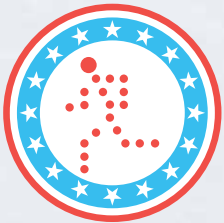
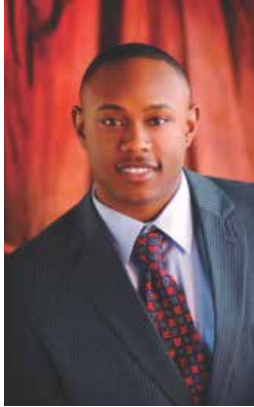


— 2015-2016 —
**ANNUAL
REPORT**



NW ASSOCIATION
FOR
BLIND
ATHLETES



ERIK SELDEN

Dear Friends,

We are extremely honored to present our 2015-16 Annual Report to the community on behalf of the more than 1,300 children, youth, adults and military veterans served annually by Northwest Association for Blind Athletes. With the tireless support of more than 325 volunteer champions, dedicated teachers and families, and numerous partner agencies, we achieved the following results this fiscal year:

- Provided life-changing programs and services to improve the quality of life for more than 1,300 individuals.
- Delivered more than 1,200 hours of direct programming to children, youth, adults and military veterans across our region.
- Scaled proven programs into new areas of the region to support our vision of ensuring everyone has an opportunity.
- Enhanced on-going programs to provide more consistent, high-quality and diverse program offerings to individuals with visual impairments of all ages and abilities.

With your help, we are truly transforming lives and making a difference. Every day, individuals who are blind and visually impaired are building confidence, gaining friendships, enhancing self-esteem, improving physical fitness, and gaining the skills, tools and resources they need to be successful in all areas of life.

We hope that you enjoy the information and photos in this year's Annual Report. Please feel free to contact Billy Henry, Founder/Executive Director, directly at 360.718.2826 or bhenry@nwaba.org with any questions.

Thank you for believing in the transformative power of our mission and for all you do to help us change lives and make a difference.

Sincerely,

Erik Selden
Board President

Billy Henry
Founder/Executive Director

OUR MISSION: TO PROVIDE LIFE-CHANGING OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH SPORTS AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY TO INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Erik Selden, Board President
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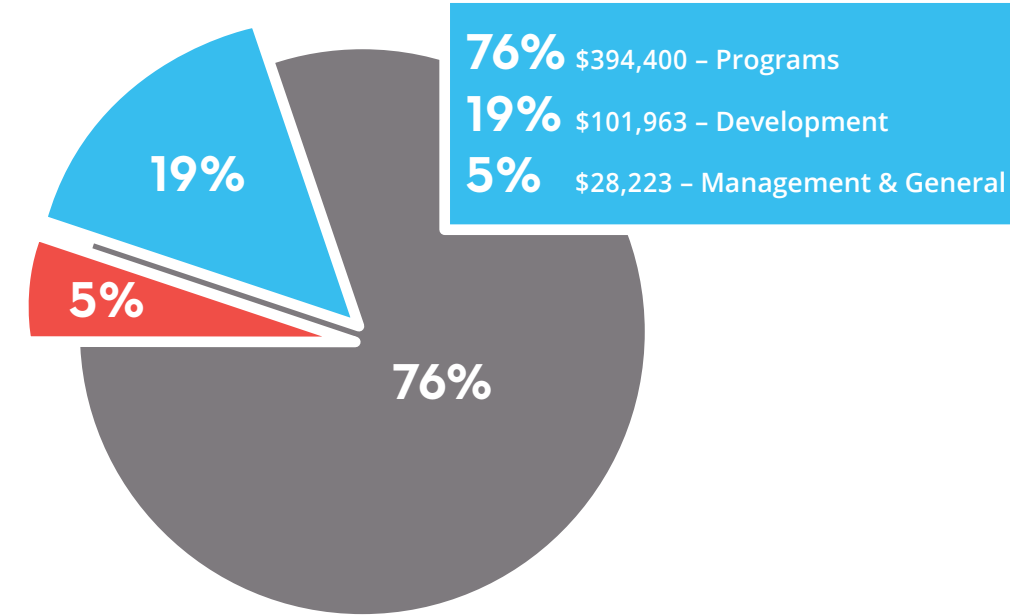
Don Rhoads
President, The Convenience Group

Scott Campbell
Governmental & Community Affairs Manager, Waste Connections

Rod Cook
Community Volunteer

David Brown
Community Volunteer

Billy Henry
Founder/Executive Director



Additionally, we are honored to announce that we have been awarded a Gold Seal by Guidestar, demonstrating our commitment to transparency.

