2018 Consumer Champion

Jackson County Fuel Committee

Accepting the award:

Noelle O'Dell - Education Director
Bill Jennett - Operations Manager
Marko Cook - Utility Advocacy Benefit Coordinator



Founded in 1977, the volunteer leaders and members of Jackson County Fuel Committee (JCFC) began with woodcutting expeditions to provide emergency firewood and later expanded to weatherization to reduce utility costs, and utility advocacy to prevent shut-offs.

Bringing together people from all economic backgrounds to deliver these fundamental services, JCFC also provides powerful testimony at the Public Utility Commission (PUC) on behalf of all low-income Oregonians. Recently, JCFC members effectively testified at the PUC, successfully persuading the commissioners to require investor-owned utilities to report service disconnections so that the impact of these actions can be measured and reported. This will provide strong data for future regulation regarding utility shut-offs.

The combination of offering actual services along with teaching and modeling self-advocacy is beneficial to all JCFC members and is especially empowering to low-income consumers. CUB has long admired the vision, passion, and dedication of JCFC members, and believes that the work they do to protect and improve utility access for low-income households makes them a true Consumer Champion.

CUB congratulates Jackson County Fuel Committee on their long history of empowering low-income consumers, and thanks them for their strong efforts to establish energy justice in Oregon.

Please join us after the conference, from 5:00-6:00pm in the 2nd Floor Lobby for our Closing Reception!