



MANY HAPPY RETURNS



2021 Annual Report





Celebrating Gold

Oregon's first-in-the-nation Bottle Bill celebrated its 50th Anniversary in 2021. From the beginning, the Oregon system was unique in that it called on the beverage industry to serve as both operator and steward of the redemption program. Now some 50 years later, it continues to deliver some of the best recycling outcomes in the nation – and the world.



For the past three decades, I've served in many capacities related to our stewardship and operational programs, the past 15 years as OBRC's President. I've seen the Bottle Bill grow and evolve, both in the range of containers it includes and in convenience for Oregonians returning and redeeming those containers. It has been a profound honor to work in an institution that so embodies Oregon's values and innovative nature.

Last fall I announced that 2022 will be my final year serving as the President of OBRC. I'm thrilled that the OBRC Board has selected Jules Bailey, our current Executive Vice President, to serve as OBRC's next President, beginning in 2023. Jules brings the creativity, innovation, and administrative acumen necessary to continue achieving the environmental and recycling outcomes we enjoy.

The Bottle Bill unites Oregonians, with public policy, industry, and consumers all working toward a common goal. We're proud of what we've accomplished here together, and we're well-poised to build on this progress over the next 50 years.

A stylized, handwritten signature in white ink, appearing to read "John Andersen".

John Andersen
President and CEO

2021 BY THE NUMBERS

Counted On by Oregonians

At its core, Oregon's Bottle Bill is surprisingly straightforward: Consumers who return qualifying OR 10-cent beverage containers get a dime back for each one. Those dimes add up, with nearly 2 billion containers redeemed through OBRC in 2021, representing \$199.3 million in total refunds paid to Oregonians.

502 employees

262 co-op participants

169.3 million pounds of materials processed

174,051 new BottleDrop account sign-ups

25 full-service BottleDrop Redemption Centers

83 bag drop locations (13 new)

48,714 metric tons of CO2 equivalent emissions reduced –
- comparable to taking 10,594 passenger cars off the road*

*by recycling containers through OBRC vs. sending them to landfills, as calculated by US EPA Waste Reduction Model



 **810,034**
total BottleDrop accounts
up 27.4% over last year



11.2 million Green & Blue Bags processed
35.2% more than 2020 and 116% over 2019

QUALITY | EFFICIENCY | INNOVATION

The True Power of a Dime

The simple math doesn't tell the whole story. For 50 years, Oregon's Bottle Bill has dramatically reduced litter and improved Oregon's environment. In addition, through OBRC's innovation and partnerships, Oregonians get even more from their Bottle Bill.



Nonprofits across Oregon super-charge their fundraising efforts through BottleDrop Give, collectively raising over **\$5 million** in 2021 with bottles and cans.



Through OBRC's partnership with the Northwest Grocery Association, **158,925** BottleDrop account holders got an extra 20% bonus in 2021 when using funds from their containers at participating retail stores. That's a **31% increase** from 2020.



Thousands of Oregon families use funds from their containers to save for education by linking their BottleDrop accounts with their Oregon College Savings Plans.



OBRC unveiled major improvements to the BottleDrop mobile app in 2021. Customers can now access a digital account card, view detailed account and bag processing activity, search for locations to make returns, and update account information.



Green and Blue Bags used in our bulk recycling program are sent back to the manufacturer – located right here in the U.S. – to be recycled into new bags again.



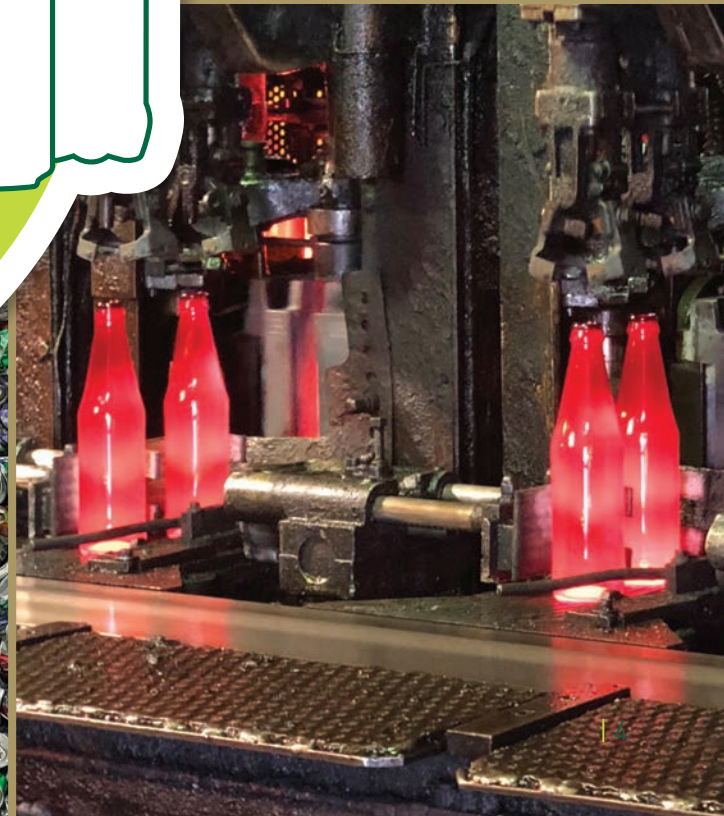
OBRC's Refillables program remains the only statewide program of its kind, and now includes nine partners and 104 beverage options.

