



From the Desk of Our Executive Director

Greetings!

Thank you!

As we wrap up our Spring Appeal, we are once again honored by our donors and supporters who have stepped up to support our vision and mission with their donations. Thank you!

Your support frees us to expand programs when others can't, and they allow us to be intentional about allocating financial resources rather than chasing grants to cover financial gaps.

Some noted accomplishments made possible by your support include leveraging state and donor generosity to open and operate the Winter Shelter for four months, expanding our shelter to serve 10 families with children, and, most recently, partnering with the City of Ashland to manage the Night Lawn as well as the City's extreme heat and smoke shelters.

As the Rogue Valley transitions from spring to the dangerously hot and smokey summer months, OHRA will continue to ensure your donations are used in a manner that is strategic, impactful, and responsive to those who need it most.

Very Sincerely,



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OHRA Guest Matt Shares What a Difference Six Months Can Make

"I was so happy to be here at OHRA, the rooms are so nice, and my window view was amazing for seeing the trees and woodpeckers each morning. The staff are all very respectful and kind. I also enjoyed taking the RentWell class; I have learned a lot from it and am glad I graduated. There are so many positives about OHRA, and I am glad it's here to help people like me. Thank you for letting me stay here and for the peace of mind."

Matt's story is possible because of a caring community like ours. Thank you for helping us provide safety, stability, and hope to neighbors when they need it most.

Partner Highlight: Addictions Recovery

This month we're proud to highlight one of our valued community partners, Addiction Recovery Center (ARC).



Recently, OHRA's senior leadership team toured ARC's facilities. They saw firsthand the compassion, professionalism, and respect that their staff bring to their work every day. For more than 50 years, ARC has helped individuals and families throughout Southern Oregon find hope, healing and lasting recovery.

Today, the organization operates more than a dozen programs accross Jackson County, providing a wide range of services including assessments, withdrawal management, medication-assisted treatment, counseling, mental health care, and specialized support for participants in the Jackson County Recovery Opportunity Court.

Recovery is about more than overcoming addiction; it's about rebuilding lives. Through our partnership with ARC, we are able to connect guests with the treatment and support they need while providing the stablity of safe shelter and housing. Together we're helping people a strong foundation for lasting recovery and long-term success.

For more about Addictions Recover Center, click below.

[Addictions Recovery Center](#)

OHRA Staff Highlight!

Albert joined the team in January 2026, beginning at the 4-month Winter Shelter before accepting a permanent position as shelter staff at OHRA.



Every day, he brings compassion, encouragement, and lived experience to his work, helping guests feel seen, supported, and hopeful.

Albert is proud to share that he is three years clean and sober. Having experienced both homelessness and addiction, which he says, shows that no matter what a person is going through, there is hope to make life better for themselves. He

understands many of the challenges our guests face. By sharing his own journey, Albert reminds others that recovery and stability are possible and that there is hope for anyone ready to take the next step toward a better future.

When he's not at work, Albert enjoys camping, spending time in the woods, and exploring new places. We are grateful to have him on the OHRA team, where his resilience, empathy, and commitment make a meaningful difference in the lives of our guests every day.

Did You Know?

Among the many things that OHRA provides our guests is mail services! Individuals and families who experience homelessness may lose access to a permanent postal address, and that loss hinders sending and receiving important documents, including income.

OHRA volunteers sort and distribute mail each week to help ensure that our guests have access to packages, mail, and even medicines.

If you are interested in volunteering, click below! You will be asked you to sign in or create an account, and then select "OHRA" as your nonprofit!

[Volunteer!](#)



Development Corner

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Development Corner:

As we begin a new fiscal year at OHRA this July, we do so with hearts full of gratitude. Thanks to your generosity and commitment to our community, we are starting the year from a position of strength, with a healthy unrestricted reserve that allows us to respond to changing needs, weather unexpected challenges, and invest in lasting solutions to housing instability and homelessness.

Thank you for making our Spring Appeal such a success and for showing up for your neighbors with compassion and generosity. Your support is more than a donation—it is a reflection of the kind of community we are building together.

Warmly,

Brandy MacDonald
Development Director



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Please share your lightly used/in very good condition shirts and shorts.
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