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About CVIP

CVIP is a local 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that serves the greater Chiloloquin area as a catalyst for fostering a healthy and prosperous community. Central to our mission, CVIP built and managed the Community Center, a multifunctional facility. In addition to providing meeting spaces, the Community Center houses the [Chiloloquin Branch Library](#) and the [Two Rivers Art Gallery](#).

Who Gets It Done for Rural Communities?

THE VITAL ROLE LOCAL NONPROFITS PLAY IN SUPPORTING RURAL COMMUNITIES

When people think about community services, they often think of government. But the truth is, government can't do it all, especially in small, rural communities like Chiloloquin. **That's where local nonprofit organizations and community groups step in.**

Across the country, nonprofits fill the gaps where government and business can't. They help families put food on the table, support children and teens, respond during emergencies, and ensure that no one is left behind. Nationally, **75 million Americans volunteer with nonprofits each year**, and **92% of nonprofits operate on budgets under \$1 million**, doing more with less every single day

This work is vital in rural areas. **Nearly two-thirds (62%) of nonprofits are based in suburban or rural communities, serving areas such as Chiloloquin.** In towns where resources are limited and distances are

long, nonprofits are often the first call and sometimes the only call when help is needed.

Here in Chiloloquin, **Chiloloquin Visions in Progress** is one of the nonprofits helping fill that role. Through youth programs, arts initiatives, community events, and local partnerships, CVIP brings people together to address community needs close to home. When a need is identified, the response doesn't come from far away; it comes from neighbors helping neighbors. Alongside partners like the **Chiloloquin Food Pantry** and the **Blessing Pot**, these efforts help ensure rural families have access to food support, youth activities, and safe places to gather without leaving their community. **This everyday work often happens quietly, but it makes a lasting difference.**

Today, nonprofits are becoming **more important than ever.**

Costs are rising, funding is uncertain, and demand for services continues to grow, especially in rural areas. Yet nonprofits keep showing up, guided by one simple idea: **strong communities don't happen by accident. They are built, one act of service at a time.** Nonprofits get it done, not because it's easy, but because it matters.

Nonprofits fill in the gaps for America's communities. They're your neighbors who provide urgent, even lifesaving help where government and business can't.

75M

Americans volunteer with nonprofits every year.

92% of nonprofits operate on budgets under \$1 million, doing more with less.

2M+

survivors of domestic violence aided each year.

62% of nonprofits are based in suburban or rural areas, serving every community.

\$44M

in financial support distributed to veteran families in Texas, and millions more reaching communities across the country.



Community Events

Bingo Night at the Community Center

The **first Thursday** night of each month from 6 to 8 pm at the Chiloquin Community Center.

Trivia Night at the Community Center

Join us on the **third Thursday** of each month from 6 to 8 pm at the Chiloquin Community Center.

Blessing Pot

Drive-thru on Tuesdays 11-12:30 at the Chiloquin Christian Center for a homemade bowl of soup.

Chilo-Crafters

All crafters are welcome on the **First and Third Tuesdays** of most months starting at 1:30 pm at the Two Rivers Art Gallery and Gift Shop.

ChiloQuilters

Meetings are on **Thursdays** at 11 am at the Two Rivers Art Gallery and Gift Shop.

Story Time with Paprika the Pirate

Second Wednesdays at 2:30 pm at the Chiloquin Library.

High Tea and Coffee Time

Third Thursdays at 1 pm at the Chiloquin Library.

CVIP Board of Directors Meetings

Third Monday of each month, at 5:30 pm in the Conference Room at the Community Center.
Please note: we will meet on Monday, January 12.

Community Air Action Planning Meeting

Wednesday, January 21, at 5:30 pm at the Chiloquin Community Center.

Valentine's Day Bake Sale

FoCL will host a bake sale on **Saturday, February 14**, from 10 am to 2 pm at the Chiloquin Community Center.

Accepting Clothing Donations

First and Third Thursdays of each month. 11 am to 1 pm at 117 S. Lalo Ave.

Community Air Action Planning Meeting

Wednesday, January 21 – 5:30 to 7:30 pm at the Chiloquin Community Center.

Contact us if you would like us to feature your event in our next quarterly newsletter.

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Supporting Local Entrepreneurs

START YOUR LOCAL BUSINESS TODAY

The Chiloquin Community Center is more than a gathering place; it's also a resource for residents looking to start or grow a small business.

