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Dear Members and Friends,

As I write to you in September 2020, last year seems far away. In 2019, we celebrated record-breaking attendance, hundreds of in-person public programs and events, and the success of our FORWARD! capital campaign, which fueled the opening of Experience Oregon and the building of the research library’s Digital Production Lab. These are accomplishments worth recognizing, and we can be proud of so much that the Oregon Historical Society (OHS) was able to achieve thanks to your support last year.

As we persevere through trying times, we are reminded of what matters: friends and family. OHS couldn’t ask for better friends and supporters than you, who allow us to inspire curiosity and advance knowledge now and into the future. You help us fulfill our mission to preserve our state’s history and make it accessible to everyone.

There’s never a dull moment at OHS! Last year, field trips kept us on our toes as schools rushed to tour Experience Oregon. Visitors of all ages flocked to see this spectacular new permanent exhibit as well as original exhibits Many Shades of Being Darcelle: 52 Years of Fashion 1967–2019, Portland Psychedelic, and traveling exhibits Ladies & Gentleman: The Beatles! and Fighting for the Right to Fight: African Americans Experiences in World War II.

The Oregon Encyclopedia celebrated its tenth year of being the authoritative digital resource for Oregon history. The Oregon Historical Quarterly continued to publish well-researched, compelling scholarship, and historians and knowledge keepers shared their perspectives on Oregon history through robust public programs throughout the year. Our Mark O. Hatfield Lecture Series moved to the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall for its 21st year, and in the fall, former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright kicked-off the 22nd season.

The research library staff prepared for a massive move and renovation, and we unveiled the Digital Production Lab, where staff work each day to make collections, even those that are most fragile and oversized, available to all through the OHS Digital Collections website.

The Oregon History Day competition was one of the best yet, with impressive statewide participation and Alan Zhou and Kyler Wang winning first place at the national contest for their powerful documentary Echo of Falling Water: The Inundation of Celilo Falls.

Of course, none of this would be possible without the members, donors, foundations, visitors, and taxpayers that support our core programs. Thank you for putting the power of history into everyone’s hands!

Best regards,

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In 2019, over 200 students presented projects at Oregon History Day, the annual statewide qualifying competition for National History Day® (NHD). Several students advanced to compete at NHD in Washington, D.C., and we are proud that two Oregon students, Kyler Wang and Alan Zhou, took home first place medals! Watch their documentary, *Echo of Falling Water: The Inundation of Celilo Falls* and read about their experience at ohs.org/blog.
In December 2019, the Oregon Historical Quarterly published a special issue exploring the complex history of white supremacy and resistance in Oregon. The project was inspired by the brutal racist attacks on Portland light rail in 2017, and the scholarship it presents demonstrates OHS’s commitment to studying and sharing all parts of Oregon’s history. The special issue has proven to be an invaluable resource for Oregonians as the realities of racial violence and injustice once again take center stage. It has been covered by several news outlets and is in use by universities, community leaders, and reading groups who are searching for deeper understanding of white supremacy’s structures and influence in Oregon. OHS has sold more individual copies of the issue, now in its second printing, than any Quarterly to-date.
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71,126 visitors & 273 group tours visited our museum, breaking attendance records!

3,581 new items were added to OHS Digital Collections.

Over 831,000 visits were recorded to The Oregon Encyclopedia, where curious individuals can learn Oregon history from A to Z.

Experience Oregon exhibit, credit Andie Petkus Photography

St. Johns Bridge, Portland, OHS Research Library, Oregon Journal Negative Collection, Org. Lot 1368, box 371, 0371N5542

Jesse Stahl on Grave Digger (horse), c. 1916. OHS Research Library, 12526
## Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

