

BANDON DUNES GOLF RESORT

CHARITABLE GIVING 2025





Dear Friends,

Giving back to the South Coast by investing in community-based organizations is central to the mission of Bandon Dunes Charitable Foundation (BDCF). What began as a deep commitment to community alongside the founding of Bandon Dunes Golf Resort has grown into a legacy of generosity and partnership.

BDCF oversees and coordinates all of Bandon Dunes' charitable efforts. Over the years, we have directed more than \$21.5 million to triple-bottom-line grants, rapid response grants, community impact grants, scholarships and staff-driven programs.

As Bandon Dunes grows, so does our giving capacity. In 2025, BDCF deployed more than \$2 million to support South Coast conservation initiatives, community partnerships and economic resilience efforts, while also expanding support for youth golf, scholarships, education and community health.

We are equally proud of initiatives that engage our staff and partners more personally in this work, from matched giving programs to team-driven donations. These efforts foster a culture of generosity and collaboration with a shared purpose

rooted in initiatives that catalyze efforts on the South Coast.

Our work is made possible through the continued generosity of the Keiser family and the ongoing success of Bandon Dunes Golf Resort. We are grateful for their evolving and expanding commitment to charitable giving that strengthens the well-being and resilience of our communities.

We also extend heartfelt thanks to our partners, grantees and friends across the South Coast. Your insights, collaboration and dedication inspire us and are driving meaningful change across our region. The stories in this annual report demonstrate the power of collaboration and the lasting impact we can achieve together.

We are honored to work alongside you, and we look forward to building an even stronger, more vibrant South Coast in 2026 and beyond.

With gratitude,

Marie Simonds
Executive Director



OUR TEAM

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Executive Director

Paula Thompson
Program & Administrative Assistant



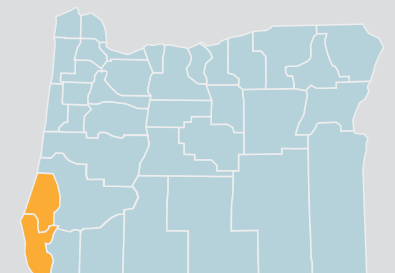


OUR PRIORITIES

Healthy fish and species habitats, working landscapes and seascapes, sustainable tourism, community collaboration, sustainable business, community health and well-being, accessible child care, education, scholarships, workforce housing, and local golf programs.

OUR SERVICE AREA

Communities and working lands across Coos and Curry counties, focusing on the Coquille River watershed south through the Winchuck River watershed.



BANDON DUNES GOLF RESORT

2025 IMPACT

Since 2006, Bandon Dunes Golf Resort has supported hundreds of South Coast organizations, increasing its generosity by adding the net proceeds from Bandon Preserve — the resort's first short course — in 2012, and from Shorty's, its 19-hole short course, in 2024.



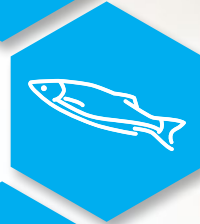
\$21.5M
supporting the South Coast since inception



\$2M
in total gifts
to 58 grantees



2,560
local volunteer hours
from BDGR employees



13,350
invasive bass removed
at Bass Derby



\$5.8M
secured by CCD for South Coast
community-building grants



86
businesses mentored
by SCDC Innovation Hub



\$750K
SOWIB construction
trades program grant



\$3.3M
catalyzed to address
regional housing needs



\$115,000
in first-year scholarships for
16 South Coast students



1,856
youth engaged through
Boys & Girls Club outreach



~93,000
books checked out from
Bandon Library

“I’ve been trained to take 100-year view on this work. Looking at all these farms and ranches that have been on the South Coast for 100 years, and knowing that they will still exist in another hundred years, is really powerful.”

—Amy Knapp Pettit, Executive Director,
Wild Rivers Land Trust



CONSERVATION

FOUNDED IN 2000, Wild Rivers Land Trust (WRLT) buys land or holds conservation easements that conserve land in perpetuity, safeguarding key habitats, species, ecological processes and working lands on the South Coast.

