



# shaping Oregon's future

**PGE Foundation**  
2007 Annual Report  
Celebrating 10 years

Dear Friends,

The PGE Foundation works to make life better for Oregonians of all ages, from infants to seniors. As we reflect on our 10th anniversary, we are keenly aware that the youth we meet today will carry our work forward into the next decade and beyond. In these pages, we're pleased to introduce you to the future scientists, teachers, artists, activists and leaders who will shape our world.

Nothing epitomizes our focus on empowering youth more than Community 101, a program we started 10 years ago that connects classroom learning to community issues while fulfilling high school diploma requirements. We happily anticipate the statewide expansion of Community 101 as we join with the Oregon Community Foundation to triple the number of participating schools by 2010.

We have many to thank for the progress we've made during the past ten years. We couldn't have done it without our dedicated board of directors; Carol Reed, the guiding light for Community 101, and the schools and funders that participate in that program; the PGE employees and retirees who generously donate money to the Foundation each year; and the staff and volunteers at hundreds of nonprofits. Together we promote healthy families and individuals, strengthen education, and help to make arts and culture programs accessible to all Oregonians.

We know that those who are hungry, homeless or abused, need services right away. We will always support programs that address those immediate needs. At the same time, we will devote funds and leadership to tackle the root causes of poverty. Only through more collaboration — between nonprofits, foundations, government and individuals — will we eradicate hunger, fund college educations for the underserved, provide affordable healthcare and housing and create family-wage jobs. We believe we can reach these audacious goals by including a chorus of hopeful, enlightened young voices. The voices of the future.

Sincerely,



Gwyneth Gamble Booth, Chair



Carole E. Morse, President

April 2008

In 10 years, PGE Foundation has granted more than \$11 million to nonprofits around the state.

## Our focus on Education

As part of the PGE Foundation's commitment to making education accessible to everyone, we proudly support the state's brightest students as a major donor to the **Oregon Independent College Foundation**. In a tradition started by Portland General Electric in 1953, each year the Foundation gives 40 students at 10 Oregon colleges and universities renewable scholarships worth \$10,000 each. Since we began awarding PGE Foundation Scholarships in 1988, 665 PGE Foundation Scholars have received a total of more than \$1.7 million. That funding has helped students such as Kassi Dallavis focus on their studies instead of worrying about financial burdens. As a fourth-year PGE Foundation Scholar, Kassi is on the verge of receiving a degree in physics. Over the course of a few years, she studied renewable energy as an intern at PGE, an experience that opened her eyes to a promising career. She plans to attend graduate school this fall.

PGE Foundation's funding has focused on lifelong learning, from preschool to adult education, by awarding grants to libraries, literacy programs, mentoring initiatives, alternative schools and early childhood development programs.



"I hope to be in a career where I can make a difference developing sustainable alternative energy sources, a path I discovered through my internship at PGE. That experience changed my life."

— **Kassi Dallavis**, PGE Foundation Scholar and senior at Reed College

Reed College PGE Foundation scholars, from left, Lindsay Deis, Altove Rowley and Kassi Dallavis

## Our focus on Education

The PGE Foundation believes that education comes in many forms, which is why we fund programs that provide everything from arts education to mentoring. In 2007, we supported the **Community Transitional School** in building a new school for homeless children, as well as the mentors at **Minds Matter** and **Camp Fire USA**. Ten years ago, the Foundation created **Community 101**, a service-learning program taught primarily in high schools. Participating students establish mini-foundations in their classrooms and award real nonprofits real funding. Not only do the students learn the mechanics of grantmaking, but they also identify important issues in their communities and discover the organizations working to solve them. Thanks to our 10 funding partners, including Northwest Health Foundation, which contributes to Open Meadow High School, we've been able to expand the program to 36 schools throughout Oregon from Portland to Pendleton and Corvallis to Roseburg.



# inspiring tomorrow's leaders

A class of nine high school students at Open Meadow — an alternative North Portland school that works with disconnected youth — connected to something bigger than themselves the minute they learned they had \$5,000 to help their community. As participants in Community 101, they would distribute the funds to nonprofits of their choice. The teens surveyed their fellow students and chose to support groups working to end teen pregnancy and discrimination in health care. While the task seemed daunting, the methodology was simple: write a mission statement, query nonprofits for grant applications, visit responding organizations and choose wisely. Sixteen-year-old Jessica Jenkins and the other students learned firsthand the importance of their work through the site visits and, ultimately, felt the rewards of giving without gaining anything in return.

