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Charity Drive Continues To Thrive

The annual Community Bank Charity Drive was conducted in Community Bank's branch locations during November, through December 20th. The program is an effort to collect donations in communities to benefit charities in that same area. The bank matches donations at \$0.50 on each dollar, with a max match amount of \$500 per branch location. This season a grand total of \$23,357 in donations and bank matches were dispersed to charities in Northeast Oregon and Southeast Washington.

The most supported program this year was the Milton-Freewater City Light and Power Energy Assistance Program through the Salvation Army (Milton-Freewater branch) which raised/matched for a total of \$5,824. The City of Milton-Freewater also matches the total collected, dollar for dollar, bringing it to over \$11,000 for that program.

Community Connection Food Bank received nearly \$7,000 from the funds/matches raised at Enterprise, Joseph, and Wallowa branches. The Elgin food bank received \$2,176; CASA of Eastern Oregon received \$1,896 from collections and matches at the bank's La Grande locations. Made to Thrive, a Hermiston organization for improving the lives of kids in the area received \$1,716 in support of their programs.

Other charities receiving benefits were Helping Hands Rescue in Clarkston (\$1650), Children's Home Society Parents as Teachers Program in the Walla Walla area (\$1,037); the two food banks in Baker City (\$759 each), and Altrusa's Feed The Child program in Pendleton (\$450).

Over the past 10 years the Community Bank Charity Drive has provided over \$217,000 to charities in the region. Community Bank would like to thank all the people, businesses and clubs who donated to the fundraising efforts. "The spirit of giving is alive and well in our communities, it's always amazing to see the generosity," said Tom Moran, Community Bank CEO/President.

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