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Our annual Community Giving Campaign is underway!

For decades, Eugene School District 4J has partnered with United Way of Lane County and the Eugene Education Foundation to improve community outcomes through education. Over the years, 4J employees have contributed more than \$1.6 million through our Community Giving Campaign to support these organizations.

As educators, you know as well as anyone else that many families in our community have been struggling since before the pandemic and wildfires. Nearly half of the people in Lane County are a medical expense or a car repair away from a financial crisis. COVID-19 has only served to amplify these financial hardships. Your contributions this year are supporting the immediate day-to-day needs and systems working to support children, families and our community.

You give of yourself in your work every day. As a team, we serve thousands of students and families in our community. But, as you know, there is much more to do. It takes all of us working together to make lasting change in our community to ensure children are successful in school and life.

The United Way of Lane County charitable giving campaign is an opportunity for those who can contribute to care for each other and our community. Whatever gift you are comfortable giving, it will make a difference.

Thank you.

HOW DO I GIVE?

Option 1: Give online by

visiting https://egiving.unitedwaylane.org/crm/Home.jsp by January 8. (Chrome and Firefox work best) **User ID:** Your Eugene 4J Employee ID# **Password:** First initial of first name (upper case) and complete last name (case sensitive, no spaces)

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Examples: For an employee named Susan Smith, User ID = 9999999: Password = SSmith For an employee named Jon von Haugen, User ID = 111111: Password = JvonHaugen

Option 2: Fill out the attached PDF pledge form

WHERE DO I TURN IN MY PLEDGE FORM?

The completed pledge should be emailed to <u>GIVE@UnitedWayLane.org</u>. If you prefer to print your form, you can return it to the 4J Education Center, 200 North Monroe, c/o Dana Fleming (EEF), or mail it to United Way's office at 3171 Gateway Loop, Springfield, OR 97477 **by January 8**.

ABOUT THE EUGENE EDUCATION FOUNDATION:

Eugene Education Foundation (EEF) is 4J's partner in community outreach and fundraising, and it is our mission to promote educational excellence and opportunities for all students across 4J. It is our honor to work alongside you, and we are thrilled to provide grants to classrooms in every single 4J school and to many critical districtwide programs.

When you donate to EEF, you are participating in a communitywide effort to improve the educational experience for all of our kids. We're looking forward to another record-breaking year of fundraising, and to supporting your exceptional work in the classroom. Thank you for your hard work, and for considering donating to EEF through the United Way!

ABOUT UNITED WAY OF LANE COUNTY:

United Way of Lane County has deepened its focus on working upstream and adopted the vision of ensuring children's success and building more just and resilient communities. We support the work that's taking place in our schools by engaging our community around the importance of these four outcomes:

- Making sure children get to kindergarten ready and prepared to learn
- Kids are successful in elementary school and reaching their third-grade reading benchmarks
- Helping create a pathway to productivity
- Ensuring families are healthy and stable

Visit <u>www.unitedwaylane.org/resilient-communities</u> to learn more and read about United Way partnerships at work: <u>Expanding Child Care: new grants provide 400 slots to families in need</u>

Thank you for your support and if you have any questions, please contact a member of your Community Giving Campaign Team:

Thanks, again, from your Community Giving Campaign Team:

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