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### Director’s Message

Hello Everyone and Happy Spring!

I hope that you are all doing well, staying healthy, and are looking forward to warming weather and perhaps planning some outings and/or travel.



**Cici Gaynor**  
OSNT Program Manager

**Remember that if you are planning to travel, make sure that you are submitting your request well in advance of your planned travel dates.**

As we continue the fight to slow the spread of COVID-19, our office building is still closed to the public. We will keep you notified of plans for reopening as we are given guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Oregon Health Authority.

Take care and be well!

*Cici*

### 2021 Annual State Convention Content Still Available to View

Our 2021 Annual State Convention was a HUGE success thanks to our attendees! If you weren't able to join us, don't worry, you can still register and watch all of our recorded sessions through June 30, 2021.

**To register and view, go to <https://thearcoregon.org/convention/>**

Reduced registration is just \$49 for recorded sessions including:

**Virtual Town Hall:** A conversation with Oregon Legislators

**Self-Advocate Panel:** Creating a Life for Thriving!

**Keynote session:** "It Is Not The Map, It’s The Terrain That Keeps Us Safe While Navigating Mt. Covid!"

**Registration is FREE for Self-Advocates and Families of a person experiencing an intellectual or developmental disability (IDD) thanks to our sponsors!**

### Stay informed

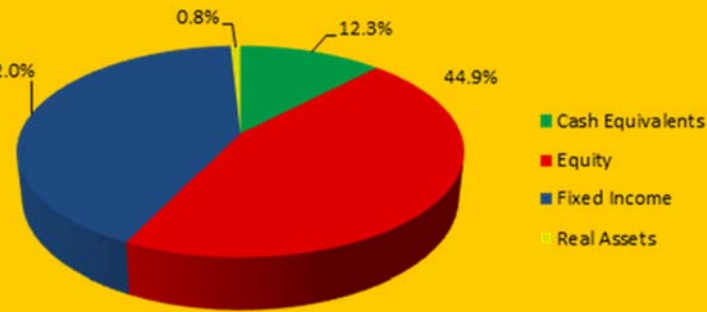
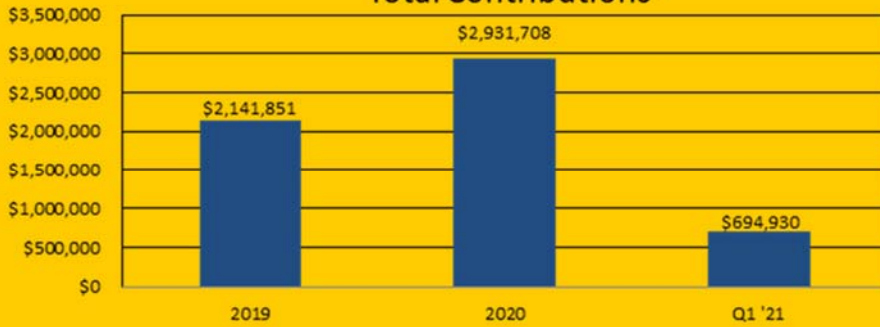
Stay informed about all of the great things happening at the OSNT by signing up for our email newsletters.

Go to [OregonSNT.org](http://OregonSNT.org), hover over Resources and select Newsletters.

For The Arc Oregon, visit our website at [TheArcOregon.org](http://TheArcOregon.org) and click the **Stay In Touch** box to join our list.