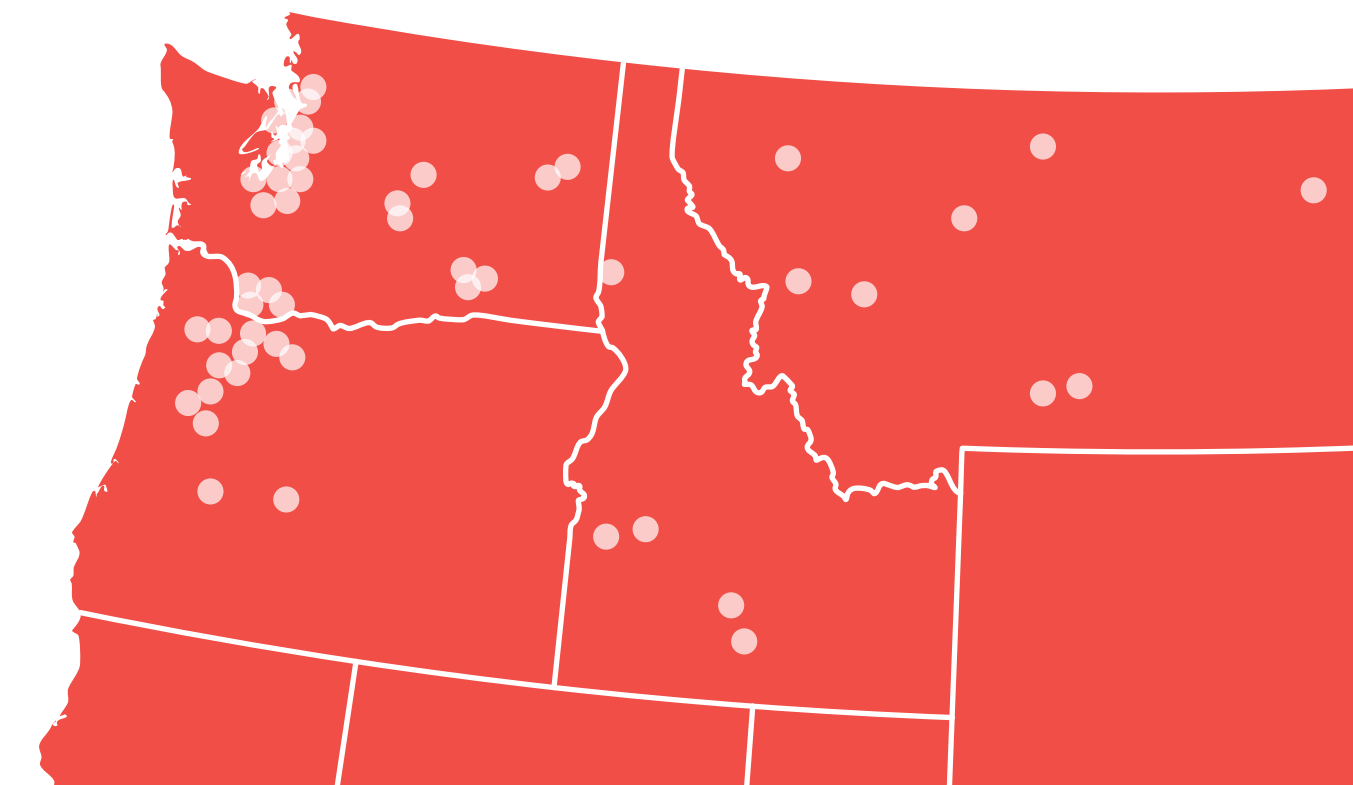
Premier Program Partner:



FINANCIALS & IMPACT JULY 1ST, 2015-JUNE 30TH, 2016

	2016	2015
Total Revenue	\$516,287.00	\$415,108.00
Total Expense	\$444,701.00	\$368,740.00
Ending Net Assets	\$71,586.00	\$46,368.00

We are proud to say that 76% of expenses go directly to support life-changing programs for individuals who are blind and visually impaired. Northwest Association for Blind Athletes values your generosity and is committed to full transparency. A copy of our Form 990 is available upon request and can be found on our organization's website (www.nwaba.org).



REACHING ACROSS OUR REGION

1

EUGENE, OR
Piloted Eugene expansion efforts by delivering a goalball clinic, tandem bike experience, and hiking event at Silver Falls!



