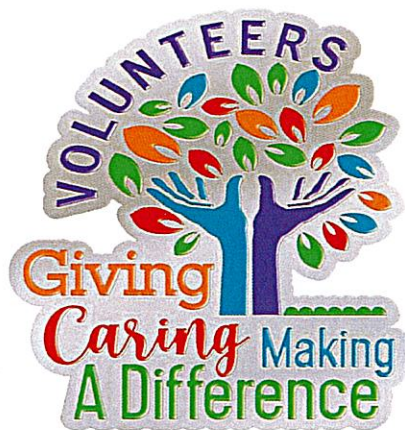


It's Time to Honor our Local Volunteers & Organizations !!!



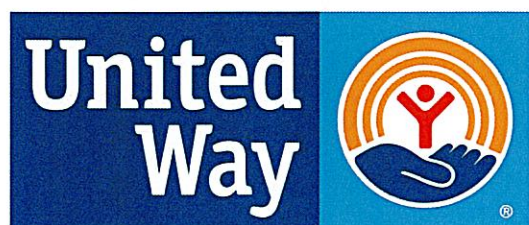
**31st Annual
Klamath County
Volunteer of the
Year**
Awards & Recognition Celebration

Celebrate Volunteerism

Please take a few minutes to honor the special volunteers and organizations in your life for their service by completing a nomination entry form today. Every person and non-profit organization nominated receives an award and is **publicly recognized** at a special awards luncheon on April 23rd at 12 noon at the Klamath Basin Senior Citizens' Center.

To receive this entry form electronically or for more information, please contact the United Way at 541-882-5558, or you can download entry forms at the following web site: info@uwkf.org

***Deadline to submit nominations
April 12, 2024 (by 12 noon)***



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National Volunteer Week April 21-27

31st Annual KLAMATH COUNTY VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR EVENT

“The People’s Choice Awards”

GENERAL INFORMATION: Nominations Due: April 12, 2024

The United Way Volunteer Center's **Volunteer of the Year Awards & Recognition Event** is an annual celebration held during National Volunteer Week to honor Klamath County citizens, organizations, and institutions for outstanding community service. **Every individual and non-profit receives an award** and is recognized in the local media. United Way presents this event annually in partnership with The KMSB Foundation. Entry forms are available at United Way, 136 N. Third Street Ph: 541-882-5558) or can be sent electronically to your email. Please email info@uwkf.org to request an application.

The Volunteer Center aims to enhance the spirit of volunteerism within Klamath County through recruitment, training, and referral of volunteers to non-profit organizations needing help. Each year, local media members judge every nomination and select ten finalists in the following categories:

TYPE	NUMBER	AGE GROUP
Senior	2	55 years and over
Adult	2	19 to 54 years
Youth	3	18 years and younger
Education	1	(see criteria below)
Public Safety and/or		(see public safety criteria below)
Public Service	2	Agency, media, school, church, club
 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR	 1	 an individual selected from the above categories.

Each organization must serve the community at large. Religious, fraternal, or professional groups that provide services only to their members are not eligible. **On or about April 15, 2024**, all the nominees **will be notified** of their selection. The awards **will be presented at the Senior Center at the 31st Annual Volunteer Awards & Recognition luncheon on Tuesday, April 23rd.** Please submit a photo along with your nomination form. JPEG photos can be sent to United Way’s email at info@uwkf.org. United Way can also take a picture of each nominee at your convenience. Please contact United Way at (541) 882-5558 for more information.

ELIGIBILITY:

- An individual or group active in volunteer efforts may be nominated for work during the past 12 months.
- The volunteer work must be done in Klamath County & bordering towns in California.
- Individuals or groups that volunteer on work-released time and for student course credits are eligible.
- **Education Award** is for any individual or group, regardless of age, who volunteers specifically in education from grades Pre-K through grade 12 at public or private schools. (A senior, adult, or youth who volunteers in education may be eligible in either category).
- **Youth Award** is for individuals 18 and under at the time of nomination. Youth groups are eligible for the Education award only.
- **Public Safety Award or Public Service Award** is for any individual or group involved with public safety (public agency or private non-profit), regardless of age. The **Public Service** category is an organization that serves the community (church programs, social services, clubs, etc.).

