

Foundation Milestones as of October 2016

- The Foundation has completed its transition from an advisory committee of the legislature to a functional and effective non-profit charitable organization.
- Sought grants to further its mission and was awarded two significant grants: one from the Oregon Community Foundation for Gateway Phase 2 implementation and one from the City of Salem to increase the impact of the 2017 Cherry Blossom Festival.
- Established a dedicated endowment fund and raised over \$46,000 in the initial campaign, including a generous challenge grant from Bill Rutherford.
- Qualified for and is participating in both federal and state employee payroll giving programs.
- Contracted with Court Street Consulting LLC for full management of the Foundation's business, communication and special events and projects needs.
- Established a consistent and broadened outreach to the public via Constant Contact, Twitter and Facebook with a new website under development.
- Began aggressively marketing sales of Pacific Wonderland license plates, in partnership with the Oregon Historical Society.
- Commissioned and installed a bronze plaque for Governor and Mrs. Sprague's Capitol Fountain on the Capitol Mall.
- Established collaborative on-going relations with Oregon State Parks, the Willamette Heritage Center, Travel Salem, the City of Salem, the Oregon Department of Veteran Affairs and the Oregon Historical Society.
- Formalized the Foundation's partnership with Legislative Administration and Visitor Services in a Memorandum of Understanding.
- Revised membership and sponsorship categories and created a legacy giving program.
- Created opportunities to allow donations to the Oregon State Capitol Foundation via stock transfer.
- Contracted with Hoots, Baker & Wiley P.C. to complete the annual audit for 2015.
- Partnered with the City of Salem to produce a video about the Capitol.
- Provided financial support for a video about GeerCrest Farm, including a segment about T.T. Geer, Oregon's first Oregon born governor.
- Completed five oral history interviews under the revived Capitol Oral History program and made them part of the Gateway program, with more interviews being scheduled.
- Developed exhibits for Phase 2 of the Gateway and funded a training program for volunteer guides at Capitol.
- Initiated an educational program for school children, beginning with 4th graders.