



2024
Siletz Tribal Charitable
Contribution Fund
Annual Report





We are pleased to share annual information regarding the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund, a program supporting numerous charitable initiatives. Since the establishment of the Distribution of Net Revenues Ordinance (Section 4.20) on July 6, 1999, and the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Siletz Tribe and the State of Oregon on September 4, 1999, the Siletz Tribe has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to supporting vital community needs. Through these agreements, we formed the Charitable Contribution Fund and its Advisory Board.

The Charitable Contribution Fund provides grants to charitable organizations, local governments within the Tribe's service area, and Native American entities or activities across the U.S. Funds are awarded to support various causes, including education, health, public safety, addiction prevention, treatment programs, housing, arts, environmental preservation, cultural and historic preservation, and other charitable purposes.

The Advisory Board for the Charitable Contribution Fund is comprised of seven members. In 2024, the Board included the following individuals:

- **Gerald Ben**, Siletz Tribal Council Representative
- **Cheryl Lane, Danielle Payne, and Kurt Arden**, Siletz Tribal Members
- **Karen Gerttula and Mike Holden**, non-tribal members agreed upon by the Governor and the Tribal Council Chairman and approved by the Tribal Council
- **Dick Anderson**, non-tribal member selected by the Tribal Chairman from a list provided by the Governor and approved by the Tribal Council.

Funds for distribution in 2024 were generated from the 2022 Excess Pledge Revenues, accumulated between January 1, 2022, and December 31, 2022. In response to 340 funding requests received in 2024, the Advisory Board awarded a total of **\$1,357,772.54** to **188 organizations**. Since 2000, the Charitable Contributions Fund has proudly donated **\$18,258,089.03** to **3,521 organizations**.

We are proud of the positive impact of these contributions and remain dedicated to supporting communities and initiatives that benefit our service area and Native American interests nationwide.



To help mitigate the economic impacts felt by children and families,
STCCF prioritized food security, health, education, and public safety.

Charitable Giving By Category

Cultural Activities	\$62,830.00
Education	\$414,136.28
Environment & Natural Resource Preservation	\$24,500.00
Health	\$250,468.00
Historical Preservation	\$39,700.00
Housing	\$58,000.00
Library Services	\$5,897.00
Other	\$91,877.41
Prevention	\$75,795.00
Public Safety	\$283,249.85
The Arts	\$50,019.00
Youth Development	\$1,300.00

Total **\$1,357,772.54**

2024 Award by Category



Cultural Activities

Siletz Canoe Family	Logsden	\$4,000.00
Siletz Round Dance Committee	Siletz	\$8,630.00
Siletz Tribal Arts & Heritage Society	Siletz	\$6,000.00
Many Nations Culture Club	Salem	\$1,000.00
Native American Circle- Snake River Correctional Institution	Ontario	\$1,000.00
Native American Religious Services	Portland	\$1,000.00
United National Indian Tribal Youth, Inc.	Mesa	\$6,000.00
Miss Indian Northwest	Fairview	\$10,000.00
Conexión Fenix, DBA Echo Mountain Fire Relief	Otis	\$2,700.00
Lakota Oyate Ki - Native American Culture Club	Salem	\$1,000.00
Salem-Keizer Public Schools Native Education Program	Salem	\$1,500.00
Siletz Regalia Sharing Co-Op	Salem	\$10,000.00
Siletz Round Dance Committee	Siletz	\$10,000.00
Total		\$62,830.00



Pictured above left to right; STCCF Board member Senator Dick Anderson, Co-Founders of "Siletz Regalia Sharing Co-Op" Jeidah DeZurney & Savanna Rilatos

Siletz Regalia Sharing Co-Op—Salem, Oregon

The Siletz Regalia Sharing Co-Op was established by a group of Siletz Tribal Members in Salem, Oregon, with the goal of making the tradition of dancing accessible to all. This organization plays a vital role in ensuring that regalia is available to dancers at pow-wows. Beyond providing regalia, the Co-Op has expanded its impact by offering educational classes, allowing individuals to gain cultural knowledge and learn the skills necessary to create their own regalia.