### Joining PGE Foundation as Community 101 funders in the 2007–2008 school year:

- AAA Oregon/Idaho
- The Ford Family Foundation
- Juan Young Trust
- Mercy Medical Center
- Northwest Health Foundation
- Oregon Department of Education
- Portland General Electric Employees and Retirees
- Regence BlueCross BlueShield of Oregon
- Patsy Smullin, Medford
- Trillium Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation

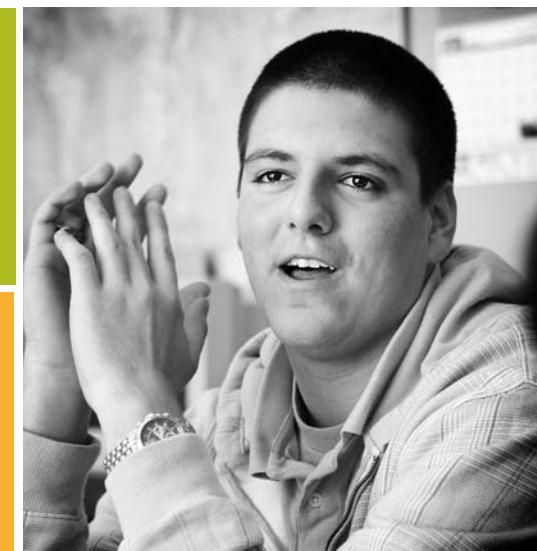
In keeping with its name, **Community 101** has truly become a part of the Oregon community. With the program's success came an increasing demand and the realization that PGE Foundation needed a partner with the capacity to help take the program to scale. Oregon Community Foundation is that partner, and today we look forward to an exciting year ahead as we embark on engaging OCF's statewide network in making Community 101 a part of each region's high schools.

Open Meadow Community 101 students (from left) Brianna Curry-Neal, Britteny Jenkins, Kimberly Heine, Jessica Jenkins and Audrion Bird (right)

"I didn't know about nonprofits until we started doing the project. Now I know the money we give will make a real difference in how many people they can help."

— **Jessica Jenkins**, junior at Open Meadow High School and Community 101 participant

6,000 youth  
have awarded more  
than \$1 million  
to hundreds  
of nonprofits in  
Oregon over  
10 years.



Our focus on  
**Arts and Culture**

Oregon overflows with arts and cultural offerings from music, dance and theatre, to painting, photography and writing. With our strong emphasis on education, the PGE Foundation focuses funding on arts programs that teach children, at-risk youth, adults and individuals with physical or mental disabilities. Educational outreach programs offered by **Oregon Ballet Theatre, Rogue Valley Symphony, Rock 'n' Roll Camp for Girls, Pacific Northwest College of Art**, and others, bring the arts to schools and community centers. For the past two years, we've been funding the **Portland Opera Student Artists** program that gives music conservatory graduates the opportunity to study and perform with opera professionals. Even our grants that helped renovate the **Museum of Contemporary Craft** and **Portland Center Stage** in Portland and the **Shedd Institute for the Arts** in Eugene are anchored in the educational goals of these arts organizations.



# sparking imaginations

When writer Geronimo Tagatac learned he'd be teaching creative writing to students in some of Oregon's most remote towns in Harney County, he packed some postcards from exotic places he'd visited. His plan was simple: he'd give the rural children, who birth cows and drive tractors, permission to unlock their imaginations. And it worked. At the Frenchglen School, a K-8 two-room schoolhouse, the students used the postcards to invent complex characters, plots and settings. When he wasn't teaching students or leading adult writing workshops, Geronimo, a published short-fiction author and recipient of an Oregon Literary Fellowship, had the time and space to work on his own writing. He was the writer-in-residence for Fishtrap, an eastern Oregon nonprofit devoted to promoting clear thinking and good writing in and about the West.

"I am better at writing now because I know how to make more complex stories. I love my skills, and I will never lose them."

— **Colton Witzel**, age 9  
Frenchglen School student

**Fishtrap** in rural Wallowa County teaches the art of writing through a variety of programs each year: workshops, writing camps, fellowships, readings and discussions. Students across Eastern Oregon benefit from Fishtrap's writers-in-residence program that places published authors in classrooms such as Frenchglen School and Suntex School in Harney County. PGE Foundation has been funding Fishtrap for six years.

