A 63-year-old woman, who had not received help from us for 10 years, reached out to one of our partner agencies in Deschutes County. She was on her own and had recently lost her job.

She said “I don’t want to end up homeless. Can you help me?”

She didn’t see any way out of it, but we had a solution. We gave her a fresh start by paying off the debt on her utility bill and setting her up for a few months, giving her time to get a job and back on her feet.
Dear friends,

While post-pandemic employment recovery has been swift, many families have not been able to make up the income that was lost during “stay home” periods and are still significantly behind in their expenses. Worse yet, the number of utility customers with past due bills continues to be higher than it was pre-pandemic. One-time assistance payments can give families the help they require to pay their bills in full and not have to face a disconnection. This is the problem that OEF, with your support, solves for thousands of Oregonians every year.

All the time, we hear from recipients who tell us how receiving energy assistance meant they could pay the bills and buy food for their family, not having to choose one over the other. We recognize that the need for assistance continues to be high, which is why we are thrilled to have been able to expand our impact during the summer, as well as increase funding to rural counties across the state.

One of our most exciting accomplishments this year is the Nonprofit Energy Retrofit Collaboration. OEF and NW Natural have teamed up to assist Albertina Kerr, a nonprofit that serves Oregonians with developmental disabilities. Together, we are performing construction upgrades to help Kerr lower its energy costs and increase the overall health and quality of life for its residents. We are delighted to expand our programming in this way and look forward to assisting other nonprofits across the state in coming years.

Our annual benefit was held on October 29th this year at the Sentinel Hotel. With our highest turnout in recent years, we raised almost $70,000 to assist our neighbors in financial crisis with their energy bills to support household stability.

In the simplest terms, OEF has a solution that works. It matters. Your support makes a difference in the lives of your neighbors, every single day. I am inspired by the unwavering support shown by our community and am confident that we can build a brighter future together.

Sincerely,

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THE YEAR IN REVIEW

VOICES OF OREGON ENERGY FUND

“Each year as I write out and mail my contribution, I am thankful that I can be of some assistance. That my small contribution will keep heat and lights on, at least for a few.” – Teresa, OEF donor

“It’s very scary to face an Oregon winter without heat. I love the immediacy and focus of your program. You are guardian angels!” – Anonymous

“We are so glad you are looking out for our neighbors who need a bit of assistance. We feel strongly that we each need to be a ray of light for each other.” – Sheri & David, OEF donors

“Thank you all so very much for your help. It is so comforting to know I will be warm in the winter and cool in the summer.” – Karen, OEF client

“If I hadn’t received assistance, I wouldn’t have had electricity. If you don’t have electricity, you can’t live in your home. You don’t have your refrigerator, you don’t have your toilets, you don’t have your air conditioning, or your heaters. It’s dark and it’s cold. I am very grateful because without Oregon Energy Fund, I wouldn’t have been able to live here.” – Rickie, OEF client

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Low-income households, Black, Hispanic, Native American, renters, and older adult households all have disproportionately higher energy burdens than the national median household.

More than 1/4 of those who lost jobs during the COVID-19 crisis reported skipping or needing to skip a utility bill payment.

WHERE WE HELPED:

- Portland Metro: 1,309 people
- Gorge/Central: 241 people
- Mid-Valley: 416 people
- Coast: 51 people
- Southern: 1,386 people
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Total amount of funds distributed to Oregonians in need: $1,631,653.00

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FUNDING SOURCES:

- Individuals and Businesses: 53%
- Grants: 26%
- Oil Program: 18%
- Interest earnings: 2%
- Utility Partners: 1%

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SPENDING:

- Program: 73%
- Fundraising: 20%
- Management: 7%

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$30 powers a home for a week.

$100 keeps the power on for a month.

$500 can help someone catch up on their bills.

By making a legacy gift to Oregon Energy Fund, your generosity and foresight will help keep your neighbors power on for years to come.

1 IN 4 OREGONIANS give up necessities like food, rent and medicines to pay their energy bills.
In the last three years, Oregon Energy Fund has dramatically increased its development and fundraising results. These efforts have produced our two strongest fundraising seasons to date. With this organizational growth, the need to grow our team came hand in hand.

The Murdock Charitable Trust is supporting Oregon Energy Fund’s staffing for the next three years. A grant from the Trust is being used to pay for a new full-time position - a dedicated Accounting Assistant/Finance Coordinator. With both a full time Finance staffer and Program and Communications Coordinator to manage daily operations, we are better positioned to focus on the strategic and developmental work crucial to the future of the organization.

We look forward to providing critical assistance on large, multi-year programs and partnerships for high-risk populations like students and seniors. Support our work today with a donation to Oregon Energy Fund.

THE OEF TEAM IS GROWING!

SAE THE DATE
For our annual benefit on September 16th, 2023!