*Pictured left to right;
Yakona Executive Director Dr. Natalie Schaefer
and STCCF Board Member Kurt Arden*

Yakona Learning Center—Newport, Oregon

The Yakona Nature Preserve, established in 2018, is a living laboratory for natural and cultural history, sciences, and the arts. In 2022, the Yakona Learning Center became the public charity arm of the Yakona Nature Preserve, providing administrative management, programmatic facilitation and fundraising for the Preserve. Yakona provides access to education about resident wildlife, exploration of Yaqo'n Indian history, and opportunities for people of diverse backgrounds and lived experiences to witness nature on Oregon's central coast. Yakona's Creating Connections educational program vertically integrates science, history, and the arts to educate Oregon's future leaders on the impacts of climate change. We work with the local school district and community college to ensure elementary, secondary and postsecondary students gain career insight and workforce skills. Intentional partnerships with organizations serving traditionally marginalized communities deepen Yakona's educational impact.

Education

Siletz Valley School	Siletz	\$292,000.00
Taft Culinary Arts Program	Lincoln City	\$6,312.00
Friends of the Lebanon Public Library	Lebanon	\$1,800.00
Clemens Primary School	Philomath	\$900.00
Lebanon High School 9-12 life skills class	Lebanon	\$5,000.00
Swallowtail Waldorf School and Farm	Cornelius	\$680.00
Native American Rights Fund	Boulder	\$9,600.00
Altrusa International of Albany OR	Albany	\$10,000.00
Whole Earth Nature School	Eugene	\$5,000.00
Clemens Primary School	Philomath	\$1,850.00
Monmouth Christian Church	Monmouth	\$3,000.00
Monmouth Christian Church	Monmouth	\$2,500.00
Lake Town Academy	Lebanon	\$1,000.00
Every Child Linn Benton Lincoln	Albany	\$6,000.00
Sitka Center for Art and Ecology	Otis	\$8,500.00
Yakona Learning Center	Newport	\$10,000.00
Eddyville Charter School	Eddyville	\$3,000.00
Lincoln County 4-H Association: Afterschool	Newport	\$4,725.00
Parker Learning Gardens	Coburg	\$5,000.00
Michael Allen Harrison's Play if Forward	Portland	\$6,500.00
Alesa Wolverines Booster Club	Alesa	\$2,000.00
Santiam Jr/Sr High School Health Sciences Program	Mill City	\$1,650.40
Chemawa Indian High School	Salem	\$5,000.00
Nestucca High School Cheer Team	Cloverdale	\$2,000.00
Tillamook Boy Scout Troop 582	Tillamook	\$1,350.00
Columbia Slough Watershed Council	Portland	\$5,000.00
O'Brien Memorial Library	Blue River	\$6,500.00
Friends of the Lebanon Public Library	Lebanon	\$2,000.00
Family & friends Group, ARC of Lincoln County	South Beach	\$3,000.00
Eddyville Charter School	Philomath	\$2,268.88

Total \$414,136.28

Environment & Natural Resource Preservation

Yamhill Soil & Water Conservation District	McMinnville	\$7,000.00
Devils Lake Water Improvement District	Lincoln City	\$10,000.00
Seashore Family Literacy	Waldport	\$4,500.00
Cape Perpetua Collaborative	Newport	\$3,000.00
Total		\$24,500.00

Pictured below from left to right; STCCF Board member Senator Dick Anderson and YSWCD Executive Director Andy Bleckinger



Yamhill Soil & Water Conservation District—McMinnville, OR

Established in 1953, the Yamhill Soil and Water Conservation District (District) is dedicated to preserving and enhancing natural resources across Yamhill County. Its mission focuses on protecting water quality, improving habitat, reducing soil erosion, managing noxious weeds, and conserving land in perpetuity.