2

CANBY, OR
We hosted our largest program in NWABA's history with 85 Oregon students at a track meet hosted in partnership with the Oregon Blind and Visually Impaired Student Fund.



3

PORTLAND, OR
We celebrated our volunteers' hard work and dedication to individuals with visual impairments with a picnic and a game of beep baseball!



Our first Spring program reached maximum capacity when 25 participants signed up to hike the Hoyt Arboretum in April.

TACOMA, WA

NWABA and Metro Parks Tacoma hosted our fourth annual South Sound Throw Down goalball tournament. This tournament was our largest ever with 15 teams from across the Northwest and Canada!



YAKIMA, WA

For the first time ever, NWABA hosted a Paralympic Experience in Yakima, WA where students were able to participate in our programs and services.

MT. HOOD, OR

We launched a brand new Winter Sports program where participants got one-on-one instruction to learn how to ski and snowboard. One participant was able to go snowboarding for the first time in 15 years.



KALISPELL, MT

Five athletes in Kalispell, Montana participated in a Paralympic Experience where they were introduced to sports like goalball, javelin, and beep kickball.

GREAT FALLS, MT

NWABA partnered with Montana School for the Deaf and Blind to deliver an Enrichment Weekend. 36 students got to participate in two program-packed days of fun physical activity.



BOISE, ID

Our Second Annual Idaho Dinner & Auction raised \$23,000 to support life changing opportunities across our region.



GOODING, ID

We teamed up with Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind to provide a Paralympic Experience for 19 students.



SPORTS OUTREACH PROGRAM PROVIDING SKILLS, FRIENDSHIPS & JOY

Northwest Association for Blind Athletes' Sports Outreach Program provides on-going programs, Paralympic Experiences, clinics and camps to individuals of all ages and abilities with visual impairments in communities of all sizes across Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana.

With the help of dedicated volunteers, participants learned to ride a bike for the first time, run independently, experience nature, participate in their first baseball game and countless other truly life-changing opportunities. The confidence, self-esteem, friendships, joy and sense of community that are built throughout this program reach far beyond each individual event and truly act as a catalyst for an improved quality of life.

NEW PROGRAMS



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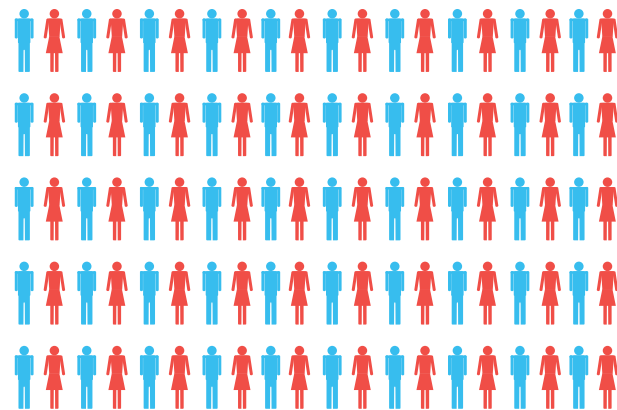
SKIING



STAND UP PADDLE BOARDING

1,267

INDIVIDUALS SERVED



101

EVENTS DELIVERED



390
PROGRAM
HOURS



“With your continued partnership, I am determined to reach beyond the limits of my diminishing vision to heights I never dreamed or imagined possible.”

MAUREEN HARTUNG, Sports Outreach Program Participant





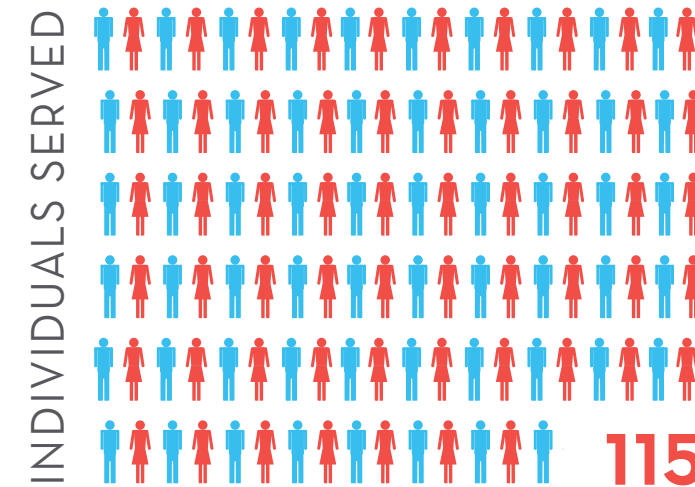
SPORTS TEAMS PROGRAM PROVIDING COMMUNITY, INDEPENDENCE & CONFIDENCE

Northwest Association for Blind Athletes' Sports Teams Program provides recreational and competitive opportunities for individuals of all ages and abilities with visual impairments to participate in weekly, on-going programming and participate in local, regional, national and international tournaments. The program allows individuals to become involved in their community, develop friendships, and gain the confidence and self-esteem they need to be successful in all areas of life.