Recycling done right.

All containers returned through OBRC remain Grade-A materials throughout the redemption process, often being recycled back into bottles and cans again, in a circular economy.

All materials returned to OBRC are recycled in the U.S. – many of them right here in Oregon. Nothing is sent overseas.

Right here in the U.S.

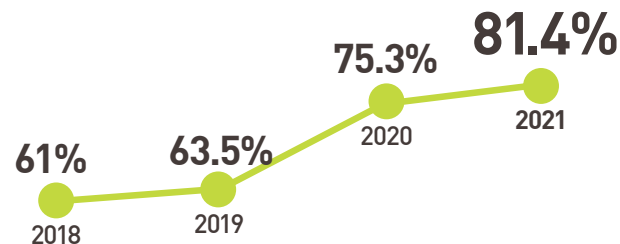


INCREASING ACCESS TO BOTTLEDROP

Expanding Across Oregon

The BottleDrop network continued to expand access across Oregon in 2021. In addition to a number of new bag drop locations in the Portland area, we added new bag drop locations along the coast in Florence, Warrenton, and Tillamook and purchased property in Coos Bay, which will become a full-service Redemption Center. Yamhill County also got its first bag drop location in Newberg. And we got creative with our retail partners to open new BottleDrop Express facilities within the existing Redemption Center convenience zones in Medford, Beaverton, Salem, and Bend, providing additional options and capacity in those areas.

The percentage of containers returned through the BottleDrop network has been climbing steadily, with the remaining balance being returned through retail stores.

