

CENTRAL OREGON REGIONAL CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

Community Associations Institute

NEIGHBORIMPACT MEETS THE NEED
BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT
MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



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NeighborImpact Meets the Need

SCOTT COOPER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

NeighborImpact is the largest nonprofit in Central Oregon by number of clients served. Based in Redmond, the organization has been meeting basic human needs and helping people with self-improvement throughout Central Oregon since 1985. The organization has offices in Bend, Redmond, Prineville, Madras, La Pine and Warm Springs. Each year, NeighborImpact provides services to more than a quarter of the region's population.

About a third of the organization's budget comes from private sources. Donations to NeighborImpact's regional food bank—which feeds about 24,000 people each month throughout Central Oregon—are especially critical. The 4.5 million pounds of food distributed each year are mostly donated, but the organization must fundraise all operational costs. These range from keeping food recovery trucks on the road to operating and staffing the warehouse to coordinating the activity of the 55 partner agencies which actually distribute the food to those in need.

Most of NeighborImpact's fundraising for the food program occurs during the period from Thanksgiving through New Year's. While cash contributions offer the greatest flexibility in supporting the organization, food drives can supplement federal commodities and grocery store donations. Beware that food is not always food in food bank world! A can opener or a microwave or cooktop are luxuries some people cannot afford! Ready-to-eat meals such as stews with pop-top lids or cans of tuna fish, jars of peanut butter or cereal boxes are examples of products that can be used, regardless of a person's living situation.



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Often overlooked areas of need are diapers, feminine hygiene products, toilet paper and personal hygiene products such as soap, shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrushes. These items cannot be purchased with food stamps and can represent a significant expense for a cash-limited households. Gas cards, grocery cards and phone cards (recommended \$20-\$25) can make a big difference for a family with an urgent need.

Vouchers for haircuts, taxi services and oil changes are also very useful to helping stretch tight budgets.

A quarter to a third of Central Oregonians struggle to make ends meet. NeighborImpact is there for them with food, rent assistance, help with heating bills and many, many more services. No one deserves to starve or freeze or be forced to live outside. Your support can make a difference. Give us a call at 541-548-2380 or email us at info@neighborimpact.org.



Message from CORC CAI President

Members of CORC CAI,

It is difficult to believe we are heading into the winter months and 2021 is quickly coming to a close. It has been a successful, fun-filled year for CORC CAI! While we entered the year, continuing with hosting our events virtually, we were thrilled to connect in person for our August educational event as well as our first annual, 'Full Throttle!' It was a great afternoon of networking and fun! Thank you to all of those who attended and for your continued support of the chapter. Congratulations to Storm Water Services on taking home the Grand Trophy! We are looking forward to our last event of the year which is sure to be a great time! We look forward to you joining us for our Annual Meeting,

a night of Bingo and Trivia, at 10Barrel brewing on Thursday, December 9th. Thank you for your membership and your continued support of CORC CAI. Happy Holidays to all!

Elle Larkin – Pacific Premier Bank
CORC CAI Chapter President



Business Partner Spotlight

VOTE·HOA·NOW

How can we help our CAI Members?

Most importantly, understanding that electronic voting is a safe and efficient option for all associations. The Oregon state statutes for HOA's and Condo's have allowed this method of voting since 2007. We do meet quorum for our clients over 90% of the time, ensuring those board elections and annual meetings can take place the first time. Have you ever tried to pass an amendment or get 65% or more of your membership to vote on an important issue facing the association? These unsuccessful votes are a thing of the past with unlimited email invitations and voting reminders included in our service. We are closing these votes for our clients in less than 90 days, much different than the yearlong votes by paper we have all experienced. Most of our clients are new to online voting and quickly learn we are just as dedicated to a successful vote as we are to the education in this industry. Go to our website click on the "how it works tab", select live webinars and join us to learn more about how we can help your community successfully transition from paper to online voting.

Share your thoughts on how your company is different from others?

We only serve this industry, making us the experts at online voting for associations and condos across the nation. The staff are all certified CAI educated business partners and have industry experience. Each community is assigned a vote manager that will hold your hand through the entire voting process and prepare you for a successful meeting. We build a custom voting site for each of our clients to meet their individual needs. Our full service set up and management provides a layer of separation between the manager, board members & committee members, ensuring no one knows who is winning until the final results are sent, protecting the validity and integrity of all votes.

Make it fun - What's a fun fact about Vote HOA Now?

A few funny things come to mind. Because of our company name "Vote HOA Now", we get asked all the time if we serve condo's? Yes, we serve condo's. If we had it all to do over again, we would have added condo to our company name somehow. Also, we have more clients on the east coast than the west coast even though we are based out of Oregon, but we are working to change that every day. Lastly, not only do our employees run votes and surveys, but we also work in all the time zones and must be able to calculate/convert time properly. This is a skill you didn't know you needed until you are serving clients all over the nation.



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