ANNUAL REPORT
2014
We believe in the power of possibility.
It’s what drives our commitment to helping Oregonians improve their lives.

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The PGE Foundation has awarded more than 1,500 grants totaling $18 million since its inception.

TOTAL PAID IN 2014: $1,209,815

EDUCATION

- More than $10,000
  - All Hands Raised - Cradle to Career
  - Better Together of Central Oregon (High Desert Education Service District)
  - Camp Fox USA Columbia Council
  - Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission
  - Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization (IRCO)*
  - Impact NW*
  - Portland Metro STEM Partnership
  - Oregon Alliance of Independent Colleges & Universities - The Alliance
  - Oregon Business Council Charitable Institute
  - Oregon Business Council
  - Oregon Mentors
  - Oregon State University Foundation*
  - Portland Metro STEM Partnership
  - Portland Community College Foundation, Inc. - Future Connect*
  - Portland Metropolitan STEM Partnership
  - South-Metro Salem STEM Partnership
  - Portland Community College Foundation, Inc. - Future Connect
  - Portland State University Foundation
  - Victory Academy
  - World Affairs Council

- Less than $5,000
  - Adelante Mujeres
  - Benson Center for Education
  - Big Brothers Big Sisters Columbia NW
  - Centro Cultural de Washington County
  - College Possible
  - Community Transitional School
  - Elevate Oregon
  - Friends of Saturday Academy
  - Hillsboro Schools Foundation
  - Insight Company
  - Open Meadow Alternative Schools
  - Portland YouthBuilders
  - Salem Keizer Education Foundation
  - Self Enhancement, Inc.
  - Stand for Children Leadership Center
  - Willamette University - Willamette Academy
  - Young Entrepreneurs Business Programs

In 2014, the PGE Foundation focused our education investments in science, technology, engineering and math and workforce programs, exposing more young people to new educational and career possibilities. We continued to support prevention programs aimed at helping Oregonians experience less hunger, homelessness, and domestic violence. We made a significant investment in the possibility of curing cancer. And we provided the opportunity for thousands of students across the region to participate in inspiring arts education experiences. Our commitment to supporting communities of color remains strong with 47 percent of dollars distributed by the foundation going for programs that support diversity and inclusion.

With more than $1 million in grants in 2014, we’re honored to work with so many community organizations dedicated to creating new possibilities for our citizens.

EDUCATION

Knowing that education is a key to ending the cycle of poverty, we worked toward engaging students through youth development and mentoring programs and helped promote clear pathways to post-secondary education and careers along the cradle-to-career spectrum.

Photo above: Jim Dreo, president and CEO of Portland General Electric, talks with Oregon State University students. OSU engineering students who receive PGE Foundation scholarships are matched with a PGE mentor each year.

Portland Metro STEM Partnership and South-Metro Salem STEM Partnership provided teacher training and lesson materials in energy and matter to align with Next Generation Science Standards.

Photo above: LaClede Middle School science teacher Ken Guffey (seated) and other teachers help power up PGE’s Smart Power Center in Salem.

30 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

INCREASE IN STEM FUNDING
ARTS EDUCATION

PGE sees arts and culture as vital to creating a sense of place, challenging assumptions and changing the way we view the world. The arts promote community engagement and also build toward the economic vitality of the region. As reported by Right Brain Initiative, student test scores in reading and math increased more than twice as much for schools integrating arts into the curriculum through the initiative.

Photo above: Students at Arts Central in Bend use their imagination at Spring Clay Break.

Write Around Portland conducts creative writing workshops in partnership with social service agencies for financially insecure and socially isolated people, culminating in a published book and community readings.

Photo above: Peter and Balinda work together during a creative writing workshop at Write Around Portland.

SAFE & HEALTHY FAMILIES

At the core of the PGE Foundation investment strategy is the priority to support the development of safe and healthy families. The PGE Foundation believes that in order to be ready to meet life’s challenges head on, one must have a healthy mind and body. As such, the foundation supports programs and organizations that promote and provide access to basic needs and services.

Photo above: Home Forward’s Stephens Creek Crossing residents and staff create a community garden in collaboration with Growing Gardens.

In 2014, the foundation made a $100,000 grant to the Director’s Innovation Fund of the OHUS Knight Cancer Institute for pioneering cancer research and treatment programs.

Photo above: Dr. Joe Gray discusses samples with OHSU post-doctoral candidates.

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