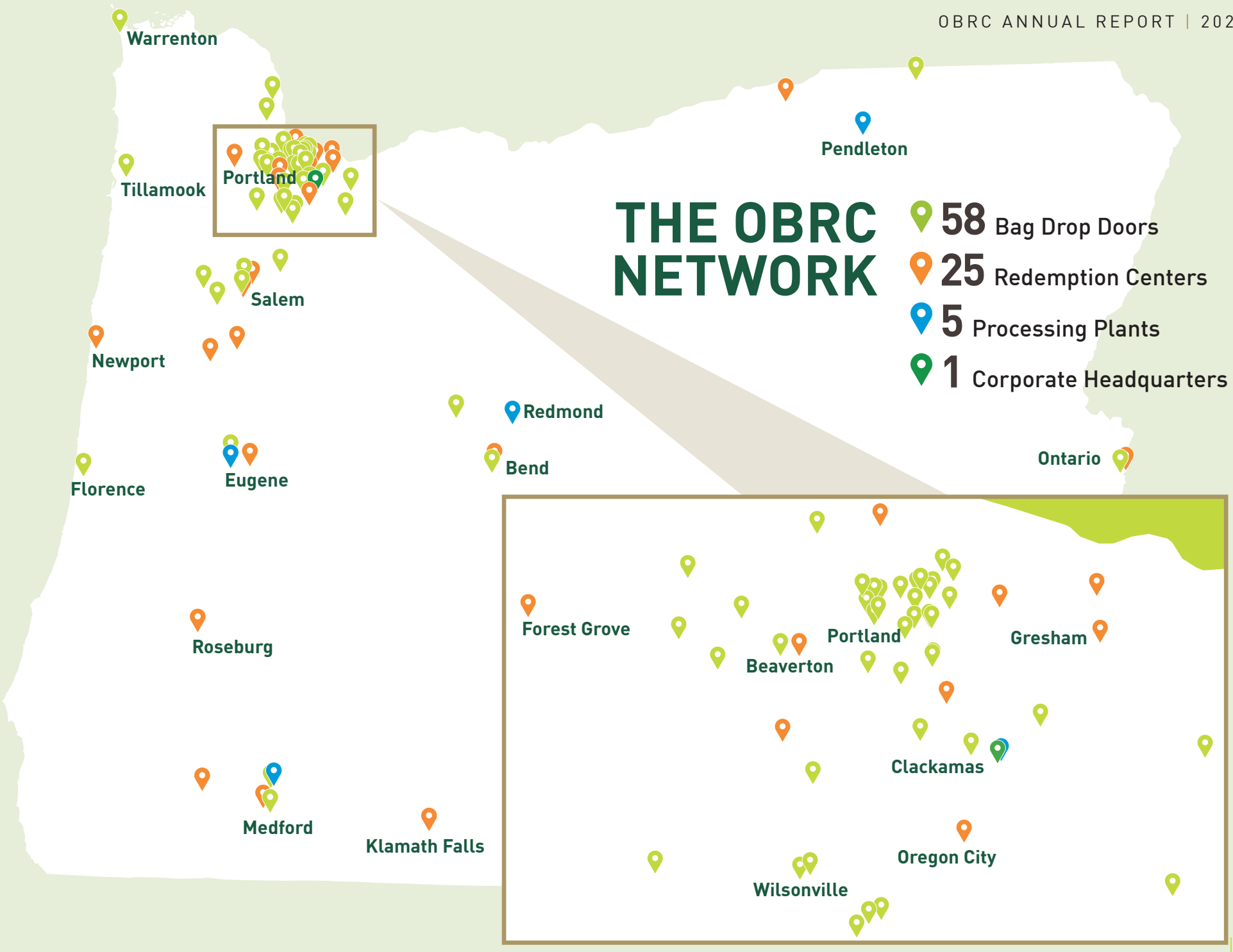


It's been a long-time priority to improve the experience and efficiency of recycling efforts in our community. Prior to getting a BottleDrop, people were avoiding the can returns. Since August, when our new BottleDrop opened, the entire North Coast region received a safer, more enjoyable – and thereby more utilized – and efficient bottle return process. The only nuisance is the calls I get from jealous peers in other parts of the county who want their own BottleDrop.

– Henry Balensifer
Mayor of Warrenton



Pictured above: Ribbon cuttings at three of the 13 new bag drop locations opened in 2021 (from left to right: Newberg, Florence, and Warrenton).



COMMUNITY IMPACT

Stepping Up to Help Oregon

Preventing litter and supporting strong recycling outcomes are the backbone of the Bottle Bill. But supporting families and communities across Oregon are at its heart. OBRC is constantly working to build creative opportunities to engage its BottleDrop account holders and leverage its statewide network to support the work of nonprofits, help Oregon families succeed, and boost the efforts of organizations responding to emergent needs when they happen.

“This donation will allow us to expand the area of public land that we maintain, give us the opportunity to do more cleanups, and purchase new tools that will help make our cleanups easier, safer, and more efficient.”

– Steve Allaway
President of Friends of Fall Creek Watershed
Funds Recipient, Containers for Change

64 nonprofits received funding through **Containers for Change**.

OBRC launched Containers for Change in 2021 to direct funds from containers donated through Green Bags to organizations operating in the spirit of the Bottle Bill.

\$28,000 donated to warming shelters throughout the state via the **OBRC Emergency Fund**.

OBRC engaged the Emergency Fund twice in 2021 to provide immediate support during extreme weather.



From left to right: A volunteer with Friends of Fall Creek collecting litter in the Fall Creek Watershed, located southeast of Eugene; Friends of Corvallis Parks and Recreation's Youth Volunteer Corps complete year-round service projects in their community; Volunteers with Friends of the Owyhee clean litter off roadways in the Owyhee Canyonlands.

12 nonprofits were awarded grants through the BottleDrop Fund at the Oregon Community Foundation in 2021.

The BottleDrop Fund awards larger grants to support nonprofits working to build community, protect the environment, and help vulnerable people.

Oregon Community Foundation BottleDrop Fund 2021 Recipients:

AdoptOneBlock, supporting volunteers who collect litter on over 6,800 city blocks in Portland

American Leadership Forum, to help a community leadership cohort in Northeast and Southeast Oregon

Artula Institute in Bandon, using art to fight litter and waste

Children's Forest of Central Oregon, supporting environmental education for K-8th grade students

Ecotrust, assisting the Green Workforce Academy in Portland

Lomakatsi Restoration Project in Ashland, engaging youth in hands-on restoration projects

Partners for Sustainable Schools, providing environmental education in Eugene

Repair PDX, offering skills-based education for homeless youth

Sparrow Furniture in Salem, aiding a refurbishment apprentice program for refugees

Talent Maker City, supporting skill building in fire-ravaged areas of southern Oregon

Trash for Peace, providing container redemption services for canners and gleaners in Portland

Wild Diversity, providing outdoor experiences and education for BIPOC and LGBTQ youth in Portland



Collecting Their Way to College

The Branam family is proving the power of recycling and community. Ceci, 10, and Eli, 6, are siblings who organized their neighbors and extended family in a coordinated effort to save for college. In 2021 alone they saved \$2,300 by collecting containers and linking their BottleDrop accounts to their Oregon College Savings Plan accounts.

"It's been amazing to see the progress that comes from just one year of hard work," Ceci said. "It makes Eli and me even more excited about studying hard and going to college!"



DOING TWICE THE GOOD

Making a Real Difference

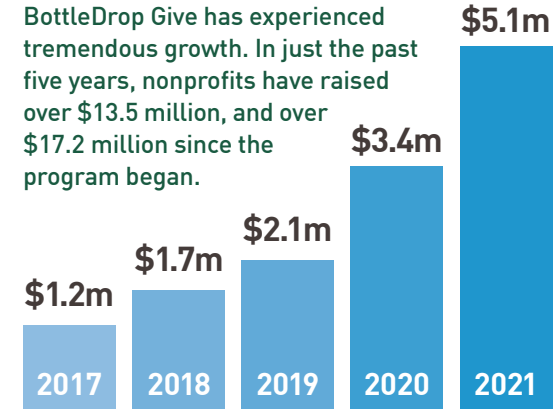
The **BottleDrop Give** program provides a powerful, evergreen fundraising opportunity for Oregon nonprofits. Through Blue Bags and high-volume container donations, the Give program saw huge growth in 2021 as Oregonians continued to use their containers to serve their neighbors.

