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Maps Community Foundation Announces 17 Community Awards Recipients

Winners help grant a total of \$17,000 locally

SALEM, Ore. Aug. 15, 2023—Maps Community Foundation is awarding \$17,000 to local nonprofit organizations serving Marion and Polk County, honoring community members who are “Making a Difference.” Each year, the Foundation receives nominations and then selects community members from across the region who are an inspiration through helping family, neighbors, friends, or community members through their volunteerism, or their place of employment.

With the privilege of being a Maps Community Award winner, comes the opportunity for each winner to select a local nonprofit that they would like to grant \$1,000. In addition, each winner receives an award certificate and gift. This year, 17 nonprofits will be receiving grants including:

- Equity Splash.
- Love, INC of North Marion County.
- CASA of Polk County.
- Northwest Human Services, Homeless Outreach and Advocacy Project (HOAP).
- Ella Curran Food Bank.
- Gervais Community Progress Team.
- Mid-Valley Literacy Center.
- The Transformative Justice Community.
- Grace House.
- Santiam Service Integration – Neighbor to Neighbor Fund.
- Salem Free Clinic.
- PCUN.
- Center for Hope and Safety (Safe Paws Program).
- Liberty House.
- Friends of Monmouth Senior Center.
- VETcare.

Maps Community Foundation Board Chair Kathy Moore says, “This year was my first year participating in the selection of winners and I am honored, inspired and humbled by the amazing people we are surrounded by in our Maps communities. Our Community Award nominees and

recipients are all very deserving of this recognition. We want to thank each of them for all they do.”

Oni Marchbanks is one of the 2023 Community Awards recipients. Oni serves as the President for Equity Splash, a nonprofit that works toward achieving equitable outcomes for the Black & BIPOC community through educational experiences. Oni gives back to the community through her day job by providing connections to job seekers for the latest job openings and referrals to supportive services. She also volunteers on her employer's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) council where she advocates for the most marginalized to get the support they need.

Rosetta Wangerin volunteers her time in significant leadership roles with many community organizations including as Executive Director of Love INC of North Marion County, and the Oregon Commission for Childcare, Philanthropic Educational Organization, and Woodburn Parks and Recreation. She has strengthened relationships with numerous city administrators and in turn increased services to families in need of a hand up, to help them get in a better position to improve their quality of life. Rosetta's energy, love and skillset makes a difference in her North Marion County community.

These are just two of the 17 Community Award recipients who have positively impacted the community with their dedication and passion to making a difference. For a complete list of winners, visit <https://bit.ly/community-awards-2023>.

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About Maps Community Foundation

Maps Community Foundation is the philanthropic branch of Maps Credit Union, a member-owned financial cooperative with 75,000 members and 10 full-service branches serving the Mid-Willamette Valley region. With a mission of enriching the lives of members and communities, the Foundation focuses on improving the quality of life in the communities served by Maps.

Community investments are directed in three impact areas: Education, Economic Empowerment, and Vibrant Communities. The Foundation is funded through a penny per swipe program and additional Maps contributions. In 2022, the Foundation distributed more than \$400,000 locally. To learn more, visit www.mapscu.com under “Community Foundation.”