



## October — November 2011

Sign up to volunteer for all of these PGE-sponsored events and more on PGE Volunteer Power Tool at [EasyMatch.com/PGEVP](http://EasyMatch.com/PGEVP).



### Help cure diabetes with Bruce Carpenter — Oct. 2



Join the PGE Power Walkers on Sunday, Oct. 2, at Oaks Park for a leisurely walk to

raise funds for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Registration begins at 9 a.m., and the walk starts at 11 a.m. Enjoy food and entertainment before and after the walk. Register under a team captain at JDRF's walk tracker at [www.jdrf.org/oregon](http://www.jdrf.org/oregon), or if you want to volunteer at the PGE Kids Corner tent sign up on the Volunteer Power Tool. The Kids Corner has all sorts of arts and crafts for the kids at the walk, so if you're feeling creative, sign up. This is a fun-filled, family-friendly event!

### Sign up for Cascade AIDSWalk — Oct. 2

The 25th Annual AIDSWalk Portland, a 2.5 mile walk raises critical funds for HIV/AIDS prevention, education, advocacy and support services throughout the Portland Metropolitan area. Please join Patrick's PaceSetters or form your own team at <http://www.cascadeaids.org>. Check-in for the walk begins at 9 a.m. at Pioneer Courthouse square for the 10 a.m. dog-, stroller- and wheelchair-friendly walk.

### Sort & Stock Oregon Food Bank West — Oct. 6

Volunteer in the beautiful new west side Oregon Food Bank on Thursday, Oct. 6, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Volunteers will repack bulk food, sort canned food, label packages and complete mailing projects. Join your co-workers and friends for an evening of fun, rewarding work at Oregon Food Bank WEST on Southwest 173rd in Beaverton. Volunteers must be at least 12 years old to participate.

### Help clean up Kale Road — Oct. 6

Grab a friend, a trash bag, and a safety vest (all of which are provided) and help clean up Kale Road in front of our Salem Line Office for an hour or two on Thursday, Oct. 6, between 8 a.m. and 12 p.m. Prepare to do some bending and a little lifting and spend a very satisfying morning cleaning up Kale Road.

### Who mentored you?

If you want to make a positive impact in someone else's life, visit [OregonMentors.org/Programs/search/](http://OregonMentors.org/Programs/search/) to complete a quick survey to find a program right for you. Or call 503-517-8990.

Consider volunteering with one of these organizations:

**SMART** — Oregon ranks 33<sup>rd</sup> in the nation in early reading scores, and 38 percent of Oregon fourth-graders can't read at a basic level. SMART currently reaches only 25 percent of students who need literacy support, so more readers are needed!

When you join SMART — Start Making a Reader Today — in just one hour per week between October and mid-May that you spend reading one-on-one with two students for 30-minutes each, you make a difference in the lives of students in kindergarten through third grade who struggle to read or simply need a little boost of confidence.

The SMART program serves schools throughout PGE's service territory in Benton, Clackamas, Deschutes, Marion, Multnomah, Polk, Washington and Yamhill

## Take the Chill Out — Oct. 22

Help our customers stay warm this winter by weatherizing drafty windows and doors for income-eligible seniors and people with disabilities with Community Energy Project. These weatherization projects provide rare opportunities for volunteers to help our customers, face to face, in a very hands-on, rewarding way.

No special skills are required and training is provided at 9 a.m. for first-time volunteers. Volunteers will be divided into teams and leave for houses at about 9:45 a.m. where experienced crew leaders will be on hand to direct each project.

Register to volunteer on the Volunteer Power Tool by **Oct. 14** and plan to arrive at CEP in North Portland by 9 a.m. for training. Experienced Chill Seekers can arrive at 9:30 a.m.

## Volunteer at Oregon Food Bank Portland — Nov. 3

Enjoy an evening of rewarding work on Thursday, Nov. 3, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Oregon Food Bank. PGE volunteers have contributed hundreds of hours at the food bank in the past few years and have, quite literally, put tons of food on the table of thousands of Oregonians. There's a job for everyone over the age of 6 and for every ability.

## Give a BUCK-a-roo and participate in PGE's Employee Giving Campaign now through Oct. 14



### Seven reasons to give during the Employee Giving Campaign:

1. Receive a 50 percent match of your gifts, up to \$10,000 per donor.
2. Give to any eligible organization.
3. PGE pays 100 percent of the administration fees (except credit card fees).
4. Pay by check, credit card or payroll deduction.
5. Pledge online at [www.easymatch.com/pgegiving](http://www.easymatch.com/pgegiving).
6. If your favorite eligible nonprofit organization isn't on the list, you can add it!
7. You can impact the vitality of your community by giving a little or giving a lot. It all makes a difference.

### New this year:

1. The company matches your gifts up to \$10,000, for a *maximum match of up to \$5,000 per donor*.
2. PGE Foundation will receive the matches to agencies ineligible to receive a match from PGE according to our giving guidelines.

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To learn more or to sign up, visit [GetSMARTOregon.org](http://GetSMARTOregon.org). Contact Terry Clelen, 503-464-2428, with questions or if you'd like to carpool to Chief Joseph School in North Portland.

## Focus on Youth

### Photography Mentor —

Focus on Youth mentors help at-risk youth achieve academic and artistic success through photography.

Mentors work with Focus on Youth students in a variety of ways:

- Teach camera use
- Share photographic portfolios
- Accompany students on location shoots
- Teach portrait techniques
- Assist with digital post-production and printing for exhibits
- Schedule and install public exhibitions

Visit [focusonyouth.org](http://focusonyouth.org) for more information.



For information about the PGE Volunteer Power Tool or volunteer opportunities, or to order a Volunteer Power T-shirt, contact Terry Clelen, 503-464-2428.