



2024 ANNUAL REPORT

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Over the past 18 months, the Blanche Fischer Foundation (BFF) has undergone a period of transformation, stabilization, and strategic growth. As an organization dedicated to serving Oregonians with permanent physical disabilities, we have strengthened our operational foundation, enhanced our grant making program, and are positioning ourselves for long term stability and growth. The 2024 Annual Report outlines our key milestones, financial updates, and our vision for the future.



MISSION & VISION

Mission: The Blanche Fischer Foundation provides financial assistance to Oregonians with permanent physical disabilities to enhance their independence, self sufficiency, and quality of life.

Vision: To be a leading philanthropic organization in Oregon, ensuring that individuals with disabilities have the resources and support necessary to live fulfilling lives.



KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

Organizational Growth & Stability

Governance Improvements: Strengthened board engagement and recruited new board members with expertise in financial management, non profit administration, accounting, and disability services.

Financial Management: Transitioned our investment portfolio to a new custodian and financial advisors, who are passionate and aligned with our cause, implementing a long term strategy for sustainability with an 8% return target.

Operational Oversight: Updated operations and fiscal policies, enhancing oversight of financial transactions, implementing best practices for nonprofit governance.

Our Impact

Grant making Pause & Strategic Review: In 2024, BFF temporarily placed its grant making on hold to ensure compliance with Private Foundation requirements for giving, fundraising, and other legal and accounting matters. This period allowed us to align our financial and operational strategies towards long term impact.

Total Grants Awarded in 2024: 12 grants totaling \$8,300.

Support Areas: Mobility, assistive technology, home accessibility.

Common Disabilities Served: Neuromuscular disorders, stroke-related impairments, quadriplegia, amputations, and deaf-blind individuals.

Examples of Funded Requests:

- **Mobility & Accessibility:** Power lifts for vehicles, mobility scooters, wheelchair batteries, portable powered wheelchairs, and adaptive crutches.
- **Home & Personal Care:** Bath lift chairs, specialized mattresses, and leg compression devices.
- **Assistive Technology:** Specialized reading devices for individuals with visual impairments, smartwatches for deaf-blind individuals.
- **Medical Financial Assistance:** Disability related adaptive equipment.

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Financial Overview

Asset Growth: BFF's portfolio currently stands around 1.8 million, with a strategic goal to grow to \$10 million by 2030.

Quarry Sale: After a year of research and due diligence, we anticipate selling a long term asset in 2025 to provide additional resources to support growing BFF's mission.

Investment Strategy: Shifted financial management to a new fund advisor, targeting an 8% return rate.

Operational Expenses: Maintaining fiscal responsibility while ensuring adequate resources for staff and programming.



Board Members, Advisors, & Staff

Operations



Board Members & Staff at Quarry Site

Technology Integration:

Implemented AI tools (Otter AI, ChatGPT) to streamline administrative tasks and improve efficiency.

Policy Updates: Revised grant application, eligibility guidelines and processes, financial policies, and reporting structures.

Board Development: Expanded board training and engagement to strengthen decision making and governance.

LOOKING AHEAD

GOALS FOR THE COMING YEAR

Fundraising & Financial Growth

Endowment Expansion: Develop a structured approach to major donor cultivation and planned giving.

Corporate Sponsorships: Build partnerships with businesses interested in supporting disability services.

Donor-Advised Funds: Educate potential donors on how to direct funds to BFF.

Grantmaking & Community Impact

Increase Individual Giving: Expand funding available to directly support individuals with disabilities.

Enhance Outreach Efforts: Improve community awareness about BFF's grant opportunities.

Strategic Partnerships: Collaborate and provide support to aligned nonprofits to maximize impact.

Optimizing Operational Efficiency

Technology Utilization: Further integrate AI and automation tools to increase administrative capacity.

Board Engagement: Continue strengthening governance and leadership development.

Financial Stewardship: Ensure long term sustainability through sound investment strategies.

THANK YOU



We extend our gratitude to our board members, staff, supporters, and those who have contributed to BFF's success over the past 18 months. Your dedication and support ensure that we continue making a difference in the lives of Oregonians with permanent physical disabilities

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