NOMINATING PROCEDURES:

- The nomination form must be filled out completely and legibly (please print or type).
- Any individual or group may nominate more than one candidate or nominate themselves.
- **Entry forms must be submitted** to the United Way office **before noon on April 12, 2024.**
- Pertinent supplementary information (no more than two pages) may be submitted along with the entry form. This may include letters, newspaper clips, photos, etc.
- Officials also reserve the right to re-categorize an entry when appropriate (nominator to be notified).
- The decision of the judges is final. The nomination forms and supplementary information become the property of United Way of the Klamath Basin and cannot be returned.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

The nominations will be judged based on the two criteria listed below, each having 25 possible points. Please limit responses to up to two pages (please type or print legibly).

Leadership & Commitment... Please comment on the amount of time, personal leadership skills, talents, and any special characteristics and qualifications the nominee has shown in the service to your organization or school.

Impact & Achievement... Please comment on the overall tasks and benefits the nominee has provided your organization or school. How important was their accomplishment to the overall success of your organization or school and to the general benefit of our community?

NOMINATION FORM: (Submit one application for each nominee) **(MARK ONE CATEGORY ONLY)**

Check One: Youth Adult Public Safety & Public Service
 Education Senior

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I. NOMINEE: Individual or Group

Full Name _____ Phone: Area Code (____) _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

If Youth, month/day/year of birth _____

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II. NOMINATOR: Individual or Group (Please answer as completely as possible).

Full Name of Individual, School, Church, or Organization:

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Nominator's name if different from above _____

Nominator's Phone number Area Code (____) _____

Email Address _____

I hereby nominate _____ for a Volunteer of the Year award.

Signature _____ **Date** _____

SEND ALL ENTRIES TO:
United Way Volunteer Action Center

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:
Contact United Way
Christine Hess
Executive Director

Office address
136 N. 3rd Street
Klamath Falls, Oregon 97601

Phone: (541) 882-5558

Email: info@uwkf.org

Nomination entry forms may be mailed, hand-delivered, or emailed.

NOMINATION DEADLINE: April 12, 2024, by (noon)

III. NOMINEE'S CONTRIBUTION: (Please provide no more than two typed pages to address the following two selection criteria).

Leadership & Commitment.... Please comment on the amount of time, personal leadership skills, talents, and any special characteristics and qualifications the nominee has shown in the service to your organization or school.

Impact & Achievement..... Please comment on the overall tasks and benefits the nominee has provided your agency. How important was their accomplishment to the success of your organization or school and the benefit of our community?

IV. NOMINEE'S OTHER VOLUNTEER INVOLVEMENT(s): (Please list other organizations, clubs, or programs the nominee is involved with. Contact person might be notified to verify information provided.)

Organization, Club, Program: (Name & Mailing Address)	Contact Person:	Phone #:
_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____
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V. VERIFICATION & COORDINATION: To qualify for consideration, a nominee must have one reference, which may be contacted to verify the scope and extent of the nominee's activities. References should be people familiar with the accomplishment for which the volunteer is being nominated and may not include the nominator, the nominee, or any family member related to the nominee.

Name _____ Phone: Area Code (____) _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

If appropriate, nominations should be reviewed with the organization's executive director, president, or a school official to coordinate entries for the same nominee. This also aims to help produce a more detailed and competitive nomination entry. Good luck, and thank you for supporting United Way in promoting the spirit of volunteerism. **This event is presented by the United Way of the Klamath Basin in financial partnership with The KMSB Foundation.**

THESE FORMS MAY BE DUPLICATED

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:
NOMINATION RECEIVED ON _____

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Volunteers Giving, Caring, Making a Difference