\$5.1 million up 49% from 2020
raised for nonprofits in 2021

514,101 Blue Bags processed
a 49% increase from 2020

4,733 nonprofits throughout Oregon
participated in BottleDrop Give
an 18.3% increase from 2020

BottleDrop Give has experienced tremendous growth. In just the past five years, nonprofits have raised over \$13.5 million, and over \$17.2 million since the program began.



516 of the 4,733
Give nonprofits raised
over \$2,000 in 2021
through BottleDrop
Give

1st
Phoenix
Community Center /
3 Rivers Landowners
Assoc. / 4-H Leaders Association / Adrian Lions Club /
Agave Dogs Rescue / Allen Temple C.M.E. Church / Aloha High School Booster Club / American
Cancer Society - Columbia County RFL / American Cancer Society - Making Strides Against Breast Cancer /

American Cancer Society - RFL Eugene / American Legion Post 0090 / American Military Encouragement Network / Amity Adventures /
Amity Youth Sports / Ammanuel Ethiopian Evangelical Church of Portland / Animal Aid / Apostolic Lighthouse Church / Arabian Horse Rescue & Education /
Arco Iris Spanish Immersion Center / Ardenwald Elementary School PTO / Arleta PTA / Ashwood School Dist. 8 / Assistance League of Greater Portland / Barlow High School
- College & Career Center / Barlow VIPs / Bay Area Travel Teams / BEAT Children's Theatre / Beaumont PTA / Beaverton Band Boosters / Beaverton Education Foundation /
Beaverton STARS / Bella Acappella Harmony Chorus / Bend Elks Lodge 1371 / Bethlehem Inn / Beulah's Place / Beyond Backpacks / Bhikshu Buddhist Nun in Vietnamese / Birch
Community Services / Bloomin Boutique / Blue Mountain Good Sam / Born Again Pit Bull Rescue / Boyd-Hargens House / Boys & Girls Club of the Umpqua Valley / Bridgeway Recovery Services
/ Bridlemile Foundation / Brightside Animal Center Thrift Store / BSA Sea Scout Ship Freedom 399 / BSA Sea Scout Ship Tsunami / BSA Troop 12 / BSA Troop 161 / BSA Troop 216 / BSA Troop 22 / BSA
Troop 259 / BSA Troop 266 / BSA Troop 30b / BSA Troop 36 / BSA Troop 398 / BSA Troop 4036 / BSA Troop 428 / BSA Troop 50 / BSA Troop 7150 / Galvary Chapel Fellowship - Salem / Calvin Presbyterian
Ministries / Camp Meadowood Springs / Canby United Methodist Church / Canyon Senior Center / Capitol Softball Club - Ignite 18U / Cardinal Booster Club / Care & Share Community Outreach / CASA of
Lane County / CASA of Polk County / Cascade Relief Team / Cat Alliance Team Sanctuary / Cat Rescue and Adoption Network / Cathedral School / Caveman Kiwanis / CCCF Wellness Committee / CEF Portland
Westside Chapter / Central Lions Club / Central Oregon Animal Friends / Central Oregon Autism Movement / Central Oregon Locavore / Central Point Elementary Parent Teacher Organization / Century High School
Band / Chehalem Swim Team / Christ the King Youth Ministry / Christmas for Kids of Douglas County / City of Refuge International / Civil Air Patrol, Medford Composite Squadron PCR-OR-007 / Clackamas County 4-H
Horse Advisory / Cleveland High School Foundation / Coalition Advocating for Animals / Coburg Community Charter School / Coho Sanctuary / Columbia Pacific Food Bank / Columbia River Chorus
/ Columbia River Correctional Facility / Comet Fastpitch / Committed Alliance to Strays / Community of Hope Church / Congregation Neveh Shalom / Coos County 4-H Association / Coos County Youth Sports / Corbett High School
CHAMPS / Cottage Grove Elks Lodge 1984 / Country Christian School - The Country Church / Country Faith Christian Academy / Cow Creek Valley Community Association / Crater High School FFA / Creative Science School PTA /
Creswell Boy Scout Troop 28 / Creswell First! - We CAN Help / Crook County High School / Crooked River Ranch Lions / Cub Scout Pack 106 / Cub Scout Pack 50 / Cub Scout Pack 582 / Dallas High School Turf Project / Dayton Food Bank
/ Dennis Bennett Memorial / Department of Corrections/OSCI / Desert Streams Church / Diamond Back Clovers 4-H Club / Discover Your Forest: NNVN / Douglas County Timbers / Dove Medical / Dream Boosters / Dundee Community
Committee / Duniway Elementary School PTA / Eagle Ridge High School / Eastern Oregon Mission - Agave House / EcoGeneration / Emilio Inc. / Eugene Mission / Fair Share Gleaners / Family Church / Family Dogs New Life Shelter / Family Kitchen
/ Family Life Church - Royal Rangers / Family Promise of Beaverton / Family Promise of Lincoln County / Family Worship Center - Youth Group / Farmington View / Feed The Hungry / Felines First Rescue / Fences For Fido / Fern Hill Grange 592 /
Fir Grove Elementary PTO / FISH of Roseburg / Florence Habitat for Humanity / Florence VFW Post 3232 / FOOD For Lane County / Food Share of Lincoln County / Forest Grove Senior Center / Fort Kennedy / Foundation for Tigard Tualatin Schools /
Friends Involved in Dog Outreach / Friends of Brooklyn Park / Friends of Myrtle Creek Library / Friends of the Animal Shelter / Friends of the Milwaukie Center / Friends of the Winston Library / Friends of West Slope Library / Fund for Portland Public