Fishtrap students from Suntex School (above) Greg Perlot, 5th grade and Wyatt Starbuck, 4th grade and (right) Frenchglen School student Meghan Brennan, 6th grade



Arts education is proven to boost student performance in academic subjects, such as math, science, reading and writing.



## Our focus on Healthy Families

The PGE Foundation has consistently sought to nurture healthy individuals and families, the building blocks of a strong society. We recognize that “health” depends on circumstance, which is why we’ve helped fund nonprofits that address basic needs — including housing, food and healthcare — and those that tackle persistent problems such as domestic violence, HIV/AIDS, foster care, mental health, the needs of low-income seniors and those without health insurance. In 2007, we helped fund the **Native American Youth and Family Center** in Portland, the **South Coast Community Resource Center** in Gold Beach, and **Family Building Blocks** in Salem. We made a final payment on a grant to the **Salvation Army Kroc Corps Center** to build a family community center in Salem and funded volunteer medical clinics in Bend, Eugene and Hillsboro.



# creating safe places

Four years ago, Sarah’s father died. At age 10, she had few skills to help her deal with the loss, and her grieving mother and sister couldn’t offer much support. The family found The Dougy Center, a 25-year-old nonprofit that provides a safe place for children, teens, young adults and their families to grieve a death. There, Sarah talked about her father in a way she couldn’t anywhere else, with kids her own age. Together they cried, laughed, played foosball, listened to music, hit a punching bag, and created artwork. Sarah’s mother and sister did similar activities in their own groups. Last year, Sarah and six other teens formed a new Teen Theater Troupe. They bond over shared experiences as they write and perform plays for the public, a process filled with joy, pain and the promise of a brighter tomorrow.



Over many years of collaboration with **The Dougy Center**, the PGE Foundation has helped the Center initiate new programs including the Teen Theater Troupe, a Middlers Support Group for ages 11 to 14, and satellite centers in northeast Portland and Washington County.

“We want the public to be more educated about us, our stories and death. People think that after awhile kids should just accept death and move on. It’s not that easy.”

— **Sarah**, age 14, member of  
The Dougy Center’s Teen Theater Troupe

The challenge for funders is to strike a balance between supporting immediate needs and systemic changes that will mitigate those needs.



Dougy Center Teen Troupe members Steffi (above) Sarah, (right above), Shanley and Ken (right below)

# PGE Foundation 2007 Grants

	Total Granted	Total Paid 2007
<b>Arts and Culture</b>		
Artists Repertory Theatre	\$ 40,000	\$ 20,000
Arts Council of Pendleton	2,500	2,500
Blue Monkey Theater Company	2,500	2,500
BodyVox	5,000	5,000
Broadway Rose Theatre Company	2,500	2,500
Caldera (Sisters)	5,000	5,000
Fishtrap, Inc. (Wallowa County)	22,500	7,500
Friends of Tryon Creek State Park	5,000	5,000
Homowo African Arts & Culture	5,000	5,000
Japanese Garden Society of Oregon	5,000	5,000
Metropolitan Youth Symphony	2,000	2,000
Museum of Contemporary Craft	40,000	20,000
Museum at Warm Springs	10,000	10,000
Northwest Photography Archive	2,500	2,500
Oregon Ballet Theatre	20,000	20,000
Oregon Children's Theatre	10,000	10,000
OCF —Tom McCall Memorial (Salem)	1,000	1,000
Oregon East Symphony and Chorale (Pendleton)	15,000	5,000
Oregon Historical Society	20,000	20,000
Pacific Northwest College of Art	20,000	20,000
PHAME Academy of Fine Arts	1,000	1,000
Playwrite, Inc.	2,500	2,500
Portland Center Stage	100,000	25,000
Portland Classical Chinese Garden	10,000	5,000
Portland Opera	20,000	20,000
Portland Revels	1,000	1,000
Portland Youth Philharmonic Association	5,000	5,000
Profile Theatre Project	10,000	10,000
Rock 'n' Roll Camp for Girls	1,000	1,000
Rogue Valley Symphony (Ashland)	5,000	5,000
Shedd Institute for the Arts (Eugene)	20,000	20,000
Sojourn Theatre	10,000	10,000
Tears of Joy Theatre	3,000	3,000
Third Rail Repertory Theatre	2,500	2,500
Washington County Historical Society & Museum	5,000	5,000
Young Audiences of Oregon, Inc	5,000	5,000