The District owns and manages 10 properties, encompassing a total of 2,500 acres, to support conservation efforts and wildlife habitat. Among these, Miller Woods serves as a key site for forestry education and public engagement, offering year-round access for visitors.

Vietnam War Memorial Fund—Boring, OR

The Vietnam War Memorial Fund was founded with the expressed purpose to generate funds through cash and in-kind donations for the design and construction of a Vietnam War Memorial on the Oregon State Capitol Grounds that will provide educational opportunities for future generations.

Historical Preservation

Friends of Historic Butteville	Donald	\$5,000.00
Vietnam War Memorial Fund	Boring	\$20,000.00
Albany Regional Museum	Albany	\$1,700.00
Willamette Grange	Corvallis	\$3,500.00
Elmira Grange #523	Elmira	\$9,500.00
Total		\$39,700.00

Health

Mountain Gospel Fellowship	Falls City	\$2,000.00		<i>Continued</i>	
Newport American Legion Post #116	Newport	\$1,500.00	Fish of Albany, Inc.	Albany	\$3,000.00
Lumina Hospice & Palliative Care	Corvallis	\$2,900.00	Coastal Range Food Bank, Inc.	Blodgett	\$2,500.00
Newport Composite Mt.Biking Team	Newport	\$4,034.00	RSVP of Linn, Benton, Lincoln Counties	Toledo	\$2,400.00
Corvallis-Albany Farmers' Markets	Corvallis	\$3,000.00	The Sweet Home Gleaners, Inc.	Sweet Home	\$3,000.00
Altrusa International of Albany OR	Albany	\$2,000.00	Burrito Brigade	Eugene	\$5,000.00
Harrisburg School District	Harrisburg	\$1,500.00	Liberty House	Salem	\$3,200.00
Marys River Gleaners	Corvallis	\$1,250.00	Mid Valley Gleaners	Albany	\$3,000.00
Newport Food Pantry	Newport	\$3,000.00	Furniture Share	Corvallis	\$3,000.00
Mid Valley Gleaners	Albany	\$3,100.00	Newport Fisherman's Wives	Newport	\$6,500.00
Special Olympics Oregon	Beaverton	\$5,000.00	Medical Teams International	Tigard	\$6,000.00
Altrusa International of Yaquina Bay, Inc	Newport	\$1,050.00	Harrisburg Harvesters Gleaners, Inc.	Harrisburg	\$3,000.00
WellMama, Inc	Eugene	\$5,000.00	North Lincoln Health District	Lincoln City	\$4,000.00
Fern Ridge Community Action Network	Veneta	\$4,000.00	United Way of Linn, Benton, & Lincoln Counties	Albany	\$5,000.00
The Corvallis Clinic Foundation	Corvallis	\$5,000.00	Waldport Lions Club	Waldport	\$8,000.00
Sheridan Rural Fire Protection District	Sheridan	\$5,416.00	North Lincoln Eagles #2576	Lincoln City	\$7,000.00
Mary's River Gleaners	Corvallis	\$1,378.00	Newport Lions Club	Seal Rock	\$8,000.00
ALS Northwest	Portland	\$7,500.00	City of Siletz Oregon	Siletz	\$25,000.00
Philomath Community Srvcs Gleaning Program	Philomath	\$3,000.00	Canyon Gleaners	Mill City	\$3,000.00
Shift Community Cycles (Shift)	Eugene	\$5,000.00	Altrusa International of Yaquina Bay	Newport	\$7,000.00
Assistance League of Salem-Keizer	Salem	\$10,000.00	Tillamook County Family YMCA	Tillamook	\$15,000.00
Tualatin Food Pantry	Tualatin	\$3,000.00	Fundamental Needs	Dolores	\$5,000.00
Olalla Center (Bright Horizons program)	Toledo	\$8,490.00	Mary's River Gleaners Association	Corvallis	\$2,000.00
Central Linn Gleaners	Halsey	\$3,000.00	Albany Gleaners	Albany	\$3,000.00
Youth Mental Wellness Program of The Corvallis Clinic Foundation	Corvallis	\$3,000.00	Project Homeless Connect Washington County	Hillsboro	\$3,000.00
Food Backpack For Kids	Florence	\$3,000.00	Alsea Valley Gleaners	Alsea	\$2,000.00
Suma	Portland	\$3,000.00	PCS Gleaners	Philomath	\$3,000.00
Canyon Gleaners	Mill City	\$3,000.00		Total	\$250,468.00
Agape Village	Portland	\$1,250.00			
Newport Swim Team	Newport	\$5,500.00			