In 2025, WRLT wrapped up its largest working lands project to date. After more than 10 years of planning, a conservation easement for the 775-acre Wahl Ranch will protect fish and wildlife habitats and the local agricultural heritage for future generations.

WRLT Executive Director Amy Knapp Pettit has a strong personal connection to this project. “I’ve known the Wahls my whole life,” she says. “My family farm is across the river. Four generations of my family and theirs farmed and ranched alongside each other.”

WRLT also received EPA brownfields funding to clean up the contaminated Western States Plywood mill site, which is adjacent to their office in the Elk River watershed.

“A donor who is very passionate about the Elk River purchased it, and we have a 99-year lease,” Amy explains. “Our goal is to get the contamination out of the ground and then restore the stream that runs through it, which has a dam and a weir preventing fish passage.”

When managing these massive projects stretched WRLT’s small team to its limit, BDCF helped to ease the strain with capacity funding. “Before that, we were turning landowners away,” Amy recalls. “Now, we have eight properties in our queue. We’re talking with working land owners, timber and watershed properties.”

She sees BDCF’s role as going far beyond that of a typical funder: “When I’ve got a question or need help, I know I can pick up the phone and ask them.”

In 2026, Amy looks forward to working with Tribal partners on issues of cultural access and land management. “Our whole team is really excited and motivated to learn from our Tribal partners and how that changes our focus areas,” she says. ■



TOP LEFT
Curry County restoration work.

ABOVE
A tour of the Western States Plywood mill site.

GRANTEES



Coos Curry Housing Authority
Powers Garden wellness program.



Ocean Foundation/Red Fish Rocks Community Team
Community outreach and water sampling.



Coos Watershed Association
Native Plant Nursery facility upgrades.



Oregon Agricultural Trust
Opportunities and tools to assist ag landowners.



Coquille River STEP Association
Bass removal from salmon habitat.



Oregon State University Foundation
Gorse abatement research and development.



Coquille Watershed Association
Pesticide monitoring in the Bandon watershed.



The Conservation Fund
Feasibility study for forestland project.



Curry Soil & Water Conservation District
Coho habitat restoration; Gorse Action Group; community engagement.



The Understory Initiative
Increasing silvery phacelia seed production to restore native habitat.



Elakha Alliance
Sea otter education and engagement.



Willamette Partnership
Comprehensive water needs assessment.

“It’s impossible to describe what this type of a building does for a community. It can be a theater, it can be an education facility, it can be a command center. From an economic standpoint, they can rent out the stage; they can rent the facility for community events. It also brings money into the city coffers.”

—Lehi Dowell, Deputy Director,
CCD Business Development Corporation



ECONOMY

SAGGING UNDER DECADES of harsh weather, with a leaky roof and a moldy interior, Port Orford’s community center was long overdue for renovation.

“It was beyond dirty,” says Tobe Porter. “You couldn’t clean it!”

Tobe and Rotary member John Johnston co-chair a group that first raised \$120,000 toward renovation of the community center and adjacent American Legion Hall. After CCD Business Development Corporation worked with City Manager John Huttli to secure a \$1.5 million federal community-building grant, the project gained momentum, and the group secured an additional \$200,000 from BDCF, Oregon Community Foundation and local donors.

When work began in May 2025, accessibility features like ramps and railings were a priority. “That was the first thing designed,” Tobe says. “If you had any kind of mobility issue, you couldn’t enter either building straightforwardly.”

The breezeway between the two buildings, which had been open to wind and rain, is now

a protected vestibule, and the center has a new roof, new siding, a larger stage, ADA-compliant bathrooms, and new sound and HVAC systems. The grand opening was in February 2026. Meanwhile, with more than half of the renovation funds raised, Tobe expects the new Legion Hall to open by December 2026.

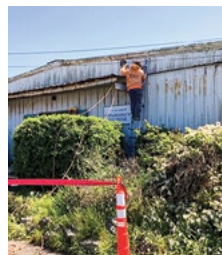
Lehi Dowell of CCD, whose technical assistance with complex issues like procurement and compliance is funded in part by BDCF, has been impressed with Tobe’s efforts: “She’s able to raise money like I’ve never seen!”

