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## **COMMUNITY BANK'S ANNUAL CHARITY DRIVE COLLECTING UNTIL DEC 20TH**

Community Bank is conducting its annual Charity Drive. The program is an effort to collect funds from the community, to be used in that same community during the holiday season.

Funds collected will be matched at .50 on the dollar up to a maximum of \$500 in matching funds per branch. Last year, over \$24,000 was able to be dispersed to over ten charities in the region.

Since the Community Bank Charity Drive began in 2010, the total amount given to area charities now exceeds \$119,500, that's an average of almost \$20,000 per year.

Charities that will benefit this year: Baker City is collecting for food banks in the Baker City area; College Place & Walla Walla Branches are collecting for playground at Fort Walla Walla; Elgin branch, for the Elgin Food Bank; Enterprise & Joseph Branches are collecting for the Community Connection Food Bank; Heppner branch is collecting funds for the Neighborhood Center Food Bank; Hermiston branch is collecting for CASA of Umatilla Morrow County; La Grande Branches are raising funds for the Union County Friday Backpack Program ; Milton-Freewater for the City Light and Power Energy Assistance Program; Pendleton branch is collecting for the Children's Museum of Eastern Oregon; Wallowa branch collects for the Wallowa Food Bank.

Branches will have donation jars available through December 20<sup>th</sup>. All types of monetary donations are accepted such as personal checks, bills and coin. If you have questions about the Charity Drive, you can contact your local Branch Manager.

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