As you finalize your year-end giving plans, HAF+WRCF encourages you to give generously to the causes you love, while keeping these important tips in mind to ensure a successful gift.

Not sure where to give or how to connect your charitable interests with the greatest needs in our area? A gift to the Opportunity Fund — at www.hafoundation.org/opportunityfund — is a simple way to support HAF+WRCF and our work to build a thriving, just, healthy and equitable region.

Key dates & reminders

- Gifts sent by the US Postal Service must be postmarked by Dec. 31, 2022.
- Credit card gifts and online gifts must be completed by 11:59 pm, Dec. 31, 2022, local time.
- Gifts of securities must be received in the nonprofit’s account by Dec. 31, 2022 – consider initiating these gifts as quickly to ensure time for processing.
- If you make a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA, please remember that per IRS regulations it cannot be deposited to a Donor Advised Fund.

In addition to gifts of cash, there are many other ways to support your favorite causes – from opening a Donor Advised Fund to take advantage of the tax benefits this year while making donations on your own timeline in the year ahead; or making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your IRA if you are 70 ½ or older; or making a gift of appreciated stock. As always, consult your tax advisor regarding your specific situation.

However you choose to give, we send our sincere gratitude for your generosity and partnership in strengthening our communities.

**Glimpse of Karuk’s Ihuk ceremony**

In recognition of our region’s Tribal Native Heritage, HAF+WRCF acknowledges the diversity, history, and stories of the First Peoples in our four-county service area by lifting up the award-winning documentary “Long Line of Ladies.”

We believe it is important to spotlight stories that not only share this history but celebrate cultural resilience and continuity. These stories remind us that Native Peoples are an active and strong part of our contemporary community fabric and well-being.

The 22-minute documentary “Long Line of Ladies” is one of these stories. Although centered on the traditions of the Karuk, this story is representative of many local tribes that have worked to bring these ceremonies back for their young people. The film shares the journey of Ahty Allen as she prepares for her Ihuk, a Karuk coming-of-age ceremony, with the loving support of her family and community.

This film is currently being featured by the New York Times Op-Ed Documentaries and we encourage you to watch this film with your family.

We're honored here at HAF+WRCF to support and partner with the Hmong community of Del Norte County, which celebrated its annual New Year with traditional songs, dance, food and costumes at Crescent Elk Middle School Saturday, Dec. 3 in Crescent City.

Supporting the Hmong community is part of our ongoing effort to promote racial equity and fulfill our vision of creating a thriving, just, healthy and equitable region.

Both local and visiting Hmong people, as well as non-Hmong residents, participated in the day long event that was open to the community.

About 90 Hmong families call Del Norte County home. They’re relatives of veterans who aided the United States during the secret war in Laos between 1961 and 1975.

Offshore energy that benefits everyone

HAF+WRCF’s CEO Bryna Lipper, Redwood CORE Hub Advisor Jana Ganion and Brookings Institute Senior Fellow Xavier Briggs delivered a powerful message in the aftermath of the December’s auction for the rights to build an offshore wind facility off the coast of Humboldt Bay.

“As we scale up this energy source, it’s essential that we avoid the social, economic and environmental harms as well as the wealth extraction of the past. Communities impacted by offshore wind development can and should be full partners. Designing a system to share benefits and accountability among the federal government, industry and host communities is the most promising path to a resilient, low-carbon economy that works for everyone.”

On Dec. 7 two companies won two offshore wind energy area leases, auctioned 21 miles off Humboldt Bay, totaling 132,369 acres, over $331 million in bids, and the potential to provide 140-170 megawatts (MW) of power. The auction was the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management’s first for the West Coast, and the first in the U.S. for floating offshore wind, including two leases off Humboldt Bay and three off Morro Bay. Once fully built out, the Humboldt and Morro Bay offshore wind projects could power more than 1.5 million homes.

The Redwood CORE Hub, which is based at HAF+WRCF, convened the North Coast Community Benefits Network, a group of Northern California Tribal Nations, local governments, community leaders and institutions, community-based organizations, environmental groups, and academics to advocate for local investments through the leasing process.

Learn more at redwoodcorehub.org

Holiday Funding Partnership program benefits 63 projects

HAF+WRCF awarded 63 grants totaling $68,395 to charitable organizations and projects through its annual 2022 Holiday Funding Partnership Grant Program.

Partners of the grant program include Humboldt Health Foundation, the Mel & Grace McLean Foundation, the Smullin Foundation and Providence, Community Health Investment. The grants ensure the holiday season is special for those facing housing and food insecurity.

Each organization received funding for holiday assistance programs that supply food, clothing, and other basic needs to youth, senior, and low-income families in California’s Humboldt, Del Norte, and Trinity counties, and Oregon’s Curry County. Grant awards ranged from $500 to $2,000.

Humboldt Area Foundation and Wild Rivers Community Foundation are grateful to be a part of the process of ensuring our communities’ youth and families are provided with necessary resources this winter.

Learn more about the Holiday Funding Partnership, contact the Grants Team at Grants@hafoundation.org.

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