“We couldn’t have done it without CCD,” Toby emphasizes, adding that Mayor Ann Vileisis and City Manager Melissa Radcliffe also worked closely with the core fundraising group.

“What I love about Port Orford is that we don’t have any money, but somehow we always manage to come up with the money to do things,” she reflects. “People really come out to support local efforts, and that support is what makes things happen.” ■



GRANTEES



PHOTOS
Port Orford Community Center during and after renovation.



Alternative Youth Activities
At-risk youth education and training.



Port of Bandon
Tourism and educational enhancements.



CDC Business Development Corp.
Technical assistance programs.



South Coast Development Council, Inc.
Business recruitment, retention and expansion.



City of Bandon
Community center upgrades and library materials.



Southern Oregon Coast Regional Housing
Community land trust exploration and housing efforts.



City of Port Orford
Community center renovations.



Southern Oregon Workforce Investment Board
Child care business incentives; Recruit HIPPO.



Coos County Habitat for Humanity
Home repair for low-income families.



University of Oregon Foundation
Charleston Marine Life Center internships.



Gold Beach Main Street
Project support and capacity.



Wild Rivers Coast Trails Association
Stewardship for new and existing trails.

“We were able to run digital art camps that were completely packed. You know it’s a top-shelf program when kids are waiting in line and having to plan their week around what day they get to get into the studio because it’s so full.”

—Jay Link, Operations Director,
Boys & Girls Club of Southwestern Oregon



COMMUNITY

CHILDREN ON THE SOUTH COAST need companionship and fun things to do, especially in the cold, dark, wet winter months. Since 1982, Boys & Girls Club of Southwestern Oregon has given its members year-round access to development and enrichment opportunities. In the wake of COVID-19, the Club has been pioneering virtual options such as a new e-sports program that uses social gaming to promote structured team dynamics.

“The program is not just giving them something they already enjoy,” says Operations Director Jay Link. “It’s giving them the opportunity to be part of a team, to establish effective communication, mental dexterity and critical thinking.”

The Club has also developed a new digital media studio. While regional high schools do give older students access to digital media tools, the Boys & Girls Club serves children as young as 6.

“We’ve been getting the kids involved in everything from podcasting and videologging to editing and marketing,” Jay says. “One of the most rewarding

results is seeing members who are normally very shy come out of their shells and open up when their camera turns on.”

The garden program is another popular feature that expanded last year: “We were able to improve the looks and the design. We were also able to add chickens, and the kids got to help design and build a full chicken coop. They really embrace the opportunity to be responsible for those chickens! They go out every day and feed the girls, collect the eggs and make sure they’re healthy.”

Looking ahead, the Boys & Girls Club hopes to develop more options for music education in 2026. The team is also gearing up for a new work readiness program, which will include regular virtual expos for members.

Resource Development Manager Rob Miles emphasizes that BDCF’s grant for general support gave the Club plenty of flexibility to meet the evolving needs of its members: “We’re so appreciative — not only for what they do for us, but for the whole community.” ■



GRANTEES

PHOTO

Boys & Girls Club members in the Club’s improved greenhouse.



After-School Enrichment Activities

Bandon Youth Sports; Boys & Girls Club of Southwestern Oregon.



Community Well-Being

Coos Health and Wellness; Make-A-Wish Foundation; Southern Coos Health Foundation.



Youth Education

Bandon Community Youth Center; Bandon School District; Riley Creek Playground; Coastal Families Relief Nursery; Southwestern Oregon Community College Foundation.



Nutritional Support

Coos Health & Wellness; South Coast Business Senior Meals.



Community Operational Support

Bandon Historical Society Museum; Coos Historical Society Museum; Veterans of Foreign War Post 3440.



Golf Programming

Oregon Junior Golf Fund; all local high school programs; and Southwestern Oregon Community College golf programs.