Pictured below from left to right; Benton Habitat for Humanity CEO Zachery Long, STCCF Tribal Council Representative Gerald Ben



Housing		
God Gear	Albany	\$3,000.00
Junction City Habitat for Humanity	Junction City	\$10,000.00
Community Action	Hillsboro	\$5,000.00
Benton Habitat for Humanity	Corvallis	\$25,000.00
Tillamook County Habitat for Humanity	Tillamook	\$15,000.00
Total		\$58,000.00

Benton Habitat for Humanity—Corvallis, Oregon

Benton Habitat for Humanity (BHFH), established in 1991, is a nonprofit organization serving Benton County, Oregon, as an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International. Dedicated to creating affordable housing, BHFH has built 41 homes and is currently constructing three more in Philomath’s Woodlands development. Today, 141 children live in Habitat homes across the service area.

Beyond home construction, BHFH runs the Home Repair Assistance Program (HRAP), which has completed over 85 critical repairs since 2012, enhancing safety, accessibility, and health for low-income homeowners.

Additionally, BHFH operates the ReStore, a 22,000-square-foot retail facility selling used building materials, furniture, appliances, and more. By diverting approximately 700 tons of waste from landfills annually through recycling programs, the ReStore supports sustainability efforts. All proceeds directly fund BHFH’s mission of building and repairing homes for those in need.

Pictured below from left to right; STCCF Board Member Kurt Arden and The Center for Community Counselling Fundraising Coordinator Loretta McNally



Prevention		
Scalawags 1359	Lebanon	\$3,000.00
Newport High Grad Night Committee	Newport	\$750.00
WomenFirst Transition & Referral Center	Gresham	\$10,000.00
Toledo Jr/Sr High School 2023 Prom Committee	Toledo	\$500.00
B'nai B'rith Camp	Portland	\$5,000.00
B'nai B'rith Camp	Portland	\$10,000.00
Volunteers of America Oregon	Portland	\$10,000.00
Elmira Youth Football	Veneta	\$5,000.00
Siletz Valley High School Wrestling Program	Siletz	\$3,950.00
Nestucca Valley Wrestling Club	Cloverdale	\$4,595.00
Central Coast Chorale dba Coastal Voices	Waldport	\$3,000.00
Center for Community Counselling	Eugene	\$10,000.00
Connected Lane County	Eugene	\$3,000.00
CASA - Voices For Children (Lincoln County)	Corvallis	\$7,000.00
Total		\$75,795.00

Center for Community Counseling—Eugene, Oregon

The Center for Community Counseling (CCC), established as a nonprofit in Eugene in 1978, has provided crucial support to thousands of individuals and families across Lane County, Oregon. Through its services, CCC has empowered community members to enhance their perspectives, behaviors, and overall well-being, strengthening their roles as parents, spouses, neighbors, and employees.

Driven by its mission, "Transforming Lives and Healing Relationships," CCC operates solely through donor contributions, grants, and volunteer efforts. Without federal funding, it depends on the generosity of individuals, businesses, and community partners who share its dedication to delivering high-quality mental health services.

