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# A YEAR IN REVIEW:

Dear friends,

Oregon Energy Fund is an organization that holds a crucial place in the hearts and lives of Oregonians. For over three decades, we have been dedicated to supporting and empowering individuals and families throughout the state. We understand the significance of energy security and the impact it has on every aspect of people's lives. From keeping a home warm during the coldest winter night to ensuring that the lights stay on during challenging times, our mission is to provide assistance that goes beyond temporary relief.

**We believe in tackling the root causes of energy insecurity, aiming for long-term stability and resilience for Oregonians.**

That stability is threatened when basic home maintenance and repairs are unaffordable for families. This is why Oregon Energy Fund has expanded our programming through corporate partnerships to include projects that offer no-cost repairs for heating and cooling equipment, insulation, and other costly appliances that keep people safe and energy bills manageable.

These partnerships allow us to keep donor contributions focused on energy assistance, while also allowing us to extend even greater support to clients in need.


As an organization deeply rooted in the community, we have witnessed firsthand the transformative power of our efforts. We have seen families lifted out of crisis, children given opportunities to thrive, and communities strengthened. Oregon Energy Fund is more than just an organization. For many, we are all that stands between them and the cold. In a world with so many barriers to building a bright and secure future, we are here to ensure that energy costs aren't one of them. As the country's only statewide energy assistance program, we take this responsibility seriously, but we can't do it alone.

***"In a world with so many barriers to building a bright and secure future, we are here to ensure that energy costs aren't one of them."***

**Your support enables us to continue creating a future where every Oregonian has the energy security they deserve.** This will ensure that families never have to face the heart-wrenching choice between electricity and food due to an unexpected crisis.

I continue to draw inspiration from the incredible support of our community, knowing that together, we can continue to make a meaningful difference in the lives of Oregonians.

Sincerely,



Brian Allbritton  
Executive Director

***Notice our new  
magazine-style format?***

**Not only do we love the new look,  
but it actually saves hundreds of  
dollars on printing and mailing.  
Another reminder that even small  
change can have big impact!**





# PROJECT HIGHLIGHT: AGAPE SQUARE

Agape Square, a Habitat for Humanity community in Portland's Cully neighborhood, has been chosen for Oregon Energy Fund's third energy retrofit project in the Portland Metro area. Fourteen diverse families call Agape Square home.

Maintaining a home is challenging for the low-income homeowners, especially when expensive critical repairs are needed. Oregon Energy Fund's retrofit program provides both short-term and long-term solutions to these families, ensuring that their homes will be safe and comfortable by winter.

In the words of Hans, a grateful Habitat for Humanity homeowner, ***"It felt like a blessing that it just came to us."*** These projects, he emphasizes, are not just helpful; they are crucial. They serve as the foundation upon which cherished memories are built and passed down through generations. Hans adds, ***"These kinda things are crucial and helpful to us to keep a well-working machine so that the kids can come over and enjoy the house that they grew up in. So it's important to us."***



Agape Square, Portland Oregon

## ILLUMINATE GALA

An evening to benefit energy assistance in Oregon

### SAVE THE DATE: SEPTEMBER 28, 2024!

We had our Illuminate Gala on September 16th, 2023 at the Sentinel Hotel and raised almost \$70,000 to power a brighter future for our neighbors in need!

Join us next year on September 28th, 2024 for an evening of live music, delicious food, and community.





