



A TRAVELING LIGHT FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

This summer has been busy.

Of course the planning for the new year is now ramping up speed. Grants, awarding grants, school sensory room projects and anything else we can get our hands on to keep Traveling Light Foundation a successful Foundation within McMinnville.

Some items that happened since the last newsletter was the near completion of the Willamette Elementary School Sensory Room. Rachel Godfrey and her dedicated helpers have created a spectacular room for the kids of Willamette Elementary. We are very excited and proud to share that the grand opening will occur for this Sensory Room very soon.

We have been actively meeting with local schools and organizations to begin new ideas that we have come up with for the future growth of TLF. Stay tuned for more on this in the hopeful near future.

We were involved with Beyond Backpacks that was located this year at Sue Buel Elementary. Over 700 children were given backpacks and school supplies from this yearly event. We were very proud to have donated money and our time to this important event.

Johnny J. Edwards
President TLF

Projects and Programs

Traveling Light Foundation has ongoing projects and programs that we are all very proud of. Please visit to learn more!

Sensory Room Pilot Project

Podcast Studio Project

Eighth Grade STEM Awards

Booksgiving

Please contact Traveling Light if you would like to donate gently loved book for next years Booksgiving.

Grier Grant *NEW AWARD

This is a brand new award that Traveling Light Foundation will be awarding starting in 2026.

Three Room Project *NEW PROJECT

The Three Room Project is a brand new project that is located at the McMinnville High School. This project is the largest project that Traveling Light has been a part of to date. We will be actively working towards Grants and Donations for this huge project. The three rooms will be used differently by the students but the goal is the same. To provide a safe place to calm nerves and focus on just being a kid.

If you would like to know more or participate in these wonderful Projects and Programs please reach out to us!!

The Grier Grant

Traveling Light Foundation is very proud to present The Grier Grant, open to artists 18 and younger who are pursuing further education in the arts. Whether it be an internship, an apprenticeship, or a college or university course, we welcome all artists to apply for the grant to help support them on their creative journey. This grant was inspired by Ronan and his great granny Winnie, for whom he is named. His middle name is Grier, after one of her many names, Grierson. Ronan was an avid artist and loved to create his own worlds in his drawings. TLF hopes to support young artists in their work sharing the beauty of our world. We open our applications for the 25-26 school year in January 2026. Stay Tuned!

www.gotlf.org/grier-grant

Sensory Room Pilot Project

The Sensory Room Pilot Project is Traveling Light Foundation's newest project. We are very excited to work with Willamette Elementary in McMinnville, Oregon on this project.

UPDATE!!

The Sensory Room is now painted and a storage shelf has been installed. Items have been purchased and we are well on our way for the **Grand Opening will be very soon!!**



Let us Recognize Board Member Erin



We would like to give recognition to board member Erin O'Connor (pictured with her family) who has been on the TLF board since the founding of TLF. Erin works with students with special educational needs and was one of Ronan's most cherished teachers. One of her many skills is baking and she brought her wares to the TLF booth at the Thursday Market this August, helping to raise awareness and donations for our community projects. A big thanks to Erin and her supportive family for remaining focused on our core mission at Traveling Light Foundation!

Membership Director

Traveling Light Foundation has long depended upon donations of family and friends of Ronan to support our mission. We would like to find an outgoing, motivated volunteer, who would like to help us develop our membership program and help us expand our TLF community. We look forward to finding support from residents and businesses and fostering these relationships. This will help us move forward with more projects supporting the incredible young learners in our community. With more support, we can do wonderful work! Please inquire with our Secretary, Rachel Godfrey at rachel@gotlf.org.

McMinnville Market



This summer the Traveling Light Board were at the McMinnville Thursday Market sharing what Traveling Light Foundation is about and what we have proudly accomplished.

We had many visitors and newsletter sign ups and we paid for the booth fees by a donation jar that was placed on the table with the handouts. We had fun. See the pictures below.



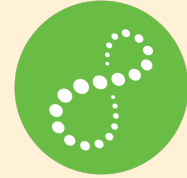
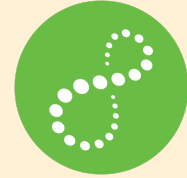
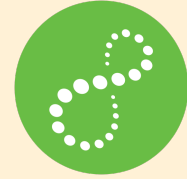
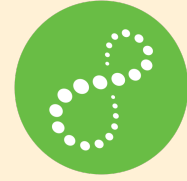
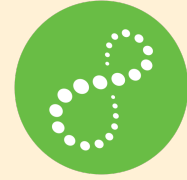
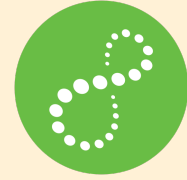
Please Donate Your Cans and Bottles

Please consider donating your cans and bottles for recycling. All the money raised from your donation of cans and bottles goes directly to the Traveling Light Foundation's Operating Fund.

Call or Text 503-437-3285 for pick up of your donation.

Thank you.





BEYOND BACKPACKS



Beyond Backpacks was a massive success. Over 700 children were given backpacks this day. Booths were everywhere with non profits sharing items for the children to add to their new backpacks. The Beyond Backpacks program gives a wonderful gift to the children of our community. Please stop by their website and consider supporting this wonderful program next year. <https://www.beyondbackpacks.org/>

We bring smiles to growing minds as they realize their potential for creative exploration, scientific discovery, and global innovation.

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