



2023

Community Impact



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Rogue Credit Union was founded in 1956 by ten teachers who knew that together, they were stronger. Those principles still guide us today. Strengthening the communities we serve—by prioritizing the well-being of our members and investing our community—remains at the heart of every decision we make.

As a not-for-profit financial cooperative, we give back through charitable contributions, volunteerism and scholarships that support youth, family and education in the communities our members call home.



# 2023 Community Impact

**Over \$349,000**

Back to the Communities We Serve

**12,242 Hours**

Volunteered by Team Members

**\$31,000 Awarded**

in Scholarships





# Together, Kids Change Lives

## Southern Oregon Sparrow Clubs *ROGUE VALLEY*

Southern Oregon Sparrow Clubs changes lives by empowering kids to help kids in medical need through compassion, kindness and sponsored community service. Our sponsorship provides the funds that local students earn for children in need through community service.

In November, Rogue Credit Union announced an additional \$1,000 donation to help recover \$15,000 in unreturned ticket sales from the organization's Dancing with the Rogue Valley Stars fundraiser.

"We are so blessed that Rogue Credit Union has offered to lead the charge in the community to help us recover these funds which help keep the Sparrow Clubs program strong and active in our Southern Oregon communities, empowering students of all ages to help local children in medical need. Throughout our partnership, Rogue is consistently on the forefront of identifying needs in the community and creating support," said Matt Sampson, Executive Director of Sparrow Clubs USA.



## The Joy of Play

### Rogue Credit Union Community Complex

*ROGUE VALLEY*

The Rogue Credit Union Community Complex, or Rogue X, is a state-of-the-art events and aquatics center in the heart of Medford, Oregon. Owned, maintained and managed by the City of Medford, Rogue X is a hub of community activity with two pools, basketball courts, event space and more. Our support provides water safety classes for fourth graders in the Medford School District and helps offset the facility's operational expenses, keeping costs low for local community members.

# Our Classrooms, Our Community

## **TEACHER OF THE YEAR** *TREASURE VALLEY*

As a credit union that started in a classroom, we've seen firsthand the impact that teachers have on local communities. Our partnership with the Argus Observer recognizes local educators making a difference throughout the Treasure Valley, from Adrian and Jordan Valley to Ontario and beyond.

Throughout the school year, community members nominate and vote for their favorite teachers. Three educators are recognized each month, and one outstanding educator is awarded Teacher of the Year in May.

Mrs. White was the 2023 Teacher of the Year, and her recognition ceremony at Four Rivers Community School brought smiles and laughs, plus fantastic entertainment as it took place during the Last Day of School Talent Show.



# Music, Art and Memories

## **Roseburg Blocktober Fest** *UMPQUA VALLEY*

With a diverse array of local talent, delicious food and fun for the whole family, Roseburg Blocktober Fest is an event not to be missed! In 2023, Rogue Credit Union proudly presented the Family Stage, a performance space for young artists.



# A Very Happy Holiday

## **BUS JAM** SOUTH COAST

Each year, Coos County rallies to donate holiday gifts and food for families in need. In 2023, our Bandon Branch served as a drop-off location, gathering 1,045 pounds of food, \$510 in cash donations and 130 toys!



# It Starts with Candy

## **AZALEA FESTIVAL** SOUTH COAST

Brookings, Oregon is home to the Azalea Festival. Proudly presented by Rogue Credit Union, each year locals and visitors alike come together for a weekend of lively performances, delicious food, crafts and a parade!

# Driving Down Memory Lane

## **Kruise of Klamath** KLAMATH BASIN

Klamath Falls is home to a vibrant classic car culture, celebrated annually at the Kruise of Klamath. An important tradition rooted in community pride, we look forward to the festival and downtown cruise every year.



# People Helping People

## ROGUE COMMUNITY RALLY

Rogue Credit Union held our second annual Rogue Community Rally in 2023! From July to October, 563 team members volunteered 1,172 hours at events across the regions we serve. Every branch and department participated, and activities included park and beach clean-ups, groundskeeping, painting, repair projects and more.

Over 40 organizations received support:

### ACCESS

Armadillo Tech Institute

Asante Foundation

Avenue of the Flags

Azalea Park

Battle Rock & Hubbards Creek Beach

Bearcreek State Park

Brookings Food Bank

Central Point Parks & Recreation

City of Bonanza

City of Ontario

Crater Rock Museum

Friends of the Children

Giggles and Grace

Gold Beach Main Street

Jolane Middle School

Maslow Project

Medford Food Project

Medford Parks and Recreation

Next Chapter Food Pantry

North Medford High School

Oakdale Middle School

Ontario High School

Payette High School

Phoenix Cemetery

Phoenix Food Project

Pioneer Elementary School

Rogue Valley Mentoring

Sleep in Heavenly Peace

South Medford High School

YMCA of Rogue Valley

...and more!



# **Giving Back to Local Communities**

## **Volunteer Service in Oregon and Idaho**

In 2023, Rogue team members completed 12,242 hours of volunteer service.

### **ACCESS Food Packs**

*Preparing food for the hungry.*

### **Friends of the Children**

*A day of fun for the whole family, benefiting local children.*

### **Port Orford Christmas Dinner**

*Connecting through food and community.*

### **SOLVE Beach Clean Up**

*Protecting coastal communities for generations to come.*

### **Special Olympics Polar Plunge**

*Jumping in to local athletes, community and competition.*

### **United Way Day of Caring**

*Working together to make our communities a better place*

### **Community Serve Day**

*Collaborating with the local community to finish crucial projects for community members and local organizations.*



# Advancing Higher Education

Each year, we award scholarships to graduating high school seniors and adults striving for a brighter future through higher education. In 2023, we received over 240 scholarship applications and recognized the following exceptional students.

## 2023 Scholarship Recipients

Rogue awarded **\$31,000** in scholarships in 2023.

**Douglas County:** Pauline Ngigi – Glide, OR

**Harry Wright:** Lilliana Marie Reid – Central Point, OR

**Josephine County:** Madison Williams – Grants Pass, OR

**Klamath County:** Sophia Graetsch – Klamath Falls, OR

**South Coast:** Lily Strahm – Brookings, OR

**South Coast:** Chase Sprinkle – Gold Beach, OR

**Tim and Carol Alford:** Daniel West – Wilsonville, OR

**Treasure Valley:** Bennett Johnson – Harper, OR

**Vern and Marti Arnold:** Emma Hills – Medford, OR

**Vern Voss Memorial:** Mercedes Wagster – Adrian, OR

**Waldene Terry:** Morgan James – Phoenix, OR

**Rogue Credit Union Family:** Hayden Niewald-Thomas – Medford, OR

**Gene and Tina Pelham:** Abigail Carlson – Medford, OR

**South Medford High School:** Gillian Sanders – Medford, OR

**North Medford High School:** Rosalinda Nicasio – Medford, OR