“Access is particularly important for classical music, but also for outdoor activities. We all have barriers that keep us from doing things that maybe we might enjoy doing, so we try to be aware of these things and to create a safe feeling and a very welcoming environment.”

—Lori Noack, Executive Director,
IN A LANDSCAPE: Classical Music in the Wild™



SMALL GRANTS

INSPIRED BY THE WPA’s Federal Music Project, which staged free concerts on public lands during the Depression era, the In a Landscape concert series brings pianist Hunter Noack and his 9-foot Steinway grand to wilderness areas all across Oregon, from forest and lakes to seashores and deserts. Audience members listen in headphones, which allows them to explore their surroundings as they please.

Over the last 10 years, Hunter has attracted many loyal followers who often travel 50 miles or more to hear him, making his visits to rural areas like the South Coast a major driver of tourism as well as a highly anticipated local event.

In September 2025, BDCF supported concerts at Shore Acres State Park in Coos Bay. “Bandon Dunes prioritizes bringing this event to their community,” says Executive Director Lori Noack, “and we get such a positive response down here.”

In addition to helping with the cost and logistics of transporting six people and a piano into the

wilderness, funding from BDCF and other loyal sponsors supports ticket giveaways, putting these concerts within anybody’s reach.

“We had about 750 people at our South Coast concerts,” Lori estimates. “About 20% of those tickets were distributed free to community members.”

Lori recognizes that there’s a lot more to accessibility than affordability. Just as some rural attendees may never have been to a classical music concert, some concertgoers may never have been in the forest at night. Accordingly, she aims to help people from all backgrounds feel that they belong at these events and to find common ground with fellow music lovers.

“We’re entering our second decade, and every year I feel like it’s more important,” she says. “We need more of these kinds of things where people can feel they are in community with others, sharing an experience and having the sense that there’s more than the immediate moment to our life and to our spirit.” ■



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PHOTO

Pianist Hunter Noack performs at Shore Acres State Park in September 2025.



Bandon Boosters

National golf tournament support.



Port Orford Main Street

Enriched visitor experiences



Bandon Chamber of Commerce

Support for the Cranberry Festival.



Shifting Tides Northwest

Sustainable seafood education and event.



Circles in the Sand

Accessible beach labyrinths.



The Bandon Shed

Free community music and education.



Fishing Poles for Kids Oregon Coast

Free fishing poles for kids under 15.



Travel Southern Oregon Coast

Convening regional tourism stakeholders.



In a Landscape

Outdoor classical music events.



Valley Flora

Clean distribution efforts.



Oregon International Port of Coos Bay

Trail development exploration.



Washed Ashore Project

Cosmo, the Tufted Puffin sculpture.



OSU GEMM Labs

Gray whale research internships.

“The Little Theatre on the Bay has been a community pillar for decades. My wife and I have been involved since preschool age and have now brought our own children into the theater. Dedicating time to the theater is now even better, knowing that our volunteer hours help to fund additional programming, youth opportunities and preservation of the historic Liberty Theatre.”

— Nathan Kahler, Digital Marketing Producer,
Bandon Dunes Golf Resort

MATCHED GIVING

IN ADDITION TO matching staff donations dollar for dollar, Bandon Dunes’ employee gift-matching program provides a portion of our annual matching gifts at \$5,000 per employee, up to \$2,500 of which can be for volunteer hours. This program doubles the impact of gifts to the causes our team members care about most.

Together, we are achieving great results, with over \$95,000 going to our local and regional schools and organizations. This amazing impact is driven by the dedicated work and generosity of our team, including:

- **\$29,391** in direct donations.
- **2,560** volunteer hours.
- **\$66,483** in matched-giving contributions from the resort.

Although the program supports giving nationwide, our greatest impact was right here on the South Coast. Top recipients included:

- **\$12,000** to Susan G. Komen from monetary donations with match.

- **\$11,405** to the Boys & Girls Club of Southwestern Oregon from a combination of monetary donations with match and volunteer hours.
- **\$9,120** to Bandon Youth Sports, based on 608 volunteer hours.

