



**November 2, 2015**

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## **COMMUNITY BANK'S CHARITY DRIVE BENEFITS LOCAL CHARITIES**

Beginning November 2nd, and continuing through December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 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. This year the goal for each Community Bank branch is to work with their community to raise at least \$1,000 to support their charity of choice. For each branch meeting or exceeding the \$1,000 goal – the local charity would receive at least a \$1,500 donation (\$1,000 from the Community, \$500 Community Bank match).

Since the Community Bank Charity Drive began in 2010, the total amount given to area charities now exceeds \$95,400, that's an average of almost \$19,000 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 The Walla Walla Senior Citizen Center; 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 Martha's House; La Grande Branches are raising funds for the EOU Foundation Scholarship Fund; Milton-Freewater for the City Light and Power Energy Assistance Program; Pendleton branch is collecting for Neighbor 2 Neighbor; Wallowa branch collects for the Wallowa Food Bank.

Branches will have donation jars available through December 18<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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