Schools / Fundraising for Lebanon Youth - LHS Senior Class / Furry Freight Shelter Transport / Furry Friends Foundation / Fuzzball Animal Rescue / GAPS Swim Team / Gaston Class of 2021 Grad Night / Gilliam County 4-H Association / Girl Scout Troop
45703 / Girl Scout Troop 10224 / Girl Scout Troop 20912 / Girl Scout Troop 35078 / Girl Scout Troop 45004 / Girl Scout Troop 50117 / Gladstone Class of 2022 / Gladstone High School Grad Party / Gladstone HS Grad Party / Glencoe High School Band Boosters
/ Gold Hill Community Development Organization / Good Samaritan Ministries Zambia Fund / Grace Baptist Church / Grace Lutheran Church / Grand Sheramina Community Services / Grande Ronde Academy / Grandhaven PTA / Greenhill Humane Society
/ Gresham Dance Team / Gresham Senior Center / Grupo Capoeira Angola / Habitat for Humanity Junction City/Harrisburg/Monroe / Harney County Senior and Community Services Center / Harrisburg Booster Club / Harrisburg Grad Celebration / Hawks
View Elementary School PAC / Hazel's House Rescue / Heart of Oregon Corps / Hearts With A Mission / Heavenly Animal Rescue Team & Services / Hermiston Junior Academy / Hillsboro High School Band / Hillsboro Schools Foundation / Hinoon / Holladay
Park Plaza Foundation / Holy Family Catholic School / Holy Redeemer Catholic
Honoring Heroes / Hope Church / Horizon Christian School / Horses Adaptive
/ Humane Society of Cottage Grove / Humane Society of Redmond / Humane
Indivisible97201 / InFaith Irrigation Youth / Irrigation High School Operation
Foundation / Jefferson Boosters / J-Mar Racing / JR Eagles Fastpitch / Junction
/ Junction City Moose Lodge / Ka Aha Lahui O Olekona Hawaiian Civic Club / Keitha's Kitten Rescue / Kick'n Cancer - New Beginnings / Kindness Club of Dallas Oregon / King City Lions Club / Klamath Animal Shelter / Klamath Falls Gospel Mission - Recovery
Center / Knights of Columbus Bend / Knights of Columbus Council 15263 / Knights of Columbus St Anthony / Knights of Columbus Wilsonville 15640 / Knights of the Resurrection / KNOVA Learning / Koa Bully Rescue and Sanctuary / Kutsinhira Cultural Arts
Center / La Pine Lions Club Foundation / Lake Oswego Schools Foundation / Laurelhurst Neighborhood Association / Lewis & Clark Montessori Charter School / Lewis Elementary School PTA / Liberty High School Band / Liberty High School Wrestling / Life Spring
Church AG / Lincoln County Board of Realtors Scholarship Fund - Lincoln County Foundation / Linnton Community Center / Living Hope Youth Ranch / Living Waters Rogue Valley / Llewellyn Elementary School / London School Parent Club / Love A Pit Rescue /
MacBand Parent Organization / Madras Buff Boosters / Madras Swim Team / Malin PPA / Marion Polk Food Share / Marshfield High School Equestrian Team / Mary Rieke PTA / Mary's Woods at Marylhurst / Masters Bible School / Mavericks Band Boosters / McKenzie
Community Development Corp. / McMinville High School PTA / McMinville Swim Club / McNary Band Boosters / McNary Graduation Party / Meals for Seniors / Medford First Church of the Nazarene - Operation Christmas Child / Medford Gospel Mission / Meow
Village / Mi Casa International - Cans for Kids / Micah CTP / Mid Valley North Young Life / Mid-Valley Bicycle Club / Milton Stateline Adventist School / Milwaukie Elks Lodge 2032 / Milwaukie Lions Club / Mitch PSO / Molalla Adult Community Center - Foothills
Community Church / Molalla Booster Club / Moose Chapter 1580 - Oakridge / Mountainside PACT / Mt Hood Meadows / Mt. Hood Select 12U / Mustang Born Alumni Scholarship Foundation / N.E.W. PTA - Elmira Elementary School / Namaste Sanctuary / New
Direction Community Church/Victory Temple Ministries / Newberg Animal Shelter / Newberg Church of Christ / Newberg FISH Emergency Services / Newberg Graduation Party / Nightingale Hosted Shelters / North Bend Booster Club / North Marion FFA Alumni
/ North Marion Youth Athletics- Softball / Northwest Animal Companions / NW Nitro 14U / Oak Elementary PTA / Oakland Booster Club / Oldies but Goodies Senior Rescue / Olive Baptist Church / Ontario Feral Cat Project / Ontario Lions Club / Operation D.O.G /
Oregon City Parks Foundation / Oregon Coast Humane Society / Oregon Food Bank / Oregon Humane Society / Oregon State Grange - Raindrop Academy / Oregon State Penitentiary EE&R / Oregon Titans Fastpitch / Our Community Birth Center / Our Lady
of Angels Catholic Church / Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church / Our Lady of Knights of Columbus / Pacific Pug Rescue / Parkinson's Resources of Oregon / Parkrose Broncos Boosters / Parkside PTA / Path Church / Patrick's Children Without Sponsors / Peace
Lutheran Church / Pendleton High School Cheer / Pendleton Lions Foundation / Pet Evacuation Team / Phoenix High School - Transition Program / Pink Phoenix Dragon Boat Team / Pioneer Humane Society / Plush Elementary School / Portland Police Cadets /
