



**WINTER | 2017**

**OREGON ENERGY FUND'S  
QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER**

**HELP  
US TO  
WARM  
HOMES  
IN THE  
COLD.**

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2016 ANNUAL REPORT**



## DONATIONS MADE

### IN HONOR OF

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by Katherine Myers

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Marian Kelsver  
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## BABY, IT'S COLD OUTSIDE... VULNERABLE OREGONIANS NEED OUR HELP

### BRIAN ALLBRITTON

**A**lready this winter, we have seen extreme weather conditions across our state. Early snowstorms, ice, and heavy rains are making the start of this season one to remember.

While I hope all of you have remained safe and warm through this, so many of our neighbors are not faring as well. Economists report that Oregonians have made it to “full employment” status; however, so many of our neighbors are still locked in a financial crisis of rising rents as well as climbing costs of medicine and other vital necessities.

A recent US Federal Reserve Board study showed that nearly half of all Americans are not able to cover an unplanned expense of \$500 using their savings. That is probably about the same amount as your auto insurance

deductible if your car recently skidded across the ice and hit something. If you, like our clients, were on the edge of financial well-being, that expense very easily could be the breaking point.

That's why Oregon Energy Fund is here. Your donations protect vulnerable neighbors from having to make the choice of paying to repair their car so they can get to work or keeping current on the utility bills. Your support of our work helps them stay employed and keeps their families warm.

As we move into what are typically the coldest months of the season, please remember that your donation to Oregon Energy Fund ensures that vulnerable Oregonians get the energy assistance they need to stay safe and healthy through tough times.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

### OREGON ENERGY FUND DIRECTOR'S DINNER

1020 SW Taylor Street, Suite 620  
Friday, January 27 from 7:30pm to 9:30pm

### WORST-DAY OF THE YEAR (WITHOUT POWER)

Write-In Contest | Location – TBD  
Wednesday, February 22 from 4pm to 6pm

### GREAT BALLS OF FIRE!!!

Salvador Molly's Restaurant  
1523 SW Sunset Blvd (Hillsdale)  
Sunday, January 29 - Saturday, March 4  
Call to sign up for the contest at 503-293-1790  
and visit [www.salvadormollys.com](http://www.salvadormollys.com) for details.

For more information on any of these events,  
please contact Ann at 971-386-2124 ext #104  
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## CHRISTIANE'S STORY

### CHRISTIANE FITZGERALD

I was just five years old when my parents got divorced. Due to circumstances I didn't understand back then, both of my parents had trouble making ends meet for us three kids - my two siblings and I were constantly moving into "new" apartments in different towns while we switched schools as often as every six months.

In the midst of all that, our utilities were turned off more than once; I knew what it was like to take cold showers in the dark or worry about where my next meal was coming from.

While I was very lucky to have an extended family network with the resources to support us and help us get back on our feet during those hard times, not everybody has the luxury of that same familial support.

That is why I give 100% to my job at Oregon Energy Fund every day. I love contributing to my community and using my skills to educate people about energy deprivation and the many ways we can all help our neighbors in their time of need.

My experience has taught me that no parent should have to make the choice between paying the rent or paying utilities, and every child deserves to grow up in a warm, stable home.

Thank you for supporting Oregon Energy Fund. Because of your compassion and generosity, I get to work at my dream job, and we all get to help make our little corner of the world a better place for everyone.

## MARIETTA'S MISSION MOMENT

### MARIETTA DONEY

Last month, following two snowfalls that effectively paralyzed Portland, a concerned Pacific Power customer who was keenly aware that it was cold outside offered to help a struggling household with their bills. Not knowing how to go about paying someone's utility bill herself, she called the Customer Service line of Pacific Power.

Their Customer Service representative was unable to take a donation directly, but offered to make a conference call with Oregon Energy Fund, knowing we could help. Once the Customer Service representative was able to successfully connect this new donor to us, she and I

had a wonderful conversation. The donor was very interested to learn how we work with our partner agencies helping those in crisis, and pleased that her donation would help a family in her community receive help.

This wonderful exchange validated for me that our utility partners know they can rely on us to put their customers' good will to good use in the communities we serve.

It was also very gratifying to be able to share with this new donor how our programs work and how we collaborate with our partners in her community.

## LOOKING FORWARD TO 2017...

### MOVED RECENTLY? REORGANIZING YOUR OFFICE? SIMPLIFYING?

### MAKE SURE OREGONIANS IN NEED CONTINUE TO RECEIVE YOUR SUPPORT.

If you use Online Bill Pay, donor-advised funds, or other means to make your donations, please update your financial institutions with our new name and address as follows:

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### HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO HEAR FROM US?

To keep in touch in ways that suit your needs, we offer the following options:

- Receive your newsletter by email or mail.
- Provide you with envelopes for monthly donations.
- Set-up regular or recurring donations online via your checking or credit card account.
- We can send acknowledgement letters to you quarterly, yearly, or as you donate.

To let us know your preferences, please contact us at 971-386-2124 or email: [info@oregonenergyfund.org](mailto:info@oregonenergyfund.org)



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# THE POWER OF GIVING



## HEAT OREGON IS NOW OREGON ENERGY FUND.

After 27 years of helping our neighbors, HEAT Oregon has changed its name to Oregon Energy Fund.

**Why? Simple – we know we can do more to power lives.**

Heating the homes of Oregonians in need remains a critical part of our mission, but we do so much more as well. We keep the lights on so kids can do homework. We make sure the fridge is running so families can eat safe and nutritious meals. With the power of giving, we help meet basic needs so that our neighbors can lead healthy and productive lives.