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Senior Advocates
for Generational Equity

Where inspiration finds you

SAGE is a community of advocates who believe that each generation should improve the quality of life for the next. Through workshops, discussions, and leadership development, we inspire and support older adults to give forward so that younger and future generations can thrive. We also work across generations because we need each other, and the future needs all the advocates it can get.

In 2024, SAGE engaged over 3,000 people in our mission. Together, we sparked the imagination and commitment of thousands of people to plant trees of opportunity for the future. Many people involved in SAGE are leading their own projects, others work through our teams, and many more are giving forward through our rich tapestry of nonprofits in Oregon. **Together, we are SAGE.**

Read on to learn about this year's highlights and how you can get involved. Special thanks to the people and partners who make our impact possible so that we can build a brighter future.

2024
Impacts

150+
volunteers
contributed
to SAGE

3,000+
participants benefited
from our programs

Partnered with over

85
organizations and
networks

95%
of survey respondents
said we inspired or
supported them in
giving forward

Hosted over

40
events to help people
make a difference

Connect & Engage with SAGE



During the year, we offered 15 events to spotlight the challenges facing the future, ways to make a difference, and to equip people with resources, tools, and connections to give forward. Our Community Connectors hosted over 30 one-to-one meetings to match people to meaningful service and advocacy roles.

We also re-launched our Emerging Leaders Action Board (LAB), a program for early career leaders seeking growth opportunities in education, career, and service. Together, our LAB Leaders will offer fun opportunities for people of all generations to serve together. Stay tuned!

Educational Initiatives

Building Blocks for a Better Future

We promoted service roles with nine educational partners, and sponsored two programs to engage older adults as mentors and tutors, helping elementary and middle school students with reading and math. Students experienced significant growth and greater confidence in school.

"I had a teacher who changed my life. The SAGE Mentoring program has given me the opportunity to pass on this gift to another young person." - SAGE Mentor



Alan Hilles appreciates how tutoring students reminds him how to play!

Environmental Initiatives

Caring for Our Earth

SAGE spotlighted dozens of service and advocacy roles to protect and restore our environment. We also worked with 25 partners to lead our Vision 2030 team, which offers lessons and all-school fairs for middle school students to learn about Portland's climate goal, solutions and jobs. This year, we facilitated over 40 lessons and three fairs, reaching 1,600 students.



Photo by Anita Spaeth

Phil Mirkes helps students learn how trees and tree canopies sequester carbon and cool our Earth.

"I loved the volunteers. They clearly care very much about teaching and engaging."
- Grade 7 Science Teacher

Cross-cutting Initiatives

Bridging Divides through our Citizen Project

We led 19 events to address heightened political polarization by promoting better listening and civil conversation on politics. We're working to bring people together across differences to solve problems.

Celebrating a Champion for Gen Equity!

We gave our 2024 SAGE Award to Ward Greene. As our founder, Ward co-created numerous programs and events and has led SAGE with all his heart. He believes in and supports others to pursue their own dreams.



Ward Greene celebrates with his grandkids (our Junior Greeters) at the 2024 SAGE Awards.

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