Public Safety

Pacific Northwest Search and Rescue	Milwaukie	\$10,000.00
Jefferson Rural Fire District	Jefferson	\$9,413.30
Row River Fire Response	Dorena	\$11,615.00
Siletz Valley Grange	Siletz	\$8,933.06
East Lincoln County Emergency Responders	Toledo	\$7,000.00
Siletz Valley Friends of the Library	Siletz	\$1,864.00
Siletz Valley Fire District	Siletz	\$75,000.00
Lincoln County Chaplains Association	Waldport	\$5,500.00
Tillamook County Emergency Communications District	Tillamook	\$9,365.80
East Lincoln County Emergency Responders	Toledo	\$4,750.00
Yamhill Police Department	Yamhill	\$6,949.56
Toledo Police Department	Toledo	\$8,643.16
Sweet Home Fire and Ambulance District	Sweet Home	\$9,235.80
Dundee Fire Department	Dundee	\$6,460.66
Siletz Valley Volunteer Firefighter	Siletz	\$3,800.00
Lake Point Special Road District	Neotsu	\$10,000.00
City of Bay City, Oregon	Bay City	\$5,000.00
McKenzie Valley Long-Term Recovery Group	Blue River	\$10,000.00
East Lincoln County Emergency Responders	Toledo	\$10,000.00
City of Newport	Newport	\$2,148.80
Pacific Northwest Search & Rescue	Clackamas	\$15,386.00
Siletz Valley Friends of the Library	Siletz	\$1,713.71
Lincoln County Technical Rescue Team	Siletz	\$4,650.00
Panther Creek Senior and Community Center	Otis	\$17,276.00
Jefferson Rural Fire Protection District	Jefferson	\$10,300.00
Adair Rural Fire & Rescue	Adair Village	\$4,980.00
Siletz Valley Grange #558	Siletz	\$870.00
Siletz Valley Grange #558	Siletz	\$3,395.00
East Lincoln County Emergency Responders	Toledo	\$9,000.00
Total		\$283,249.85

First Responder- Oregon

STCCF has consistently demonstrated unwavering support for Fire Departments, EMTs, and Police Departments, recognizing their indispensable role in maintaining public safety and providing emergency response services. These dedicated professionals serve as first responders in times of crisis, working tirelessly to protect lives, property, and the well-being of communities.

Over the years, STCCF has funded numerous public safety initiatives within these agencies across Oregon, enhancing their capacity to respond effectively to emergencies. These contributions have supported critical training programs, advanced equipment procurement, and community outreach efforts, reinforcing STCCF's commitment to those who put themselves in harm's way to safeguard others.

By investing in public safety programs, STCCF strengthens emergency preparedness and response capabilities, ensuring that first responders have the resources they need to carry out their life-saving work. This enduring partnership underscores the foundation's dedication to fostering safer communities and supporting the brave individuals who serve on the front lines.



Pictured to the left from left to right; Keelan Cleary, STCCF Board Chair Mike Holden and Sherri Magdlen

The Arts		
Central Coast Corale/Coastal Voices	Waldport	\$2,100.00
The Very Little Theater	Eugene	\$3,750.00
City of Siletz - Parks & Recreation	Siletz	\$2,300.00
Marys River American Legion Post 100	Philomath	\$1,500.00
Siletz Bay Music Festival (SBMF)	Lincoln City	\$9,625.00
Alsea Community Effort	Alsea	\$2,000.00
City of Sweet Home Ad HOC Committee on Arts and Culture	Sweet Home	\$6,000.00
Oregon Coast Youth Symphony Festival	Newport	\$750.00
Oregon Coast Children's Theatre	Toledo	\$10,000.00
Eugene Symphony	Eugene	\$4,700.00
Music Education & Performing Artists Association (MEPAA)	Eugene	\$5,000.00
Lincoln City Cultural Center	Lincoln City	\$2,294.00
Total		\$50,019.00



Pictured above from left to right; OCCT Education Director Dina Kirk and STCCF Board member Senator Dick Anderson

Oregon Coast Children's Theatre—Toledo, OR

OCCT Founded in 1990 to foster appreciate and understanding of the performing arts. Not only do they support the Arts in education but also give encouragement to gifted/talented students. They were founded as a youth educational theatre but for them the Fine Art Education is just as important. Funding for this specific grant went to the show "Tales of the Arabian Nights" - stories from the silk road. It was their 35th original theatre show and was their 1st new show in 6 years.