Portland Rescue Mission / Portland Tillamook Preschool / Potluck in the Park / Powell Butte Christian Church / Praise Assembly / Pregnancy Care Center of Grants Pass / Pregnancy Resource Centers of Central Oregon / Prineville Lions Club / Project POOCH
/ Puplandia Dog Rescue / Queen of Peace Catholic Church - Youth Group / Quiet Waters Outreach / Rainier Senior Citizens / Raining Dogs Rescue / Redmond Council for Senior Citizens / Reedsport Volunteer Fire Department / Refuge City Church Youth / Relief
Angels / Resolute MC / Riddle City Library / Rigler Elementary School PTA / Rise Softball Club - 10U / Rise Softball Club - 14U / River Road Swim Club / ROBC Holy Trinity Private School / Rogue Community College Foundation / Rogue Retreat / Rogue River
Institute / Rogue Valley Humane Society / Rogue Valley Manor / Rogue Valley Young Guns / Rose City Neighborhood Preschool / Rose Villa Foundation / Roseburg Alliance Church / Roseburg Junior Academy / Roseburg Rescue Mission / Royal Rangers - Outpost
22 - Peoples Church / Sacred Heart Catholic Church / Sacred Heart Catholic School - Gervais / Save Haven Maternity Home / SafeHaven Humane Society / SafeHaven Humane Society - Linn Animal Samaritan Fund / Saint Thomas More School / Salem
Friends Of Felines / Salem Harvest / Salem Rugby Club / Sandy Pack Baseball / Save The PT Boat / Saving Grace / Scappoose High Save & Sober / Scappoose Senior Center / Scio Wildlife / Sellwood Middle Foundation / SevaDog / SFPA - Team Sitton 10U /
Sharing Hands / Shekinah Deliverance Ministries / Sheldon High School Band / Shelter Friends / Shepherd of the Valley Catholic Church / Shepherd's House Ministries / Sheridan Japanese School Foundation - SJS Parents / Sherwood Band Boosters
/ Sherwood High School Grad Night 2021 / Sherwood High School Grad Night 2022 / Sherwood High School Grad Night 2023 / Sherwood Snowboard Club / SHHS Seniors Celebrating Success / Silver Bullets Softball Association / Silverado's 4-H Club / Silvertown
Cat Rescue / Sisters School District Transition - Life Skills Program / Skopos Christian School / SnowCap Community Charities / Sojourner School PTA / Soroptimist International of Ashland / Soroptimist International of Junction City / South Wasco Youth
Programs / Southern Oregon Humane Society / Southern Oregon Stand Down / Southern Oregon Youth Programs / Southridge Instrumental Music and Dance Ensembles / Southwest Church of Christ / SPEBSQSA - Eugene Chapter / Special Olympics - High
Desert / Sprague Boosters / Sprague High Band & Color Guard Booster / St. Anne's Catholic School PTO / St. Cecilia Catholic Church / St. Edwards Catholic Church / St. Francis Youth / St. Helens Band Patrons / St. Helens High School Equestrian Team
/ St. Helens Youth Football / St. Ignatius School / St. John the Apostle Catholic School / St. John The Baptist Catholic Church / St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church / St. Mary's Academy / St. Mary's Episcopal Church / St. Paul Elementary PTC / St. Pius X
Catholic Church - Klamath Falls / St. Rita Food Pantry / St. Therese School / St. Thomas Academy / StandUpGirl.com Foundation / Star of Hope Activity Center / Stayton High School Eagle Booster Club / Street Dog Hero / Sunset Apollo Marching Band
and Auxiliary / Sutherlin Lions Chapters / Sweet Home High School / Sweet Home School Dist. 55 / Take a Veteran Fishing / Takana Kiwanis / Temple Beth Shalom / The Dalles - Babe Ruth / The Giving Plate / The Gleaning Network / Thee Can Man / Tigard High
Band Boosters / Tillamook Adventist School / Tillamook High School Charity Drive / Timberwolf Support Organization / Trail Christian Fellowship - AHG / Trinity United Methodist Church / Truth Tabernacle / Tualatin Riverkeepers / UFK Northwest /
Umpqua National Forest / Umpqua Valley Humane Society / Union County 4-H / Union Gospel Mission / Union Gospel Mission of Salem / Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Central Oregon / University of Oregon Athletics - Autzen / UPA Boosters / Upstart
Crow Studios / Vale FFA / Vale School District 84 / Verne Duncan Elementary PTO / Veterans Care Centers of Oregon / VFW Post 4116 / Vietnam Veterans of Oregon Memorial Fund / Vietnam War Memorial Fund / Volunteers of America of Oregon / Washington
DC - New York 2021 / Wellness Works PDX / West Hills Christian School / West Linn Food Pantry / West Linn HS Substance-Free Grad Party / West Salem Band Boosters / West Tuality Habitat for Humanity / Westside Service Center / Westview High School
Band and Auxiliary / Wetnose Warriors Outreach / Wiggly Tails Dog Rescue / Willamette Humane Society / Willamette Rotaract Club / Willamette View Association / Willamina Senior Grad Night / Willow Creek Railroad / Willowcreek Community Support
Organization / Wilsonville Softball 12U / Winston Area Independence Day Committee / Womenspace / Work Unlimited / Yamhill Carlton Together Cares / Yamhill County CASA / YC Community Pet Heroes / YMCA of Douglas County / Young Life - Monroe