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<b>Education</b>		
Big Brothers Big Sisters Columbia Northwest	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
CALYX	1,800	1,800
Camp Fire USA – Portland Metro	10,000	10,000
Columbia Gorge Ecology Institute (Hood River)	4,500	4,500
Community 101 Grants and Program	108,769	108,769
Community Transitional School	20,000	20,000
Friends of the Cornelius Library	2,500	2,500
Library Foundation of Multnomah County	75,000	37,500
Mentor Athletics	2,500	2,500
Minds Matter of Portland	5,000	5,000
Neighborhood House	5,000	5,000
North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District	2,500	2,500
Open Meadow Alternative Schools, Inc.	10,000	10,000
Oregon Child Development Coalition	7,500	7,500
Oregon Children's Foundation — SMART	7,500	7,500
Oregon Independent College Foundation	100,000	100,000
Oregon Museum of Science and Industry	5,000	5,000
Oregon University System – Oregon Robotics Tournament and Outreach Program	5,000	5,000
Serendipity Center	2,500	2,500
<b>Healty Families</b>		
Albertina Kerr Centers	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Arc of Benton County	1,000	1,000
Bandon Community Youth Center	3,500	3,500
Candlelighters for Children with Cancer	2,500	2,500
CASA Columbia Gorge (Hood River)	5,000	5,000
CASA for Children (Clackamas County)	5,000	5,000
Casa de Belen (Roseburg)	5,000	5,000
Central Oregon Battering and Rape Alliance	3,000	3,000
Children's Cancer Association	7,500	7,500
Community Outreach, Inc. (Corvallis)	10,000	10,000
Community Warehouse Northwest	5,000	5,000
Dougy Center	2,500	2,500
DoveLewis Emergency Animal Hospital	5,000	5,000
Ecumenical Ministries — HIV Day Center	5,000	5,000

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Essential Health Clinic (Hillsboro)	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500
Family Building Blocks (Salem)	10,000	10,000
Healing Circle (Astoria )	2,000	2,000
Helping Hands Against Violence, Inc.	2,500	2,500
Insights Teen Parent Program	2,000	2,000
Juliette's House (McMinnville )	5,000	5,000
Kids on the Block Awareness Program	7,500	7,500
Kinship House	3,500	3,500
Mercy Corp Northwest	5,000	5,000
Metropolitan Family Service — Project Linkage	6,000	6,000
Mountain Star Family Relief Nursery (Bend )	5,000	5,000
My Father's House (Gresham )	20,000	20,000
Native American Youth & Family Center	5,000	5,000
Nursing Mothers Counsel of Oregon	1,000	1,000
Our House of Portland	15,000	5,000
Outside In	5,000	5,000
Planned Parenthood of the Columbia/Willamette	7,000	7,000
Portland Rescue Mission — Shepherd's Door	10,000	10,000
Portland Women's Crisis Line	2,500	2,500
Rinehart Clinic (Tillamook County )	7,500	7,500
Salvation Army Kroc Corps Community Center (Salem)	75,000	37,500
South Coast Community Resource Center (Gold Beach)	10,000	10,000
Store to Door	6,000	6,000
Transition Projects, Inc.	10,000	10,000
Umpqua Valley disAbilities Network (Roseburg)	4,000	4,000
Upper Rogue Community Center (Shady Cove)	5,000	5,000
Volunteers of America	10,000	10,000
Volunteers in Medicine Clinic of the Cascades (Bend)	5,000	5,000
Volunteers in Medicine Clinic (Eugene)	5,000	5,000
Wasabi Team SOAR	2,500	2,500
<b>Total Paid 2007</b>		<b>\$ 913,069</b>

## PGE Foundation Board and Officers



(Back, from left) Jim Piro, Treasurer; Carol Dillin; Jerry Hudson; Gwyneth Gamble Booth, Chair; Rosy Duron, Secretary; Dave Carboneau; Peggy Fowler; (front) Randy Miller; Carole Morse, President. Not pictured: board member Steve Hawke

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The Dougy Center Teen Troupe members  
Shanley and Steffi (above)  
Community 101 students from  
Open Meadow High School (front cover)