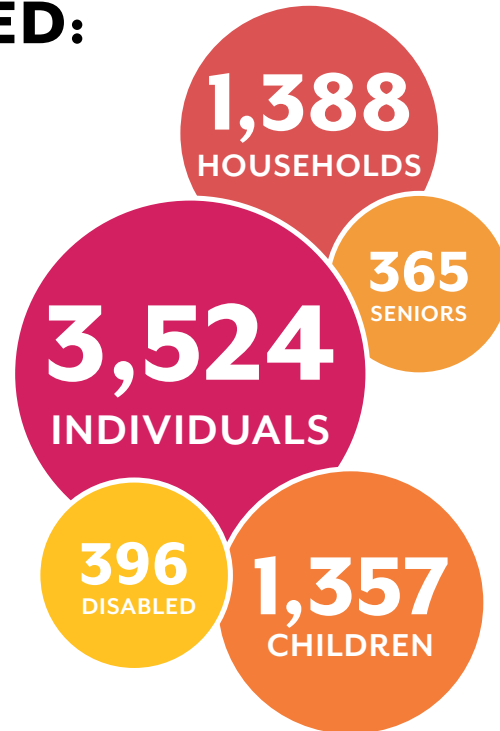
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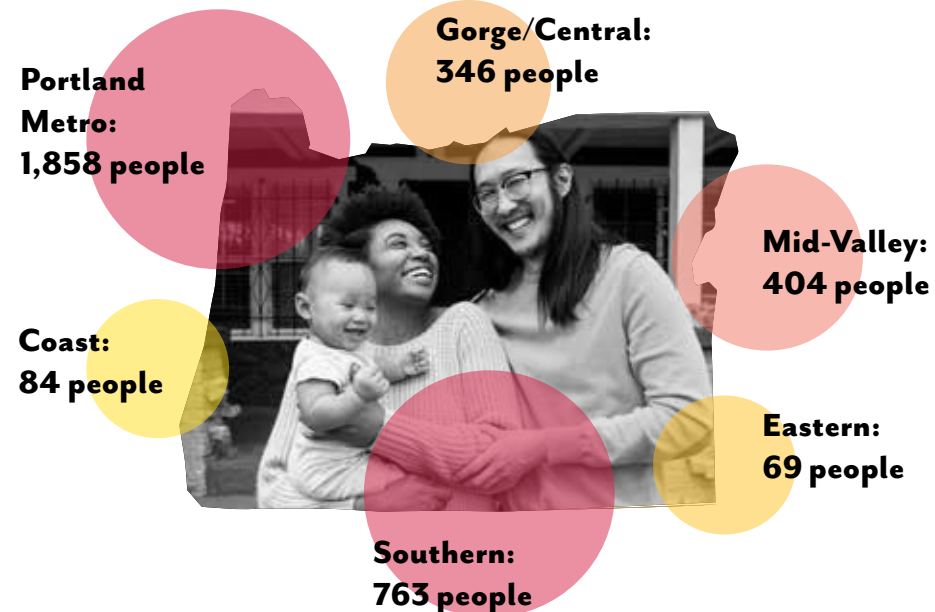
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## WHO WE HELPED:

White	47%
Hispanic/Latino	24%
Non-Hispanic/Latino	12%
Black	8%
Asian	1%
Other	3%
American Indian/ Alaska Native	1%
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	1%
Decline to State	3%



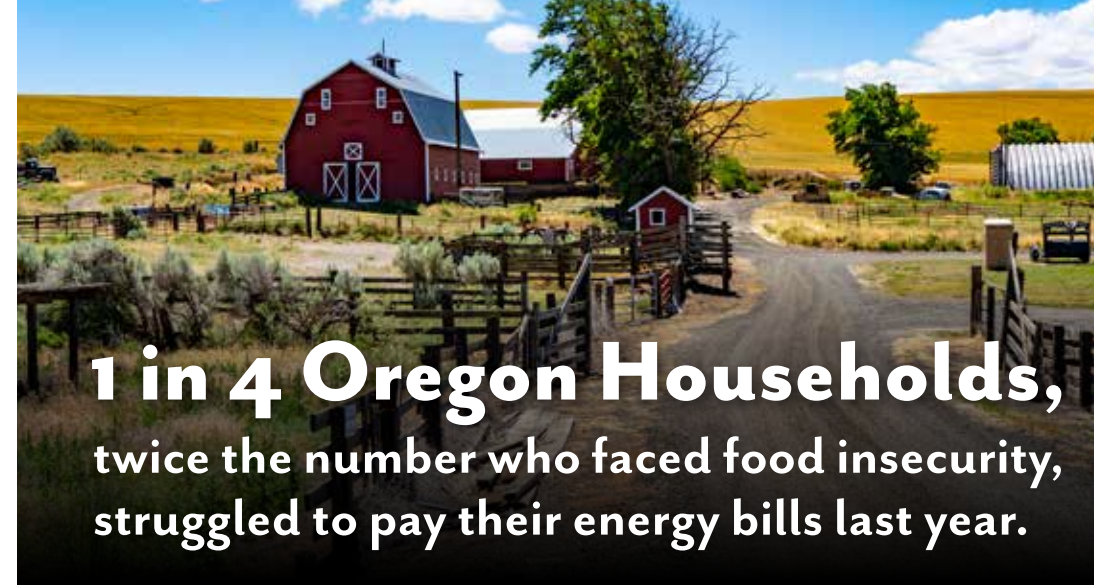
## WHERE WE HELPED:



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

"Getting laid off was a real blow to my family. I am glad Oregon Energy Fund was able to help us keep our power on in our home so I can focus on doing what it takes to be employed again."

- John, OEF Client



**1 in 4 Oregon Households,**  
twice the number who faced food insecurity,  
struggled to pay their energy bills last year.



**\$30**  
powers a home  
for a week.



**\$130**  
keeps the power  
on for a month.



**\$500**  
can help someone  
catch up on their bills.

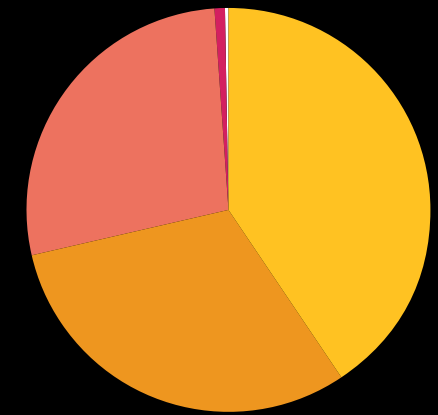
Oregon Energy Fund is the country's only  
statewide energy assistance nonprofit.

"I've never needed any kind of public assistance before and finding myself in such an unfamiliar situation was very hard and stressful. The guidance and energy assistance was much needed, and very appreciated. I am very thankful for the kindness and understanding."

Oregon Energy Fund is a fantastic organization that fills a much needed gap in our community."

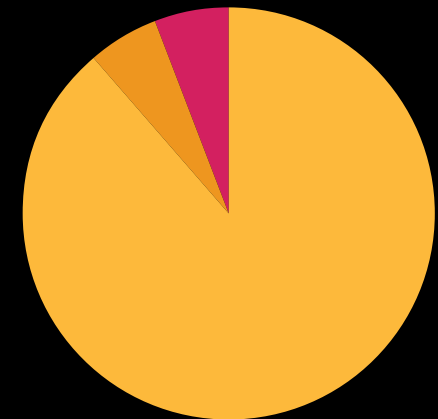
- Kim, OEF Client

## FUNDING SOURCES:



Grants:	41%
Individuals & Businesses:	30%
Utility Partners:	28%
Interest Earnings:	1%
Oil Program:	.02%

## SPENDING:



Program:	88.8%
Fundraising:	5.4%
Management:	5.8%

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A photograph of a young Black woman wearing a green hijab and a yellow long-sleeved shirt. She is smiling and holding a stack of white papers or books. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with trees and sunlight.

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**Amarah was a dedicated student, determined to succeed in her spring term.** However, life had a different plan for her. A month before the end of the semester, her primary source of income as a delivery driver came to a screeching halt. Her faithful car had finally given up on her. Amarah's earnings vanished overnight, leaving her with a stack of unpaid bills.

With the commitment to see Amarah through her difficulties, Oregon Energy Fund offered a helping hand. We provided financial assistance to keep her power on during this trying period. The relief Amarah felt was immeasurable and allowed her to focus on her studies without constant worry.

The story of Amarah is a testament to the Oregon Energy Fund's mission to serve not only families but also students, recognizing that education is a powerful tool to overcome adversity. **By assisting students like Amarah, we ensure that the flame of ambition continues to burn even in the darkest of times.**