Library Services		
Scio Public Library/ City of Scio	Scio	\$5,897.00
Total		\$5,897.00

Scio Public Library—Scio, Oregon

The Scio Public Library's mission is to enhance and enrich the lives of community members by promoting reading and ensuring access to diverse materials in various formats. The library strives to meet the informational, cultural, educational, and recreational needs of its users.

A department of the City of Scio, the library is housed within the City Hall Building and maintains a collection of approximately 12,000 books, audiovisual materials, and Library of Things items. In addition to its physical collection, the library offers electronic books and digital audiobooks, along with engaging programs and educational classes for children and adults.



Pictured from Left to Right; STCCF Board member Cheryl Lane and GRASSP Program Director Mike Cowan

Youth Development		
Capital Futbol Club	Salem	\$1,300.00
Total		\$1,300.00

Capital Futbol Club—Salem, OR

Capital Futbol Club (CFC) is known as "Salem's Soccer Club," committed to enhancing the soccer experience at every stage of a player's development. From its grassroots after-school programs to recreational youth leagues and pre-professional opportunities, CFC provides a clear and accessible pathway for all players.

CFC believes in offering diverse opportunities for every player, regardless of their background or skill level. To make these opportunities possible, the club collaborates with schools, donors, government agencies, businesses, and more. Through these partnerships, CFC delivers high-quality soccer programming that is accessible to all, regardless of socioeconomic status.

Pictured below from left to right; Wheel to Walk Development Director Jill Foster and STCCF Board member Senator Dick Anderson



Other		
Lincoln City Parks and Recreation	Lincoln City	\$10,000.00
Lane County Diaper Bank	Springfield	\$6,000.00
Salem-Keizer Volcanoes Baseball Team (Mavericks League)	Keizer	\$1,500.00
Oregon Coast Scenic Railroad	Tillamook	\$7,500.00
Toledo VFW Post #4227	Siletz	\$21,600.00
Eddyville Grad Night Committee	Toledo	\$500.00
Boys & Girls Club of Corvallis	Corvallis	\$1,008.00
The Little French School	Eugene	\$4,491.00
Lebanon Community School District-Welcome Center	Lebanon	\$6,000.00
Lincoln City Senior Center, Inc.	Lincoln City	\$600.00
The Arc of Lincoln County	Toledo	\$8,000.00
Neighbors for Kids	Depoe Bay	\$10,000.00
Philomath Community Meal	Yachats	\$1,178.41
Lebanon Gleaners, Inc.	Lebanon	\$3,000.00
CRCI/SFFC Native American Inmate Club	Portland	\$500.00
Wheel to Walk Foundation	Portland	\$5,000.00
Tillamook High School Football	Tillamook	\$5,000.00
Total		\$91,877.41

Wheel to Walk Foundation—Portland, Oregon

Wheel to Walk is a direct service organization dedicated to assisting families on an individual basis. Our focus is on children aged 20 and younger who have a documented disability and are struggling to obtain essential equipment to help them thrive. When insurance denies funding, Wheel to Walk steps in to purchase the necessary items for these children.

Without access to crucial equipment and therapies, a child's development and success can be significantly impacted. The financial burden of out-of-pocket expenses for such necessities can be overwhelming for families. Our goal is to alleviate some of this burden by ensuring children receive the support and resources they need to reach their full potential.