

A photograph of a woman with long dark hair holding a young child with blonde hair. The child is smiling broadly and looking towards the right. The woman is looking at the child. They are outdoors, with green foliage in the background. The lighting is bright, suggesting a sunny day.

# SUMMER | 2017

**OREGON ENERGY FUND'S**  
QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

## **I AM POWERED BY MY CHILDREN.**

As a stay at home mom, my children are my fulltime job and my daily joy. But when we lost my husband to a car accident in 2014, raising two young children became my greatest concern. We had just moved to rural Oregon and suddenly, our sole source of both income and support were gone... we were surrounded by boxes and struggling with grief. I knew my children needed me to be strong more than ever before - so I reached out for help. New neighbors stepped in to watch our little ones, a local food co-op provided some dinners, a church group arrived to help me move furniture and get unpacked; and Oregon Energy Fund provided utility assistance that allowed me to save money for food, transportation, and my youngest child's medicine. I was able to find a job and secure childcare and slowly, we are rebuilding our lives. I am forever grateful to the Oregonians that were there for us when we needed them most.

## WHAT POWERS YOU?

Whether you tell us in pictures or in words, we want to hear from you this summer!

Connect with us on social media or via email to share your story of power!

## GET INVOLVED

Everyone has a role to play at OEF. Corporate employee teams and individuals alike can contribute in unique and meaningful ways:

1. Attend an Oregon Energy Fund Event to get to know us better
2. Donate or organize a fundraiser with coworkers, friends, or neighbors
3. Volunteer for one-time or ongoing projects alongside the OEF team

To browse opportunities, visit [OregonEnergyFund.org/Be-Involved](http://OregonEnergyFund.org/Be-Involved)

## JOIN THE FUN!

With **The Power Gala** just around the corner, OEF is actively recruiting for our Event Planning Committee. Volunteers will participate in active monthly work sessions to facilitate event brainstorming, logistics, and preparation, as well as playing key roles on event day. Get the best seat in the house with this behinds-the-scene experience!

For more info, please contact [ann@oregonenergyfund.org](mailto:ann@oregonenergyfund.org)

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## POWERED BY PURPOSE

### BRIAN ALLBRITTON



Dear Friends and OEF supporters,

I hope you have been enjoying your summer so far. For me personally, it's off

to a great start with lots of time being spent with family and friends, along with an extra dose of Vitamin D from the sunny days that have [finally] found their way to us.

To a certain extent, you might call me solar powered, as there is nothing I love more than being outside and enjoying what this amazing state has to offer. Sunny days in Oregon, no matter the season, always add a bit more energy to my well-being.

In addition to sunshine, I am also powered by my family. My kids and my wife inspire me every day, pushing me to be the best that I can be. Making sure that their needs are met - that they are safe, happy, and healthy - are always my primary motivations.

Our 2017-2018 campaign is focused on our vision of "Power for All." A focus that we believe strengthens our mission to assist our neighbors in financial crisis with their energy bills, in support of household stability. Truly, our goal is to ensure that all Oregonians can remain healthy, safe, and housed, even during the most difficult times of life.

So now we ask you - our supporters - what powers you? What inspires you every day to go out into the world and do your part? What gets you energized to do more for others? This summer, we want to hear from Oregonians from all walks of life, about what power means to them - and, most importantly, how we can do more to Power Lives... whether it's yours, your neighbor's, or another community member that is struggling with a crisis.

I hope that you are enjoying your summer and that you will take the time this season to get involved with Oregon Energy Fund. There are powerful ways to work with us at every level, including volunteerism, partnership, and financial contributions. For example, by joining The Power Grid network, you have the ability to help us support Oregon families, build new partnerships, and spread our message statewide. Simply put: **we all have a role to play if we wish to generate power for all.** I invite you to reach out to me personally at (971) 386-2124, ext. 107, if you ever wish to chat. Until then, we wish you a happy, healthy, (and not-too-hot) summer!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Allbritton".

Brian Allbritton  
Executive Director, Oregon Energy Fund



## INTRODUCING THE POWER GRID

**Y**ou are a connector. Though it may not always be apparent, you play a critical role in powering the health, happiness, and sustainability of the lives around you. And we want you to extend an invitation to your network of family, friends, and neighbors: The Power Grid is Oregon Energy Fund's community of supporters and advocates that help to power our mission across Oregon. By joining The Power Grid, you will become an integral part of a statewide network - offering financial resources, volunteer time, and unique talents to the work that we do every day to ensure that Oregonians can remain healthy, safe, and housed. Join us today to become part of a network that is powering lives!

**SUSTAINING DONORS** - Your support goes further with regular, recurring gifts. As little as \$25 a month can help us to power the lives of Oregonians in crisis for a week!

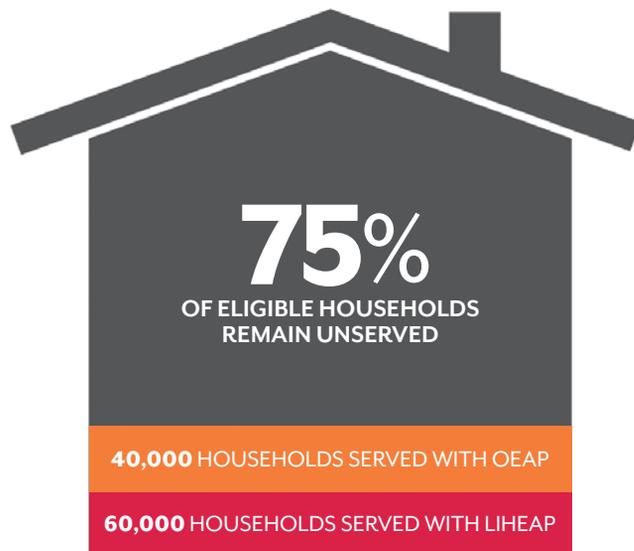
**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES** - People power is one of the most valuable services that you can provide! Volunteer for a one-time event or seek a leadership position!

**ENERGY ADVOCATES** - Advocate from home! Write a column, share a photo, craft a post, and OEF will highlight your skills. Contribute creatively for a unique impact!

**Learn more and find your fit at**  
[OregonEnergyFund.org/ThePowerGrid](http://OregonEnergyFund.org/ThePowerGrid)

## DID YOU KNOW?

During the last year, **431,537 Households** in Oregon were deemed eligible for energy assistance; and yet, available government funding could only meet 25% of this need.



**Oregon Energy Fund is the only nonprofit organization in the state dedicated to emergency energy assistance for those in crisis. OEF does not receive any government funding.**

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