Through the Sports Teams Program, participants learn to be a team player, relieve stress, conquer isolation and depression, experience success, improve academic skills, and have fun!



695
PROGRAM
HOURS



13
TOURNAMENTS &
COMPETITIONS



“ Thank you for giving us the opportunity to recover our independent lives and for walking side by side with us. ”

ALEJANDRA SANCHEZ,
Sports Teams
Program Participant

ADAPTING SPORTS, PROVIDING SCHOLARSHIPS, INCREASING VISIBILITY

Northwest Association for Blind Athletes provides sports adaptations to individuals with visual impairments across the region to allow them to better integrate into their physical education classes and community-based programs. Looking into the future, we are working on an innovative regional expansion of this program to ensure more individuals are receiving services on a more consistent basis.

NWABA's scholarship program provides funding and support to allow individuals to travel to local, national and international competitions and purchase basic adaptive equipment like running shoes. These transformational scholarships fulfill dreams and create memories that will last a lifetime.

The Increasing Visibility Program utilizes sports and physical activity to raise awareness about the abilities of children, youth, adults and military veterans who are blind or visually impaired within teams, groups, schools and communities across our region.



100+
SPORTS ADAPTATIONS
PROGRAM HOURS



54 SCHOLARSHIPS
AWARDED
**TOTAL AMOUNT
AWARDED: \$6,461.00**



25+ NEWS STORIES
COMMUNITY CONTACTS
15,000+

VOLUNTEERS CHAMPIONS OF OUR MISSION

Northwest Association for Blind Athletes is extremely fortunate to have an extraordinary team of volunteers who support nearly every aspect of our operation. Volunteers act as tandem bike pilots, coaches, guide runners, board members, committee leaders, and so much more to help improve the quality of life for individuals with visual impairments. With the help of volunteers in communities across our region, every day NWABA is able to create transformational moments, inspire new friendships, deliver game-changing programs and so much more. Thank you, Volunteers, for all you do to help us change lives and make a difference. You are truly the biggest champions of our mission!



325 VOLUNTEERS



2,000
VOLUNTEER HOURS



VALUE OF
VOLUNTEER
HOURS:
\$35,340.00

“ We believe in and support the work of NWABA because the programs empower and open doors for kids and adults with visual impairments; enabling them to reach their greatest potential through building confidence, independence, self-esteem, community and fitness. ”

- SUSAN COURTNEY & DEAN IRVIN, NWABA Volunteers

“ Our son has heard time after time that he CAN do anything and everything he sets his mind to. However, riding a bike, what you and I might see as a simple recreational activity, was unheard of for our boy. Thanks to Northwest Association for Blind Athletes, our son, Octavio, was able to experience what it meant to ride a bike for the first time. ”

ANABEL LAMAS, Octavio's Mom



CHAMPIONS LEGACY GIVING SOCIETY BECOME A CHAMPION. LEAVE A LEGACY.

The Champions Legacy Giving Society was created to recognize individuals who have chosen to support Northwest Association for Blind Athletes through a planned gift. The society helps to ensure that children, youth, adults and military veterans with visual impairments will always have opportunities to build confidence, improve self-esteem, develop friendships and gain the skills, tools and resources they need to be successful for a lifetime. Below are several ways you can become involved:

BEQUESTS – Through a bequest gift, you can designate Northwest Association for Blind Athletes to receive cash, appreciated securities or property included in your estate plan. Your bequest can be a percentage of your estate, specific dollar amount, or the balance remaining after the will has given away other bequests.

BENEFICIARY DESIGNATIONS – Individuals can select Northwest Association for Blind Athletes as the beneficiary of their retirement accounts or life-insurance policies. This is another easy way to improve the quality of life for individuals with visual impairments while receiving a tax-deduction.

SECURITIES – Designating stocks, bonds, mutual funds and other securities to Northwest Association for Blind Athletes allows you to avoid capital gains tax while ensuring that our programs are making a difference for a lifetime.

