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## **COMMUNITY BANK'S ANNUAL CHARITY DRIVE COLLECTING UNTIL DEC 19TH**

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 \$27,000 was able to be dispersed to twelve charities in the region.

Since the Community Bank Charity Drive began in 2010, the total amount given to area charities now exceeds \$170,000.

Charities that will benefit this year: Baker City is collecting for CASA of Eastern Oregon; Clarkston raises funds for Helping Hands Rescue; College Place & Walla Walla Branches are collecting for Children's Home Society and their Parents as Teachers program; 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 Made to Thrive program for children; La Grande Branches are raising funds for Union County Warming Station; Milton-Freewater for the City Light and Power Energy Assistance Program; Pendleton branch is collecting for the Pendleton Center for the Arts Free Craft Saturdays for Kids; Wallowa branch collects for the Wallowa Food Bank.

Branches will have donation jars available starting at the beginning of November and continuing through December 19<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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