These generous contributions from Bandon Dunes team members are bolstering youth sports, educational enrichment, cultural events and other programs on the South Coast while also strengthening our vital community resources.



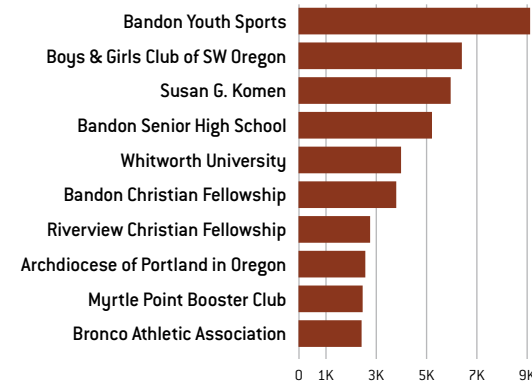
PHOTOS

Above: Hannah and Nathan Kahler and their children onstage at the Liberty Theatre in Coos Bay, home of Little Theatre on the Bay. Left: Liberty Theatre Opry. Photos courtesy of Mr. Mike Photography.

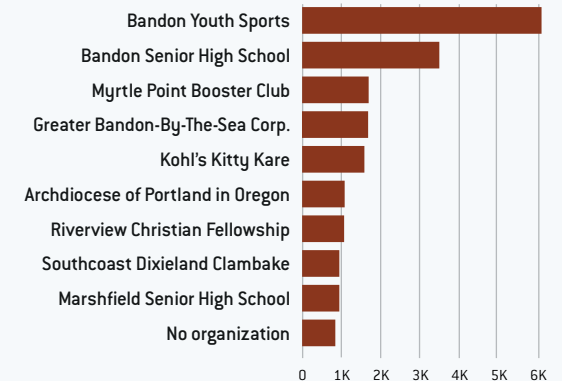


EMPLOYEE GIFT-MATCHING PROGRAM: IMPACT AREAS

Top 10 Charities by Donation Amount



Top 10 Charities by Volunteer Hours



“I’m so thankful that this scholarship opened the door for me to work hard toward my goals. I’ve been so lucky to have such great support. I couldn’t ask for anything better.”

—Megan Pearson, Jim Seeley Memorial Scholarship Fund Recipient

SCHOLARSHIPS

“I’VE ALWAYS BEEN interested in medicine and family health,” Megan Pearson says. “In high school, I remember taking my first anatomy class and loving learning about the human body and how it works.”

A resident of Brookings since second grade, Megan is now a senior at Oregon State University, pursuing a major in nutrition health sciences and a minor in chemistry. Her goal is to become a physician associate (PA). “I originally started college with the intent to be a dietitian,” she explains. “That’s why I pursued the degree in nutrition sciences. But as I’ve taken more courses at OSU, I discovered a love for medicine and the idea of being a provider. I like the idea of helping people make positive decisions not just for their nutritional needs, but for their overall health journey.”

Thanks to the Jim Seeley Memorial Scholarship, Megan has been able to focus on her studies and avoid the burden of student loans and long work hours as she fulfills her requirements for

graduation and prepares to earn her PA license.

She vividly recalls the day she learned about her award. “I was a senior in high school,” she says, “and I was called into the office, not knowing why. I saw my mom there and a large group of my teachers and office staff. Through a Zoom call, I was told that I was receiving a full-ride four-year scholarship. I remember bursting into tears because it was such an unexpected thing! I worked hard in school, but honestly, I never dreamed of that happening for me. It was such an enormous blessing in that moment, and continues to be.”

Megan has always loved school, but she credits her mom with encouraging her aspirations and helping her research options in the medical field. She also notes the benefits of developing strong personal connections at local schools. “I was able to have closer relationships with my teachers because class sizes were small and the schools were small,” she reflects. “They knew



ABOVE
Megan Pearson, 2022 Jim Seeley Memorial Scholarship Fund recipient.



