

HELPING LOCAL CHARITIES THRIVE



CAMAS-WASHOUGAL
COMMUNITY CHEST

SINCE 1946



Our History



"1. To promote the welfare of the community of the cities of Camas and Washougal, Washington, to solicit, collect and otherwise raise money for patriotic, war, charitable, philanthropic or other benevolent purposes, and to expend, distribute, disburse and otherwise handle, invest and dispose of the same for such purposes; to relieve existing philanthropic and civic organizations from the necessity of making separate appeals and collections, thereby enabling beneficiary organizations to more effectively carry on the work they are organized to do."

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF we, the undersigned incorporators, have hereunto set our hands this 25th day of February, A.D. 1946

Dr. G. K. Harris
Admund Egas
Margie S. Howard

RICHARD LAWTON and HUGH A. KNAPP, each being first duly sworn on oath, depose and say: That they are respectively the President and Treasurer of Camas Community Chest, Inc.; that on September 25, 1956, at a meeting of the members of said corporation, notice of which was given in compliance with the By-Laws thereof, the above and foregoing Resolution was duly passed and the amendments to said Articles of Incorporation were unanimously adopted by the members of said corporation present at said meeting.

Richard E. Lawton
Hugh A. Knapp



Mission Statement:

A philanthropic organization providing grants to local charitable organizations to improve the welfare of our community.

WHAT WE DO

We collect donations from individuals and businesses and distribute them to nonprofits providing services in our community.

WHERE & WHY?

We advance the welfare of Camas & Washougal by funding grants across a range of needs:

- *poverty, hunger, homelessness*
- *schools and education*
- *health, welfare, special needs*
- *natural resource conservation*
- *crisis and emergency services*
- *civic, culture, arts, history*
- *diversity, equity, and inclusivity*

Last year, your donations helped the C-W Community Chest distribute **\$128,000** in grants to **28 local agencies**, providing over **19,500** individual services, including:

- **25,175** meals were prepared and delivered to **201** seniors by **Meals on Wheels People**
- **3,744** food bags were distributed to **178** families by the **Inter-Faith Treasure House**
- **520** children and **195** teens participated in the Summer Reading Program at the Camas Public Library sponsored by the **Friends and Foundation of the Camas Library**



Our grant to Camas Farmers Market **Produce Pals:**

- Provides Youth with engaging educational activities covering nutrition, farm practices, science of gardening, healthy living and caring for plants.
- Also used to match SNAP benefits for low-income residents.



Our grant to **West Columbia Gorge Humane Society** provides:

- Programs designed to keep pets and people together during times of hardship, crisis or emergency.
- A pet food pantry, temporary pet boarding, impound fee relief, and emergency veterinary care.
- Enabling people in crisis to retain their pet.
- For people in crisis, pets provide unconditional love, companionship, improved health, stress reduction, and well-being.



Our grant to the Camas and Washougal **Principal's Checkbook** provides:

- Principals in the CSD and WSD with funds to help students in financial need have access to activities, services, or materials necessary for a well-rounded, quality education.
- Principals and teachers can pay for clothes, shoes, activity fees, head lice treatment, or emergency medical treatment deemed necessary by the school's principal to help ensure equitable education for students in need.



Our grant to the **Janus Youth Program** provides:

- Guaranteed beds available for Camas-Washougal youth at SW Washington's only crisis intervention shelter for youth ages 9-17.
- Emergency services, youth activities, education, health, and welfare program for at-risk youth.
- Case management services vital to achieving family reunification or state services referral.
- An "emergency room" available for run away youth. Otherwise these kids would be on the street.



New Community Chest partnership with the **Camas-Washougal Rotary Foundation**

Says Rotary Foundation President Kathy Bussman: “We are pleased to join forces with the Community Chest. Together we can **Do More Good** in Camas and Washougal. The Rotary commitment to Service above Self will also add volunteers to the mix as we work to make a difference for many families.”

With Rotary’s partnership, we were able to fund **4** additional grants in 2021. The Rotary Foundation pledged **\$12,000** for our 2022 campaign.



Our 2022 Campaign

- We launched our annual fundraising drive with a goal of raising **\$125,000 for 2022 grants**
- C-W Community Chest has no paid employees and very low expenses. We have pledged to give back every dollar donated.
- Over **97% of all donations** have gone directly back into the community. (The remaining 2-3% largely covers insurance and printing fees.)
- Now is the time to donate:
 - via your payroll deduction plan
 - or at www.CamasWashougalCommunityChest.org/donate
- Please help us get the word out to other organizations in our community.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