**Year ended December 31, 2019, with comparative amounts for 2018**

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<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>2019</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Assets</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Cash and cash equivalents</td>
<td>$4,088,056</td>
<td>$4,784,544</td>
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<tr>
<td>Accounts receivable</td>
<td>17,644</td>
<td>27,317</td>
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<tr>
<td>Contributions and grants receivable</td>
<td>1,231,837</td>
<td>1,592,298</td>
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<tr>
<td>Inventories and prepayments</td>
<td>459,816</td>
<td>357,130</td>
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<tr>
<td>Investments</td>
<td>8,532,782</td>
<td>8,101,341</td>
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<tr>
<td>Beneficial interest in assets held by the Oregon Community Foundation</td>
<td>8,482,576</td>
<td>7,486,055</td>
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<tr>
<td>Beneficial interest in charitable trusts</td>
<td>496,771</td>
<td>438,106</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Land, buildings, and equipment</td>
<td>9,654,049</td>
<td>9,243,191</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Collections</strong></td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Total assets</td>
<td>$32,963,531</td>
<td>$32,029,982</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Liabilities</strong></td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Accounts payable and accrued expenses</td>
<td>653,932</td>
<td>1,093,870</td>
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<tr>
<td>Refundable advances</td>
<td>350,792</td>
<td>368,275</td>
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<td>Deferred revenue</td>
<td>17,010</td>
<td>28,030</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total liabilities</strong></td>
<td>1,021,734</td>
<td>1,490,175</td>
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<td><strong>Net Assets</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Without donor restrictions:</td>
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<tr>
<td>Available for operations</td>
<td>423,071</td>
<td>448,509</td>
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<td>Board-designated reserves[^A]</td>
<td>6,653,392</td>
<td>6,119,620</td>
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<td>Net investment in capital assets</td>
<td>9,654,049</td>
<td>9,243,191</td>
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<td><strong>Total net assets without donor restrictions</strong></td>
<td>16,730,512</td>
<td>15,811,320</td>
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<tr>
<td>With donor restrictions</td>
<td>15,211,285</td>
<td>14,728,487</td>
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<td><strong>Total net assets</strong></td>
<td>31,941,797</td>
<td>30,539,807</td>
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<td><strong>Commitments and contingencies</strong></td>
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<td>Total liabilities and net assets</td>
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[^A]: OHS remains committed to maintaining financial stability. The OHS Board of Trustees is committed to preserving reserves to maintain financial stability, mitigate the impact of unanticipated funding losses, and meet emergency building needs. In 2019, the board approved $1.5 million from the reserve fund to replace the aging roof.
## Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities

**Year ended December 31, 2019, with comparative totals for 2018**

### Public support

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<td>Contributions and grants $</td>
<td>1,059,003</td>
<td>1,931,877</td>
<td>2,990,880</td>
<td>5,642,893</td>
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<td>Memberships</td>
<td>234,360</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>234,360</td>
<td>243,422</td>
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<tr>
<td>Multnomah County levy</td>
<td>3,205,065</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>3,205,065</td>
<td>3,003,955</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other governmental funding</td>
<td>1,244,049</td>
<td>54,265</td>
<td>1,298,314</td>
<td>1,203,185</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total public support</strong></td>
<td><strong>5,742,477</strong></td>
<td><strong>1,986,142</strong></td>
<td><strong>7,728,619</strong></td>
<td><strong>10,093,455</strong></td>
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### Revenues and gains

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<td><strong>Admissions</strong></td>
<td>167,383</td>
<td>101,009</td>
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<td><strong>Product sales</strong></td>
<td>274,593</td>
<td>233,213</td>
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<td><strong>Rental income</strong></td>
<td>227,366</td>
<td>219,422</td>
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<td><strong>Program income</strong></td>
<td>272,016</td>
<td>178,122</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Investment return</strong></td>
<td>1,117,157</td>
<td>(472,434)</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Net change in the beneficial interest in assets held by the Oregon Community Foundation</strong></td>
<td>—</td>
<td>1,380,812</td>
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<td><strong>Net change in the fair value of split-interest agreements</strong></td>
<td>—</td>
<td>58,665</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Net gain on the sale on collection items</strong></td>
<td>—</td>
<td>—</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Other</strong></td>
<td>54,404</td>
<td>23,132</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total revenues and gains</strong></td>
<td><strong>2,112,919</strong></td>
<td><strong>13,679</strong></td>
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### Expenses

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<td><strong>Program services</strong></td>
<td>8,110,291</td>
<td>8,156,848</td>
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<td><strong>Supporting services</strong></td>
<td>2,068,132</td>
<td>1,969,206</td>
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<td><strong>Total expenses</strong></td>
<td>10,178,423</td>
<td>10,126,054</td>
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### Increase (decrease) in net assets

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<td><strong>Increase (decrease) in net assets</strong></td>
<td><strong>919,192 [A]</strong></td>
<td><strong>(18,920)</strong></td>
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### Net assets at end of year

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<td><strong>Net assets at end of year</strong></td>
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<td><strong>30,539,807</strong></td>
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[A] Increase (decrease) in net assets includes $913,311 in depreciation expense.

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