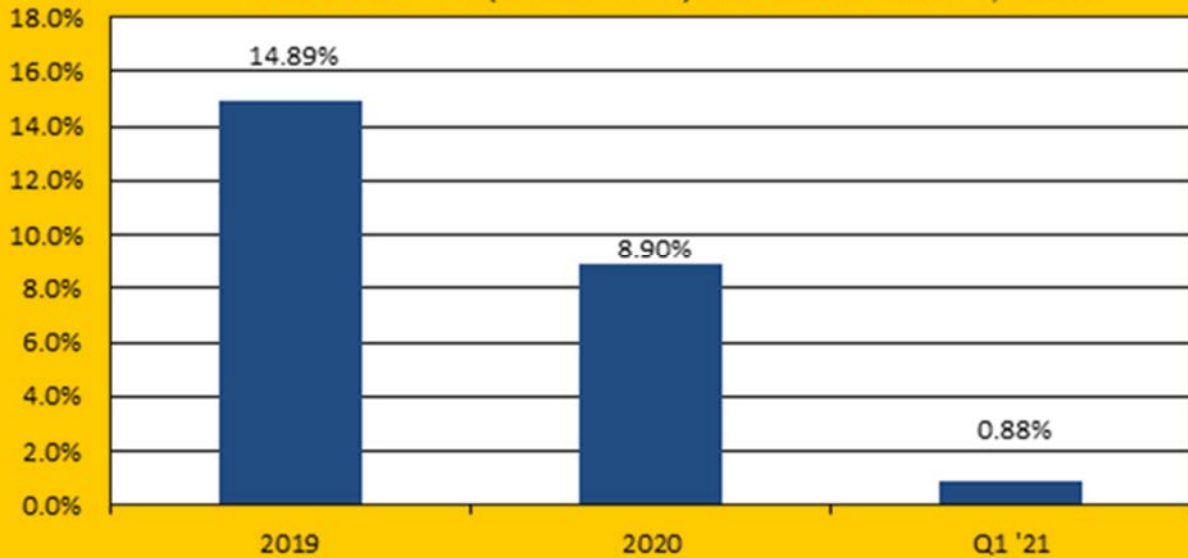


Total Contributions\*



\* Includes income to principal transfers

Rate of Return (Net of Fees) - As of March 31st, 2021



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# Grant Testimonials

Did you know that the OSNT Remainder Funds Grant Program has awarded \$16,000 worth of grants in the 2020-21 fiscal year? In addition to the original four categories, we have added a new one, Higher Education. Go to our website to read more about the program and submit an application. Here are some stories from grant recipients:

“We wanted to thank you for providing our son with a tablet. With COVID, this has been challenging times requiring a lot of video communicating. The tablet has been a blessing that allows him to communicate with his family through video. Also, it has been a new tool for us to teach him rules with electronics. It has provided a chance to expand his knowledge and learning. We thank you and your organization for being so caring.”  
~Dallas

“Dear Oregon Special Needs Trust:  
Ryan and I are very grateful to received funding for a Chromebook so he could practice typing, which is part of his communication tool. Ryan has Autism. His handwriting is not that legible. We are glad that he is able to use the Chromebook to work on his writing and communication. Our budget was limited and again ‘Thank You OSNT’ for providing this tool for Ryan!!!”  
~Sothea and Ryan

## NEEDED: Committee Members

The OSNT Advisory Committee is seeking new members. Read on to find out more about this volunteer opportunity.

- WHO - Self-Advocate, Family Member, Provider, Financial Planner, Attorney
- WHAT - Advise and provide oversight of the special needs trust program. The Committee evaluates the existing trust structures and procedures for clarity and compliance with best practices, advises the Board on strategic goals, policies and practices, and consults with staff on managing account activity if needed. Appeals and grievances are also reviewed as requested by trust beneficiaries.
- WHEN - The committee currently meets on the third Thursday of every even month.
- WHERE - Due to COVID-19 restrictions we conduct meetings via Zoom.
- HOW - If you are interested in more information about the committee you can go to [TheArcOregon.org/about/board-of-directors/](https://TheArcOregon.org/about/board-of-directors/) and scroll down to Committees. If you would like to submit a volunteer application, you can visit [TheArcOregon.org/get-involved/volunteer-application/](https://TheArcOregon.org/get-involved/volunteer-application/)

If you would prefer a paper application, contact our office at 503-581-2726.

## Newsletter Delivery

If you would prefer to receive the quarterly newsletter by email rather than print, please do one of the following:

- Call our office at 503-581-2726
- Email [info@oregonsnt.org](mailto:info@oregonsnt.org)
- Make changes at <https://bit.ly/OSNT-Update>

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## Questions & Answers

**Q How do I make a deposit to my account?**

**A** You may send a check, cashier's check, or money order to our office payable to OSNT. Make sure your name and/or account number are clearly noted on the check.

**Q I sent a check to be deposited into my account and it was returned to me. Why?**

**A** There are a couple reasons that a check might be returned to you.

- 1) If you have a 1st party account and are over 65, we are not able to accept deposits as it may result in a loss of Medicaid waiver and/or other State benefits.
- 2) If it is for a 3rd party (donor-funded) account and the funds being sent belong to the beneficiary (1st party funds), we are not able to accept the deposit as it would be co-mingling monies belonging to the donor with those belonging to the beneficiary and 1st party funds are subject to Medicaid payback.

*If you have a question you'd like answered, or a topic for the next quarterly newsletter, please email [cgaynor@thearcoregon.org](mailto:cgaynor@thearcoregon.org) by June 15, 2021.*