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Community Services Consortium celebrates 40 years with 5 Days of Giving Fundraiser

This year, Community Services Consortium (CSC) celebrates 40 years of service in Linn, Benton and Lincoln Counties. Over their 40 years, CSC has served more than 500,000 community members: enough people to fill every seat in OSU's Reser Stadium 10 times over.

In celebration of this milestone anniversary, CSC will launch *5 Days of Giving*, a fundraising campaign this Nov. 16-20.

The fundraiser aims to increase CSC's ability to serve community members in need through housing, utility, food, education, and rental assistance programs.

As a public, not-for-profit organization, CSC's work is supported by federal, state, and local grants, as well as private donations. However, they rely on the generous support of the community to help close the gap when funding and grants fall short of community needs. That is especially critical when CSC responds to emergencies.

Although CSC applied for and received additional money, it will be far from enough to address the projected, long-term needs created by the pandemic and wildfires. In addition, CSC extends support to local partners.

"The scope and complexity of issues everyone is facing is beyond the ability of any one organization to address," said Pegge McGuire, acting executive director of Community Services Consortium. "CSC, as your community action agency, is pleased to be able to help by delivering a wide range of programs as well as supporting our partners who do this critical work collaboratively. Each and every one of us is an important part of the resilience of our community."

Their *5 Days of Giving* campaign is the first agency-wide fundraiser in CSC's history. Fundraiser begins Monday, Nov. 16, lasting through Friday, Nov. 20.

Donations can be made to individual programs or to the agency as a whole. Donating is accessible on their website, communityservices.us, or can be mailed to their main office: 250 Broadalbin St. SW, Ste. 2A, Albany, OR 97321.

Donations will be used to continue the invaluable work they've been doing the last 40 years, as well as increased initiatives this year in response to the current economic challenges. So far, CSC has helped house over 1,200 individuals financially impacted by the pandemic, providing over \$2 million in rental assistance.

They have also provided over 109,000 pounds of food every week to Linn and Benton Counties since the start of the pandemic through Linn Benton Food Share. Their Utility Assistance program has already served over 10,000 individuals this year, including over 1,000 people that were COVID-impacted.

All of these important services and more would not be possible without the generous support of the community. To donate or learn more, visit their website: communityservices.us.

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