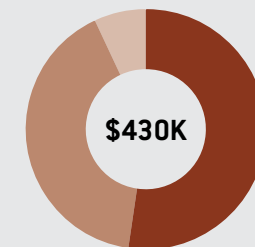
my personality and my strengths, and they were invested in helping me with my future direction.”

Once she gets her PA license, Megan hopes to practice in a semirural mountainous area similar to Brookings.

“More and more PAs are being hired because patients can get in to see them faster than they can a doctor,” Megan notes. “It’s just an easier way to help manage the provider shortage.”

Looking far ahead, Megan hopes at some point in her career to be able to create her own scholarship fund: “I would definitely want to do that, because I know how much my scholarship has impacted my life. I would love to be able to make that difference in someone else’s life as well.” ■

SCHOLARSHIP STATS



Bandon Dunes Golf Resort has been funding annual scholarships since 2006, supporting the dreams of more than 40 South Coast students each year.

- **Jim Seeley Memorial Scholarship Fund** \$225,000
- **Bandon Dunes Golf Resort Scholarship Fund** \$175,000
- **Bandon Dunes Golf Resort Community Scholarships** \$30,000

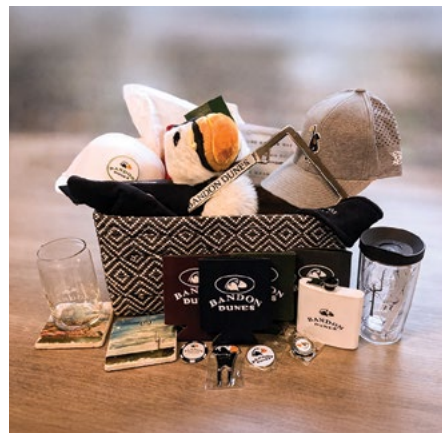


LEFT
Gorse Blossom Festival in Bandon,
February 14–16, 2025.

TOP
Central Coos Fire and Rescue Auction.

CENTER
Bandon Dunes auction basket from the
Bite of Bandon Annual Culinary Showcase.

BOTTOM
Pacific School of Dance, Coos Bay.



TOP
The annual South Coast
Clambake Musical Festival
was held at the Ko-Kwel Casino
Hotel and RV Park in North Bend,
March 2025.

CENTER
Bandon Good Earth Community
Garden provides space for
community members to grow
organic produce and plants.
Each year, Good Earth members
harvest produce not just for
their own families but also
for community food security
programs.

BOTTOM LEFT
The 34th annual Umpqua
Fishing Enhancement Derby
took place in January 2025.
Since its founding, the Derby
has contributed \$2.1 million
to local fishery enhancement,
watershed restoration and
education projects. The 2025
Derby sold out, with more than
750 attendees.



TEAM-DRIVEN EFFORTS

IN ADDITION TO matched giving, Bandon Dunes Golf Resort supports local activities and programs in which our staff are involved, ranging from extracurricular programs for children to community events that will benefit the South Coast. On request from a team member, Bandon Dunes may donate swag bags for fundraising

at events our staff wish to attend. This is another powerful way to strengthen South Coast communities by boosting our staff's volunteerism and engagement. These photos show a few of the community organizations, programs and events that Bandon Dunes has supported in response to staff requests. ■



OUR FOUNDER

Inspired by the vision of Mike Keiser (*right*), the 13-hole par-3 Bandon Preserve course made a commitment to conservation, community and economic vitality. The creation of Shorty's, a 19-hole par-3 course honoring original caretaker Warren "Shorty" Dow, deepened that commitment. Today, the Keiser family continues to focus their generosity through the Bandon Dunes Charitable Foundation. This strategic endeavor deepens partnerships, advances lasting regional impact and ensures golf remains a driving catalyst for a thriving South Coast.

OUR STEERING COMMITTEE



Carlos Garcia
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Mark Grenbemer



Marjorie Crook
Joe Whitworth
Wayne Krieger



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THANK YOU TO ALL MEMBERS!

Special thanks and best wishes to Wayne Krieger and Mary Wahl for their many years of service on our Steering Committee.

Bandon Dunes Charitable Foundation

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