The options listed above are only a few ways that you can get involved. Please contact Billy Henry, Founder/Executive Director, at 360-448-7254 or bhenry@nwaba.org for more information about how you can get involved.

“ Because I truly believe in the mission and programs of NWABA to help change lives, encourage abilities, build confidence and provide opportunities, I will continue to support during my tenure on this good earth and have made provisions for planned giving forever after. ”

PATTY HEFFNER,
Champions Legacy Giving Society Member



GET INVOLVED: HELP CHANGE LIVES TODAY!

Each year, individuals, groups and businesses get involved with Northwest Association for Blind Athletes to support our life-changing programs for individuals who are blind and visually impaired. We invite you to learn more about how you can change lives and get involved today!



MAKE A GIFT

Please consider making a gift to allow us to reach more individuals, expand services, and help individuals with visual impairments build the confidence, self-esteem and independence they need to be successful in all areas of life.



DONATE YOUR DAY

Each year, individuals, businesses, and groups host events to benefit our programs and services. Please consider supporting NWABA during your birthday, anniversary, or other special event to help fuel our life-changing programs.



VOLUNTEER

Join us as tandem bike captain, ski guide, committee member or other volunteer position and experience our mission-in-action.

CONNECT WITH US

Stay up to date with what NWABA is doing in our communities.



Please visit www.nwaba.org or call **360.448.7254** to learn more about how you can get involved.



“ This organization represents something so much bigger than sports or activities. It is about a person’s dream for themselves. It’s about confidence, self-reliance, and motivating individuals to live life. NWABA create success stories. They create a mindset where dreams can become reality- and not just for the visually impaired. I think they help all of us see the important things in life just a little bit more clearly. ”

MARK MATTHIAS,
Owner, Beaches Restaurant & Bar

THANK YOU

GAME CHANGER (\$10,000+)

Beaches Summertime
Cruisin' Charity Fund
Delta Gamma
Foundation
Firstenburg
Foundation
Gibney Family
Foundation
KMR Group
Foundation
Leslie Durst
Meyer Memorial
Trust
MJ Murdock
Charitable
Trust

VISION (\$5,000.00 - \$9,999)

Billy Henry
BNSF Railway
Foundation
Dan & Janis
Wyatt
Evelyn L. Jones Fund
of The Oregon
Community
Foundation
Jacob M
Gamble
Jeanne & Eric
Merrill

Joe & Kelly
Espinoza
MDU Resources
Foundation
OCF Joseph
Weston Public
Foundation
Riverview Community
Bank
Steve & Jo Marie
Hansen
Susan Courtney &
Dean Irvin
The Columbian
Waste
Connections
Wheeler
Foundation

OPPORTUNITY (\$2,500 - \$4,999)

Amy & Alan
O'Hara
Ash and Tweeter
Nair
Brent & Sharman
Ditton
Columbia Credit
Union
Corwin Beverage
Company
CS & Angela
Sheffield

DeWils Industries
Inc.
Dick Colf
Don & Jennifer
Rhoads
Jim Martin
Joe Pauletto & Kathy
Corwin
Jonathan & Tammy
Nelson
Josh & Sarah
Bulkley
Legacy Health
Mark & Teresa
Lawwill
Michael and Monica
Lynch
Multnomah Athletic
Foundation
Nicole Laurel Cuddy
Foundation
PeaceHealth
Southwest Medical
Center
Pfizer
Foundation
Rod & Jane
Cook
The Standard
United Grain
Corporation
Vancouver Lions
Club
Vesta
Hospitality

INCLUSION (\$1,000 - \$2,499)

Al Angelo
Company
At Your Place Senior
Care
Audiology Clinic
Inc.
BBSI Preferred
Payroll
CCI West
Cory
Byrd-Penge
Courtney & Tim
Barker
Dan & Kim
Agnew
David & Sally
Palena
David Brown
& Andrea
Corridini
Desi Telephone Labels
Inc.
Dick & Judy
Boyd
Dick Lytle
Dietrich
Trucking
Don & Tammy
Kitterman
Doug & Kristy
Palin
First Citizens
Bank
Grant & Danielle
Mott

