



NeighborImpact

Supporting People, Strengthening Communities.

These frightful times try us to our core. They also allow us to remember the most basic things about ourselves: what we love, what matters most, what moves us, and how we choose to act. We feel grateful, relevant, maybe even necessary. Then, we search for our own way, our best way, to meet this challenge that confronts us all.

Scores of Central Oregonians have turned to NeighborImpact - before and during the coronavirus pandemic - as one of the best ways to take on challenges. People have come to know us, and they have trusted us over the decades, through thick and thin, to deliver services that lift up individuals and communities: to feed the hungry, house the homeless and stabilize the rent-burdened; to educate pre-k children and safeguard the elderly; to support homeowners and families taking steps to build prosperity. We do these things and more, every day – and COVID-19 stopped nothing. If anything, we have ramped up our efforts, standing up not only newly-struggling households but also our non-profit partners.

Before COVID-19 struck, when we all reported to our offices for work, the best part of my day was hearing the voices of people who came in worried and needing help, then leaving relieved and hopeful. Now, working from home, the best moments come from fielding calls from people who, spared the worst of the pandemic, want to help others in their own, best way. With thoughtfulness and with loving hearts, they look to us to deliver on their spirit of commitment.

Throughout this emergency, we have proven to ourselves and to the community that we, as individuals and as an organization, are prepared, adaptable, up to the challenge, resilient, and that we have the strength to last. NeighborImpact is all of these things because of caring people who feel moved to act and do so by supporting us. Perhaps you share that desire. If so, know that NeighborImpact welcomes your donation, of any amount, and that we will use it responsibly and well, through these trying times and beyond.

Your hope gives us hope. May our strength give you strength.

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