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Community Bank's Charity Drive Produces Over \$24,000 This Holiday Season

The annual Charity Drive was conducted in Community Bank's full-service branch locations during November, through December 18th. The program is an effort to collect donations in branches to benefit charities in that same area. This season a grand total of \$24,116.03 in donations and bank matches were dispersed to charities assisting local citizens in need.

Community Bank matches up to \$500 per branch at \$.50 on the dollar. The goal this year was to raise a minimum of \$1,000 at each branch location in order to have the maximum bank match achieved and to provide at least \$1500 for each charity. The goal was reached in 6 of the bank's 13 participating branches: Elgin, Wallowa, Enterprise, Joseph, Milton-Freewater, and Baker City.

Following are the amounts the charity organizations are receiving the week of Christmas as a result of the Charity Drive. Amounts are rounded to the nearest dollar and include funds raised in the branch and the Community Bank match. Community Connection Food Bank (Enterprise & Joseph branches): \$9,522; Elgin Food Bank (Elgin branch): \$3,526; Wallowa Food Bank (Wallowa branch): \$3,038; Milton-Freewater City Light and Power Energy Assistance Program through the Salvation Army (Milton-Freewater branch): \$1,975; Walla Walla's Senior Center, Center at the Park (College Place & Walla Walla branches): \$1,622; Baker City Food Banks (Baker City branch): \$1,500; EOU Foundation Scholarship Fund for regional need-based scholarships (La Grande downtown & Valley branches): \$1,105; Neighborhood Center Food Bank (Heppner branch): \$790; Neighbor 2 Neighbor Warming Station (Pendleton branch): \$525; Martha's House (Hermiston branch): \$510.

Since 2010 the Community Bank Charity Drive has provided over \$119,000 to charities in the region. Community Bank would like to thank all the people and clubs that donated to the fund raising efforts. "We are thankful for what these charity organizations do in our communities and glad to assist them with additional support during the holidays," says Tom Moran, Community Bank President/CEO, "We couldn't do it without our generous customers and communities - thank you for your help."

The Clarkston branch of Community Bank opted to facilitate their second annual one day pet-portrait fundraising event for the Lewis Clark Animal Shelter which raised about \$530 in donations at their location in early December.

About Community Bank. Headquartered in Joseph Oregon, Community Bank has \$373 million in assets as of 11/30/15. The Bank has 14 full-service branches throughout Eastern Oregon and Southeastern Washington. Community Bank is an Equal Housing Lender and Member FDIC.