Heidi Johnson Bixby &
Kartr Johnson
Jerry & Anne
John
Joe & Marilyn
Kulavik
John & Michelle
Rudi
Keith Wallace
Kevin & Nicki
Wann
Kim & Lisa
Capeloto
Lee & Sondra
Powell
Lisa Gilbert
Lyle Stumpf & Marci
White-Stumpf
Main Events Sports
Grill
Mark & Susie
Heidegger
Michael & Lisa
Goodrich
Michael & Tanika
Campbell
Michael Hooks
Moda Health
New Phoenix & Last
Frontier
Casino
NW Lions Foundation
for Sight &
Hearing
Pacific Source Health
Plans
Paul & Debbie
Speer

Peterson &
Associates,
P.S.
Rob & Kristin
Irvine
Ron & Celeste
King
Sara & Bobby
Scheetz
Scott & Alicia
Campbell
Scott & Desiree
Miller
Timothy and Jeanne
Freeman Fund
of The Oregon
Community
Foundation
Tom & Karen
Holterhoff
Tracy & Lynda
Wilson
Washington Trust
Bank

CONFIDENCE (\$500 - \$ 999)

Augusta & Susanna
Bassanini
Brad & Mary
Carlson
Brett & Patti
Bryant
CareOregon
Chris & Nancy
Nunn
Colin Nishitani

Dan & Lori
Wyatt
Davidson Benefits
Planning, LLC
Delta Gamma-
University of
Idaho
Edward Jones
Investments Allen
Gamel CFP
Erik Selden
Gabe Purvis & Corrine
Gibson
Greg & Karen
Seifert
Highgate Senior
Living
Hillsboro Optomist
Club
Idaho Central Credit
Union
Jason & Linda
Carnell
Jeff & Kimberly
Woodside
Joan Ploem
Miller
Joe Wilson
Julie & Loren
Schuh
Julie Kuni
Kevin & Angie
Bischoff
Laura McCall
Leotta Gordon
Foundation
Matt & Phoebe
Krueger

Michael & Carole
Bentley
Michael Holt
Mill Creek Pub
Paul and Elissa
Scott
Portland-Suburban
Alumnae Chapter of
Delta
Gamma
Prateek & Jesse
Dujari
Pro Service ISP
Café
Providence Health &
Services
Realvest
Corporation
Rick & Barb
Falconer
Robert & Debra
Durgan
Russell Brent & Kara
Seaman
Scott & Jennifer
McCallum
Sean & Ann
Guard
Stacey Gibbins
Stewart Title
Tim & Kelli
Schauer
Tony & Tammy
Flagg
Vancouver Eye
Care
Wenatchee Central
Lions Club

Wesley & Arlinda
Munger
**DETERMINATION
(\$250 - \$499)**
Armando
Zelada
Brandon & Melody
Jones
Chris & Cindy
Barnes
Chris & Teresa
Lewis
Cindy & Rick
Stieber
Crista & Bill
Henry
Cynthia Anne
Estrada
Dara Friedman
Dave Lazzeroni &
Kathleen
Lipiec
David Cahill
Dean & Debbie
Watanabe
Friends of Hospice
Southwest
Washington
Gary & Leann
Vigna
Jack & Sherry
Burkman
Jarrod & Cathy
Scott
Jeff & Stephanie
Anderson

Jesse Harvey
Joe & Brigid
Yoder
John & Heather
McPhee
JR Simplot Company
Foundation
Julie Olson
Key Peninsula Lions
Club
Kieshawn & Tiffany
Lewis
Matt
Hoffstetter
Matthew & Betty
Brands
Mel & Mary
Louie
Michael & Vera
Llorente
Mitch & Stacey
Searls
Mr. & Mrs.
Stoker
Noland Hoshino &
Brian Dainty
Norman R.
Henry
Pacific Continental
Bank
Pat Henry
Patricia
Heffner
Paul & Marueen
Montague
Richard & Dawn
Dietrich

Richard & Jan
Farr
Richard & Michele
Wollert
Robert Stewart
Rockaway Lions
Club
Royce E.
Pollard
Ryan & Alishia
Topper
Scott & Rue
Lindgren
Sebastian Baker
Lynch
Solatube Global
Marketing
Sonja Steinbach &
John Hinman
Stephano & Claudia
Listella
Steve & Alyson
Hilken
Steve & Luanne
Fordney
Terry Ogle & Anne
McEnery-
Ogle
Tiffany & Rusty
Couch
Tina Vlachos
TJ & Associates
Trey & Stephanie
Klug
Warren Vernon
West Linn Area Lions
Club Charities

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donations of \$250.00
and above made from
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30th, 2016. We have
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ensure the accuracy
of names and gifts
on this list. Please
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