The Center's **commercial-grade kitchen** is available for rent at a low cost, making it easier for aspiring food entrepreneurs to take their first steps without the high expense of building or leasing their own facility.



Several residents have already used the kitchen to prepare food products, test ideas, and build confidence as they explore new business opportunities. The kitchen can be rented for **\$20 for the first two hours and \$10 for each additional hour**, offering an affordable option for small-scale production and startup efforts.

In addition to the kitchen, the Community Center offers a large Community Room for events, classes, and gatherings, as well as a Conference Room well-suited for meetings, workshops, and small-group sessions.



Together, these spaces support local business development, community connections, and economic activity right here in Chiloquin.

The Chiloquin Community Center is operated by **Chiloquin Visions in Progress**, with a focus on



making community resources accessible and affordable for residents. Contact CVIP at 541-783-7780 to book your rental today.

You can make a difference today by donating or volunteering your time.

To donate, use the QR Code or go to www.chiloquinvisions.com/donate



New Wellness Opportunities

SEEKING A VOLUNTEER YOGA INSTRUCTOR



The Chiloquin Community Center is seeking a local **volunteer yoga instructor** to support ongoing wellness programming in our community. Our previous instructor recently moved away, leaving an opening for someone interested in sharing their time and skills to support community health and connection.

Yoga classes have been a valuable way for residents to stay active, reduce stress, and gather in a welcoming space. This opportunity is ideal for a certified instructor, experienced practitioner, or someone interested in teaching gentle or beginner-level classes.

In addition to yoga, **CVIP** is working with **Oregon State University Extension Service** to bring the **StrongPeople Program** to the Chiloquin Community Center. StrongPeople is a nationally recognized strength-training program designed to improve balance, mobility, and overall health, particularly for older adults. For more information about the program, visit OSU's website at <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/strongpeople>.

Anyone interested in volunteering as a yoga instructor or as an instructor for the StrongPeople class can contact CVIP at 541-783-7780, email us at admin@chiloquinvisions.com, or stop by our office at the Community Center. There is a free online certification class for a StrongPeople instructor. These programs help support healthier, more connected lives in Chiloquin, and community involvement makes them possible.

Making our community spaces easier for everyone

NEW ADA DOOR OPENERS IMPROVE ACCESS AT THE CHILOQUIN COMMUNITY CENTER

Making our community spaces welcoming and accessible to everyone is integral to building a strong, inclusive Chiloquin. Recently, new ADA-accessible door openers were installed at the Chiloquin Community Center, **improving access for seniors, people with disabilities, parents with strollers, and anyone who may have difficulty opening heavy doors.**

This accessibility improvement was made possible by a grant from the **Pacific Power Foundation**. We also thank **Quality Electric** for installing the required electrical outlets, and the **CVIP Board members** who volunteered their time to install the door openers. Their combined efforts made the Chiloquin Community Center more accessible to everyone.

These upgrades make it easier and safer for residents to enter the building independently, whether they are attending a class, community event, meeting, or youth activity. Minor improvements like this can make a big difference in how comfortable and connected people feel when using shared community spaces.

The new door openers reflect an ongoing commitment to removing barriers and ensuring the Community Center is accessible to everyone. As more programs, events, and gatherings take place at the facility, these accessibility improvements help make sure no one is left on the outside looking in.



CVIP Board President John Rademacher

Join CVIP for Fun and Fundraising on Thursday Nights!

Bingo Night takes place on the first Thursday of each month. Bring your friends, grab your lucky charm, and get ready for a night of fun. Whether you're a seasoned bingo player or a first-time player, you're sure to enjoy the excitement while helping us raise funds for local community projects.

Test your knowledge on the third Thursday of each month at **Trivia Night!** Gather your team of trivia enthusiasts, or come solo and join others for a friendly competition. From pop culture to history, there's something for everyone.

Both events are held at the **Chiloquin Community Center** and **start at 6:00 pm**. Proceeds from these events help support CVIP's programs, including our new Chiloquin Teen Adventure Camp, Chiloquin Learns After School, and our local high school scholarships.



