caring and forward-thinking members in our community. PCF assets continued to grow over the past year.

Your gifts help support opportunities for our youth through ever-growing scholarship offerings, as well as other community-oriented programs. As we move forward into 2027, please consider PCF in your financial planning. We appreciate your support. We are committed to being your foundation. Let PCF help you turn your vision for the future of Philomath into reality.

With warm regards,

Linda Howard, President
Philomath Community Foundation