CHANGE HAPPENED
WITH YOU

EDUCATION. INCOME. HEALTH. TRANSPORTATION

2016-17
Report to the Community

United Way of Jackson County
Wow my 20th year is completed. I wanted to count how many people volunteered in 20 years, how many dollars were raised in 20 years, how many lives were impacted in 20 years, and then I remembered what Einstein said or at least what is frequently attributed to him. "Not everything that can be counted counts, and not everything that counts can be counted." Now they say that William Bruce Cameron said it. If we wait long enough, always someone else said it and always someone else counted it.

What matters is that last year, people gave wit, wisdom and wealth to make this community the amazing community that it is. And that we did it together. We are deeply interconnected. We do this work with you. I spoke to the business school graduates from SOU and my final comment was rather than care about what you do, do what you care about. I believe this and I believe that when you work with us, you are doing just that and that is what counts! Thank you!
MISSION
To improve lives by mobilizing the caring power of Jackson County communities.

VISION
We will build a stronger Jackson County by mobilizing our communities to improve people's lives.

OUR BELIEF
At its core, United Way of Jackson County believes people are connected and interdependent. When we reach out a hand to one, we influence the condition of all. We all win when children form healthy attachments through a loving family, when they succeed in school, graduate and make successful transitions to adult responsibilities. We all win when families are financially stable, when people have good health, and when people are engaged and connected. We all win when people have transportation to pursue education, access medical services and work. Through our role as convener, facilitator and advocate, our goal is to create long-lasting change by addressing the underlying causes of problems. This belief forms the foundation for our strategies for education, income, health and transportation.

ACCOUNTABILITY
- Finance committee manages financial and investment policy, hires the independent auditor, serves as uncompensated volunteers, and has three CPA members.
- Board requires staff to be responsible for accuracy, fairness and completeness of financial statements and IRS 990.
- Have established procedures for anonymous report of any financial concerns and ensure that any report is fully investigated.
- Contracts with audit firm for audit and 990 preparation.
- Conflict of interest policy and code of ethics for staff and volunteers.
- Accounting and records retention policies regularly reviewed.
- 360 degree evaluation of CEO/executive director.
2016-17 Board of Directors

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Administration

United Way of Jackson County has a full time staff of six people and a board of 28 community volunteers. We have more than 1,700 volunteers serving on committees, councils, task forces and one-time projects. As one of the largest volunteer agencies in the county, we are proud to promote giving, advocating and volunteering. Our administrative expense totals 11% of our budget.
EDUCATION

The Big Idea is now in its 6th year. With 1,395 9th graders in the class of 2020, things are always in motion! We have provided direct services for more than 795 Big Idea kids and their families. In addition, we welcomed them to high school with a high five tunnel at North and South Medford.

In Eagle Point, we were able to leverage resources to hire a Graduation Coach to get Freshmen back on track. Eagle Point freshmen also received the first of its kind curriculum to teach students about ACE’s (Adverse Childhood Experiences) with the help of Laura Porter, ACE Interface, and Cultural Agility/Implicit Bias with Gilda Montenegro Fix. The Illinois Valley High School freshman toured the RCC Table Rock campus.

We funded 19 different programs through allocations, Day of Caring and WiLL. And we had 6 impact partnerships. United Way’s total investment in the Education Impact Area is 25% of our annual budget and our goal is 100% high school completion for the Class of 2020.

HEALTH

United Way of Jackson County proudly became the fiscal agent of Oregon Pain Guidance Group. This group of dedicated doctors, health professionals and community volunteers bring together medical practitioners, pharmacists and others to reduce opioid addiction.

Last summer, we launched an anti-stigma campaign about mental illness. Our goal was to have 395,000 impressions in our community. We broke all statewide records for public awareness and received 1 million impressions! The campaign was so successful it was used in the NAMI walk this fall.

We funded 26 programs through allocations, Day of Caring, and WiLL. And we have 6 impact partnerships. The health area accounts for 19% of United Way’s budget and our goal is maximizing wellness.
INCOME

VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) is our free income tax preparation work. Our partnership happens at the Teresa McCormick Center on the Harry & David Campus. We filed 204 state and Federal returns with refunds totaling $279,869. We did this with 10 volunteers – 6 preparers, 3 greeters, 1 scheduler! This was all done in a site open 22 days.

HOPE Chest, our emergency fund, helped 234 families with an average investment of $239. HOPE Chest continues to serve individuals and families with everything from car repairs to vet care for service animals. The toughest checks seem to be those dealing with funeral expenses for loved ones and Veterans. We partner with case managers and pay the vendors directly and solve the immediate need.

Project Community Connect is our community’s one day outreach to those experiencing homelessness or near homelessness. Last year, volunteer judges waived thousands of dollars in fines, veterinarians saw 65 pets and birth certificates were ordered all day long. This project is successful because of all the partners involved.

FamilyWize Prescription Assistance, a national program, was brought to Jackson County by United Way in 2009. Since that time, we have saved local folks $1.5 million in prescription costs!

We funded 19 programs through allocations, Day of Caring, and WiLL. We have 6 impact partnerships and these programs makes up 17% of United Way’s budget and our goal is family stability.

TRANSPORTATION

United Way continues its partnership and efforts to reduce barriers for low income, aging and people with disabilities to get to work, to school and to needed appointments. United Way’s total investment in the Transportation Impact Area is 18% of our budget.
DAY OF CARING

Thanks to our sponsors for Day of Caring: Medford Fabrication, Avista Utilities, US Bank, Pacific Retirement Services, Moss Adams LLP, Wells Fargo, Regence BlueCross BlueShield, Rogue Creamery, Sherwin Williams, Jackson Care Connect, Bennion Orthodontics, and Rogue Credit Union! What a great day with more than 450 volunteers!

We completed some great projects at our 21st Annual Day of Caring including:

- ASH, Inc., Ashland – fence staining
- Children’s Advocacy Center, Medford – painting
- Family Nurturing Center, Medford – landscaping
- Girl Scouts, Medford – landscaping
- Hope Village, Medford – build
- Laundry Love, Ashland UCC – laundry
- Magdalene Home, Medford – landscaping, outdoor toy clean up
- Rogue Community Health, Medford – landscaping
- Roots & Wings, Medford – landscaping
- Sanctuary One, Applegate – goat playground, rabbit arena
- Science Works, Ashland – painting
- Sobering Center, Grants Pass – painting
- Unete, Medford – farmworker welcome bags
- Upper Rogue Community Center, Shady Cove – landscaping