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**The Museum at Warm Springs Kicks Off 2024 Year-End Fundraising Campaign**

**(WARM SPRINGS, Ore., Nov. 21, 2024)** — The Museum at Warm Springs has kicked off its 2024 year-end fundraising campaign.

The Museum's 2024 accomplishments included:

- Replacement of its heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system. Major donors included: The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, U.S. National Park Service, Spirit Mountain Community Fund, The Roundhouse Foundation, Ford Family Foundation, Oregon Cultural Trust and PGE Foundation.
- In 2023, The Museum's Board of Directors began discussing the renewal of the aging Permanent Exhibit, the most popular attraction for visitors, and an important way that the Warm Springs people tell their story to the world. A Permanent Exhibition community steering committee of Warm Springs Board of Directors and Warm Springs Tribal members includes Ruth "Pinky" Beymer, Olney Patt, Jr., Donald J. Stastny, Rain Circle, Edward Heath and Rosie Tom. The project will cost approximately \$3 million.
- The 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Warm Springs Tribal Member and Youth Exhibit," which closed on March 2, featured artworks by 20 adults and 5 youths. "Portraits in Red: Missing & Murdered Indigenous People Painting Project" was on view June 5-September 7. This powerful traveling exhibit included 40 paintings by Nayana LaFond (Métis Nation of Ontario, Canada) with the goal of raising awareness about the serious issue of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives. The Museum is closing 2024 strong with the "31<sup>st</sup> Annual Warm Springs Tribal Member and Youth Exhibit, which opened on November 6 and will be on view through February 8, 2025.
- A grant from Visit Bend Sustainability Fund has brought the Museum's entrance and grounds to a visual native garden. The professionally landscaped grounds guide the eye to the front entrance where the water feature flows as originally intended. The fully lit parking area and front entrance glows from dusk to dawn. The upgrade to security systems is completed, there is the repaving of the parking lot to come, and plans include a new security gate by end of year.
- The two-year program of traditional arts classes taught by Warm Springs master artists, generously supported by Meyer Memorial Trust brought lively activities in

the building and in the fields. The program — “Tł'aawxmamiyai – For Everyone – The Knowledge from Long Ago” — will continue into 2025 and 2026, with the help of a \$100,000 grant from First Nations Development Institute and a \$25,899 grant from Oregon Cultural Trust, which will also support exhibits.

- The Museum’s 2024 Membership Drive this summer raised over \$19,000 and tripling the Membership. This included a \$10,000 high-level “Twanat” membership from Warm Springs Power and Water. Several entities helped amplify the Membership campaign: Central Oregon LandWatch, High Desert Museum, Indian Head Casino and Plateau Travel Plaza, Jefferson County Arts Association and Art Adventure Gallery, Jefferson County Historical Society, KWSO 91.9 FM Warm Springs Radio, Old Mill District, Our Children Oregon, Redmond Chamber of Commerce & CVB, Roundhouse Foundation, Spilyay Tymoo (Coyote News, Warm Springs), The Environmental Center and Visit Central Oregon.
- The Cultural Advocacy Coalition of Oregon endorsed the Renewal of The Museum’s Permanent Exhibit and will be one of 14 capital construction projects requesting funding from the 2025 Oregon Legislature. The request for support from the Oregon Legislature (\$1.5 million) will represent 50% of project costs.
- In October The Museum received a generous grant of \$100,000 from Spirit Mountain Community Fund for operations support. This year, The Museum has so far received \$475,189 in foundation and other grants.

### **Give to the Year-End Campaign**

Visit <https://museumatwarmsprings.org/> or mail your contribution postmarked by December 31, 2024, to The Museum at Warm Springs, P.O. Box 909, Warm Springs OR 97761. Consider a matching gift to one of The Museum’s partners, the Oregon Cultural Trust. A gift to the Trust (up to \$500 for individuals, \$1,000 for couples filing jointly, and \$2,500 for class-C corporations) is a tax credit, a dollar-for-dollar reduction for any Oregon taxes owed. Double the impact on Oregon culture; tax dollars that are re-directed to the Trust support Oregon culture. The Oregon Cultural Trust is a generous supporter of The Museum at Warm Springs.

### **Upcoming Museum Closures**

Wednesday, Nov. 27 — Museum will close at noon  
Thursday, Nov. 28 — Thanksgiving  
Friday, Nov. 29 — Warm Springs Tribal Holiday  
Saturday, Nov. 30 — Museum closed  
Tuesday, Dec. 24 — Christmas Eve  
Wednesday, Dec. 25 — Christmas Day  
Tuesday, Dec. 31 — New Year’s Eve  
Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2025 — New Year’s Day

### **About The Museum at Warm Springs**

The Museum at Warm Springs opened its doors to the public on March 14, 1993. Built to Smithsonian Institution professional standards, The Museum's mission is to preserve, advance and share the traditions, cultural and artistic heritage of The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Oregon. Regular Museum hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to Noon and 1 to 5 p.m. The Museum is closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. Admission: Museum Members (free), Adults (\$7), Senior Citizens over 60 (\$6), Students 13-18 with student body card (\$4.50), Children 5-12 (\$3.50) and Children 4 and younger (free). For more information, visit <https://museumatwarmsprings.org/>. Phone: (541) 553-3331.

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