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Library Foundation of Washington County - Board Member Invitation

Thank you for your interest in the Library Foundation of Washington County, Oregon (LFWC). Our mission is to ensure the success of special projects and services offered through the public and legal library programs and services based in Washington County.

As a 501(C)3 non-profit organization formed in 2018, the LFWC assists two countywide library entities. It supports the Washington County Cooperative Library Services (WCCLS) and the Washington County Law Library. It is important to note that LFWC <u>does not</u> raise money for day-to-day local library operations. The Foundation, WCCLS, and the Law Library work together to determine where private funds should be spent in support of libraries in order to have the greatest impact for Washington County residents through enhancing services and resources.

LFWC currently has seven board members. We are open to adding additional members in the coming year as our fund-raising and promotional activities increase.

- In 2019 we held a successful fund-raising event at Ruby Vineyard and Winery.
- In 2020, due to COVID restrictions, we canceled a repeat Winery event, but had a very successful appeal campaign. We also established connections with organizations that facilitate corporate and individual donations such as Benevity, YourCause, Facebook, Amazon Smile, and Fred Meyer Community Rewards.
- In 2021, we held a hybrid virtual/in-person event featuring noted motivational speaker and author Kevin Carroll. Kevin's latest book, A Kid's Book of Belonging, was part of "Oprah's Favorite Things for 2020."
- In 2022 we revamped our website, implemented a more robust financial tracking system, and started an online Newsletter to increase communication with donors.
- In 2023 and 2024 we held very successful Pairings & Pages wine and food pairing events at the Reser Center for the Performing Arts that included both expert wine commentary and silent auctions.

Our opportunities in the coming year include:

- Implementing more organized donor management tracking to maximize support and retain donors,
- Continuing to increase public awareness about the Foundation through the website, social media, press, events, etc., and
- Building Board capacity for growth.

Questions? Check out our website, www.lfwcoregon.org, or ask any Board member. Thank you!

Hannah McCausland, President; Cindy Romaine, Vice President; Doug Peterson, Fiscal Agent; Paul Sander, Treasurer; Eva Calcagno, Secretary; Mackenzie Schmitt, Newsletter; Gitanjali Jain, Fundraising. Staff from WCCLS and the Law Library serve as Ex-Officio.