THE \$2,000 CLUB!

BOTTLE BILL GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Cheers to 50 Years!

Celebrating the Bottle Bill's 50th Anniversary was a 2021 highlight. OBRC marked the occasion by sponsoring an exhibit at the Oregon Historical Society and joining the museum for a panel discussion. We also launched a statewide Hidden Bottle Hunt, engaging thousands of Oregonians in a fun outdoor activity, cracking clues to locate six commemorative bottles hidden in some of the special places the Bottle Bill helps protect. And finally, we produced a video featuring people across the state wishing the Bottle Bill a happy birthday by making music with bottles and cans.



“Fifty years after its passage, the Bottle Bill remains an integral part of Oregon’s DNA. The Oregon Historical Society was delighted to partner with OBRC to create a traveling exhibit that commemorates this landmark legislation and reminds Oregonians that one individual with an innovative idea can truly change history for the better.”

– Kerry Tymchuk, Director of the Oregon Historical Society

Each winner of the Hidden Bottle Hunt got to direct a \$500 donation to the BottleDrop Give nonprofit of their choice.



Found!

Liam, Trisha and Ted Rutherford, Stayton
Selected nonprofit: Stayton Young Life

Found!



Adair Fernee, Portland
Selected nonprofit: Street Roots

Found!



Erin Pryor, Bend
Selected nonprofit: Street Dog Hero

Found!

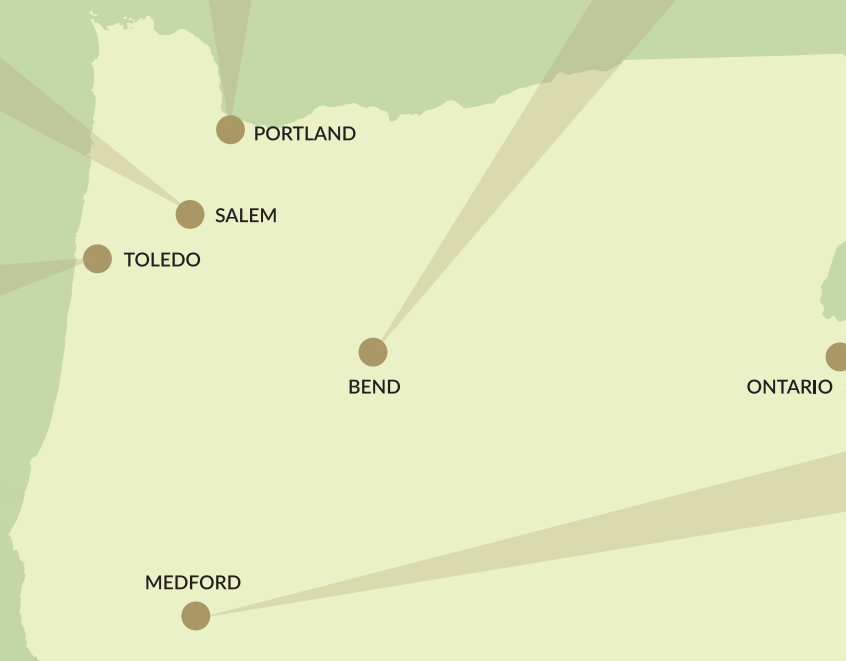


Jared and Kristen Howell, Prairie City
Selected nonprofit: Hope4Paws of Grant County

Found!



Samantha Fieber, Toledo
Selected nonprofits: Toledo Food Share Pantry and Toledo Jr-Sr High School Music



Found!



