

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Authorizing the Allocation
of County Funds for Public Purposes- United
Way of Columbia County/Dolly Parton
Imagination Library

ORDER NO. 30-2022

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 96-8 authorizes the Board of Commissioners to allocate County funds to private non-profit corporations upon the Board finding that such funds will be used to promote a public purpose; and

WHEREAS, a public purpose is any activity encouraged by the County which has the objective of enhancing the public health, safety, morals, general welfare, security, prosperity, and contentment of all the inhabitants or residents within the County; and

WHEREAS, On May 4, 2022, United Way of Columbia County requested that the Board of Commissioners donate \$2,500.00 to the private non-profit to sponsor its participation in the Dolly Parton Imagination Library; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the request for a donation is attached hereto as Exhibit 1, and is incorporated herein by this reference; and

WHEREAS, United Way of Columbia County has participated in the Dolly Parton Imagination Library program since June 2018; and

WHEREAS, through the Dolly Parton Imagination Library program over 1,300 Columbia County children under the age of five receive a new, age appropriate book every month; and

WHEREAS, Testing has shown that children participating in the Dolly Parton Imagination Library program for 2 or more years are 30% more likely to be ready for Kindergarten than those not participating; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners finds that support for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library program will promote the educational readiness of preschool children in Columbia County and thereby enhances the general welfare, prosperity and contentment of the residents of Columbia County;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEREBY ORDERS:

1. The Columbia County Finance Department shall issue payment to United Way of Columbia County, in the amount of \$2,600 which shall be used solely for its ongoing participation in the Dolly Parton Imagination Library program.

- 2. No contract shall be required. United Way of Columbia County shall report back to the Board of County Commissioners to establish that the donation was used for the intended purpose as described herein.

DATED this 25 day of May, 2022.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: Not Present
Henry Heimuller, Chair

By: [Signature]
Casey Garrett, Commissioner

By: [Signature]
Margaret Magruder, Commissioner

Approved as to form

By: [Signature]
Office of County Counsel

Exhibit 1



United Way
of Columbia County

United Way of Columbia County is searching for sponsors for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library.

Some quick facts about the program:

- Became available to all children in Columbia County in June 2018
- FREE to any child birth to their fifth birthday living in Columbia County
- Currently @ 1,305 children enrolled and 1,032 graduated (aged out) since July 2018
- Census states that there are approximately 2,500 students eligible living in Columbia County
- Books are mailed to children every month by way of Bulk mail
- Costs are about \$25 per year per child
- Tests have shown that children participating in this program for 2 or more years are 30% more likely to be ready for Kindergarten than those not participating
- Columbia County has room for improvement with early literacy

Would you be willing to sponsor a group of children to receive free books through this program?

Ready Reader Sponsor	*	\$5-\$25
Dynamic Duo Sponsor	*	\$26-\$99
Fabulous Foursome Sponsor	*	\$100-\$499
Literature Lover Sponsor	*	\$500-\$999
Bookworm Sponsor	*	\$1,000-\$2,400
Future Readers Sponsor	*	\$2,500-\$4,999
Star Readers Sponsor	*	\$5,000 +

- All sponsors will be acknowledged on FaceBook, printed brochures and on the books being mailed, for a period of time, depending on the level of sponsorship

The United Way of Columbia County and our community partners feel this program has tremendous value to the children of this community, who are undoubtedly our most valuable assets.

It is our hope that community groups and foundations will want to sponsor children on a renewing cycle to ensure that **EVERY** child here begins their schooling with the ability to be successful in their academic careers.

Please make checks payable to United Way of Columbia County and write "Imagination Library" on the memo line.

Mail to: United Way of Columbia County, PO Box 538, Rainier, OR 97048-0538

Thank you for your consideration,

Columbia County Readers Advisory Group

Friends of St. Helens, Scappoose, Vernonia, Columbia City Libraries

St. Helens Rotary, St. Helens Lions, Day Breaker Kiwanis, St. Helens Kiwanis- Noon Club

United Way of Columbia County

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