First Thursday
of the Month



Third Thursday of
the Month

Message from the CVIP Board

JOHN RADEMACHER, CVIP PRESIDENT

CVIP continues to make positive strides for the Chiloquin community. If you attended the Bazaar, the Christmas tree lighting, the Snowflake Parade, or just saw all the Community Center lighting through December, that was us. Bingo is still extremely popular (**the 8th of January this month**) on the first Thursday, and Trivial Night on the 3rd Thursday is gaining popularity.



Chiloquin Learns After School, a CVIP program, has fully recovered from COVID-19 and is **servicing 30 elementary students four days a week**. Their decorations appeared on the community Christmas tree and on the Chiloquin Elementary School float in the Snowflake Parade. **Funding for CLAS comes from the Klamath County School District, the Ford Foundation, the Autzen Foundation, CVIP bingo, and private donations.** Chiloquin Elementary School is also instrumental in facilities use and after-school meals for the kids. If you are interested and able to contribute to the program, contact the CVIP office M-F 10 am to 2 pm.

2026 brings new opportunities for CVIP. We will be working with the City of Chiloquin to help celebrate the Chiloquin Centennial. We partner with the city on the summer Chi-Town Family Festival in June and have been working on park improvements. Due to the success of the Teen Adventure Camp, we will offer it again to high school students.

Two Rivers Art Gallery & Gift Shop

The Gallery will implement significant improvements and welcome new artists in January. We will be open **Tuesday through Saturday, from 11 am to 4 pm**, while we implement these beneficial changes. We are sure you will like our new look!

This quarter, we will work with the high school to support the new **Art teacher, Mike Schmidt**, in preparing students for the annual student show. We will be recruiting new high school interns to replace our recent graduates who have entered college. They are all doing great and keeping us informed about their latest adventures! Levi Piper has brought in her clever cat cartoon prints from her Animation program, available for purchase at a very low cost.

Of course, **we are also looking for adult volunteers to join the fun in the gallery at least a couple of times a month**. It is not difficult to learn and is a great way to make friends and become involved in the community. Maybe it is right for you?

[The Chilocrafters and the Chiloquilters will meet at their regular times](#), as weather permits. The new raffle quilt is hanging in the lobby of the community center, with tickets available in the gallery. These quieter months are a great time to visit. We love to share our Art and our Artists' stories. At this time of year, we may even be able to offer a warm drink to accompany warm conversations. We are still offering to box, gift wrap, and ship for you, or help you find that perfect addition to your home.

Chiloquin Learns After School

The [Chiloquin Learns After School \(CLAS\)](#) program is off to a strong start this school year, with over 30 students participating. Enrollment has grown significantly, reflecting both the need for after-school support in our community and the trust families place in the program.

Before winter break, CLAS students stayed busy learning and having fun. Activities included hands-on science and plant lessons, creative art projects, reading time, and a festive celebration leading into Christmas break. These experiences provide students with a safe, supportive environment to learn, build confidence, and connect with peers.



With more students enrolled, additional aides are needed to maintain safe staff-to-student ratios. As a result, CLAS is working to close a small funding gap to meet staffing needs, and **we need your help to do so**.

Community support continues to be essential. Anyone interested in **volunteering** with CLAS or learning more about how to help can contact the CVIP office. Whether through time or financial contributions, every bit of support helps ensure CLAS remains a safe, welcoming, and enriching place for Chiloquin's kids.

Friends of the Chiloquin Library

The **Friends of the Chiloquin Library (FoCL)** supports the Right to Read Act and promotes reading and learning for all ages. Through youth and community programs, FoCL encourages imagination and education, from early literacy activities for Wee Ones to a scholarship fund supporting higher education. FoCL relies entirely on community support. Monetary donations are always appreciated and may be mailed or dropped off at the Chiloquin Library. Donations of gently used book sets, crafting materials, and volunteer help for events are also greatly needed.

As Chiloquin prepares to celebrate its **100th anniversary in 2026**, FoCL is offering commemorative calendars for \$9.50 at the Library.

Story Time at Christmas was a magical event, with Santa and Mrs. Claus sharing stories, snacks, and activities with local children. **Paprika the Pirate and Sister Sage** will



host Story Time monthly on the **second Wednesday of each month through June**. FoCL will also host a **Valentine's Day Bake Sale on Saturday, February 14, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** Donations of baked goods, including gluten-free and vegan options, are welcome. To donate treats, contact **Toni at 775-513-1259 by February 1**.