Caitlin Fernandez, Medford
Selected nonprofit: Central Point Elementary Parent Teacher Organization

On its 50th Anniversary, the Bottle Bill continues to be one of the greatest legislative achievements in Oregon history. I've seen it from every angle: as a child watching my father passionately advocate for its passage, as a legislator myself working to expand its scope, and as a grandmother watching the impact it continues to have helping keep Oregon beautiful.

– Former State Rep. Vicki Berger

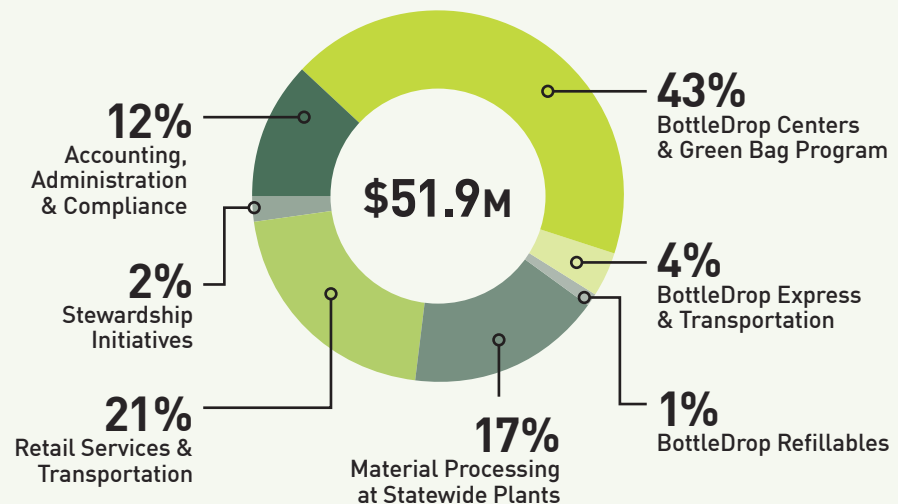


The entire value of unclaimed refunds is fully invested in the operation of the redemption system.*

*Additional funds in the operating budget come from fees paid by OBRC members, retailers and other system revenues.

Oregonians who redeem their containers responsibly get to enjoy the system's strong environmental and recycling outcomes at almost no cost – and at no taxpayer expense. That's because Oregon's Bottle Bill is an advanced form of Extended Producer Responsibility, where OBRC serves as the statewide not-for-profit operational steward on behalf of the beverage industry, and we invest the value of unclaimed refunds directly into the operation and expansion of the network. Additionally, beverage distributors make significant financial contributions to cover the remaining costs of the program.

2021 Annual Budget^{1,2}



¹Pie chart percentages and data reviewed by the Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission (OLCC).

²Budget and redemption data for 2021 in this report is preliminary. OBRC is committed to accurate and transparent accounting and files an official report with the OLCC as required by Oregon's Bottle Bill in June of each calendar year. OBRC does not include the value of scrap material sold in its operating budget.

GOALS FOR 2022

Looking Ahead

At OBRC, our mission is clear and our aspirations are always high. This will be another year of growth, increased access, and improved technology. Our goals include:

Continue to improve the BottleDrop App to enhance the consumer experience, make access to account funds easier than ever, and continue to provide detailed accounting.

Inspire change beyond our borders by continuing to share Oregon's success story with governing bodies across the country (and around the world), and participate in pilot projects like our BottleBank partnership in San Francisco.

Commence operations at our newest Redemption Center in Coos Bay, which will give South Coast residents access to the BottleDrop network.

Open the Glisan 2.0 facility in NE Portland and move our existing Glisan Redemption Center to this new, state-of-the-art facility nearby, where we will deploy new technology that will reduce lines and improve the customer experience.

Expand community partnerships that provide new redemption access for people who redeem containers on a daily (or near-daily) basis.

Use Cleaner R-99 fuel in OBRC's route operations to reduce emissions.

Expand the BottleDrop network in communities across Oregon by providing new bag drop locations in partnership with retailers.

Continue to serve as a major statewide employer, providing a range of career opportunities supporting the success of Oregon's Bottle Bill.

Build on our success of ensuring that containers remain food-grade materials for high-quality domestic recycling, closing the bottle-to-bottle and can-to-can loop as tightly as possible.

Build on the success of BottleDrop Refillables by assisting brands and beverage types interested in the program and exploring the possibility of launching a refillable wine bottle partnership.

Serve as a critical supporter of communities across Oregon through continued growth in BottleDrop Give, the OBRC Containers for Change program and Emergency Fund, and the BottleDrop Fund at the Oregon Community Foundation.

Oregonians can be proud of their Bottle Bill and what it does for the environment, for our community, and for our economy. And the Oregon Beverage Recycling Cooperative is proud to serve as the industry steward and operator of the Bottle Bill, providing a system that processes every container returned for the highest-quality recycling right here in Oregon and the United States. Whether you redeem containers to help make ends meet, collect containers for your favorite nonprofit, return your containers to help save for college, or care about materials being recycled back into high-quality products, by recycling through the BottleDrop network, you are making a big difference in your state.

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