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### **Fifteen community members honored by Maps Community Foundation**

*Foundation awards grants to nonprofits in recognition of community service*

**SALEM, Ore. 18 August 2022** — Mid-Willamette Valley nonprofits are benefiting this summer thanks to the Maps Community Foundation's Community Awards program. The Foundation is awarding \$15,000 in grants to local nonprofits in recognition of community members who "Make a Difference." Annually, the Foundation honors 15 community members in the region who are an inspiration through their volunteerism or employment.

Each winner has selected a local nonprofit to receive a \$1,000 grant. In addition, each winner receives a gift that includes locally produced items. This year, 15 nonprofits received grants for projects such as housing for unsheltered individuals; advocacy for people who are deaf, blind, or hard of hearing; youth sports; wildfire relief efforts and arts education.

Maps Community Foundation Executive Director Kim Hanson said, "Each awardee is such an inspiration; it has been a privilege to get to know their give-back stories and to fund such a diverse group of nonprofits that are truly making our community healthier, stronger and more vibrant."

Community Award winners directed their grants to local nonprofits including North Willamette Habitat for Humanity, Capaces Leadership Institute, Family Building Blocks and Be Bold Street Ministries. For a complete list of winners and nonprofits receiving grants, visit [www.mapscu.com](http://www.mapscu.com).

As part of its mission, the Maps Community Foundation seeks to promote vibrant, thriving communities by making strategic investments in Marion and Polk Counties where the majority of Maps members live. In 2021, the foundation invested more than \$300,000 into community programs.

To learn more about the Maps Community Foundation, visit [www.mapscu.com](http://www.mapscu.com) and click "Community Foundation."

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### **About Maps Community Foundation**

Maps Community Foundation is the philanthropic branch of Maps Credit Union, a member-owned financial cooperative with 73,000 members and 10 full-service branches serving the

Mid-Willamette Valley region. With a mission of enriching the lives of members and community, the Foundation focuses on improving the quality of life in the communities served by Maps. Community investments are directed in three impact areas: Education, Economic Empowerment, and Vibrant Communities. The Foundation is funded through a penny per swipe program and additional Maps contributions. In 2021, the Foundation distributed more than \$300,000 locally. To learn more, visit [www.mapscu.com](http://www.mapscu.com) under “Community Foundation.”