

Local FEMA Board Awards Grant for Meals Support.

The local FEMA Board met Wednesday, February 22nd to review requests from six local service agencies seeking support for meals and housing services. Grants ranged from \$1,000 to \$7174. The Klamath Senior Center was awarded \$7,173. The grant will help fund nearly 2400 congregate meals at the Senior Center. Congregate meals are served each weekday from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. There is no charge for seniors age 60 and over, but donations are accepted. Although government funds cover part of the meal expenses, the center must raise almost half of the cost on its own.

The Senior Center has had to raise its goals this year for donations and foundation support due to the rapidly increasing cost of supplies, especially food for our meals programs. Our food service expense alone will exceed budgeted funds by more than \$47,000 this year due to the unexpected impact of inflation on food supplies. Other budget lines are also falling short as well in meeting the demands of rising costs and demand for services. The Center is hopeful that the general public, like our foundation supporters, also recognizes these challenges and is able to increase donations this year to help support our seniors.

All our gifts are valued the same no matter how large or how small. They all add up to making our community a better place and to our ability to honor our older adult residents.

January 2023 donations of \$24,321 were received from the following organizations and individuals:

KMSB Foundation
Linda Bourcy
Eileen Andrewson Thorpe
Klamath County, Oregon
Refuge City Church
Marta Stephens
Geraldine Schindler
Kenneth Banes
Duckworth Family
Jon Schnebly
Felice Koblos
Burl Parrish
Rose Chapman
Mildred Miller
Ernie Palmer
Donna Maloney

**Patricia Henderson
Charlotte Moseley**

Unidentified contributions in January for Meals, Transportation and Other Services amounted to \$3,740.00

The Senior Center would like to especially recognize the following individuals for their regular and/or recurring gifts during 2022 amounting to at least \$600 for the year. They were the following:

**First Presbyterian
Church
Marta Stephens
Refuge City Church
Geraldine Schindler
Dorothy Winters
Jon Schnebly
Burl Parrish
Howard McGee
Patricia Henderson
Rose Chapman
Wilma Petrik
Cheryl Gibbs
Ernie Palmer
Peggy Thomas
Mildred Miller
Charlotte Moseley
Donna Maloney**

The Center continues to encourage you to be a recurring giver. These types of gifts are so important to the Center because they add stability to our funding. They also send a clear message to everyone that you have trust in the Center, its future and its importance to our senior neighbors.

You can become an on-going or recurrent giver by authorizing the Center to charge to your card periodically, such as monthly. You can also contribute by mail, personal visit or with a single telephone call to the Center. There is a giving form on page 3 of this publication.

The IRS has determined that we are a tax exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code. Our Federal Tax ID # is 46-0716639.