



Good News Letter:

*With
Gratitude*

January 2019

It's Groundbreaking!



A groundbreaking ceremony was held December 13, and construction of the new vocational program building on the Boys Ranch is now underway.

The event was well attended, and the gathered crowd heard from the three largest donors: The Rotary Club of Greater Bend, The Bend Foundation, and Oregon Community Foundation, including the family funds which contributed to their gift.

Don Smith, who rallied the building industry, gathering support from companies who are donating their time and materials to help further this project, also spoke. As did J Bar J's Board

Chair, Jeannette McKenzie and the Program Directors for the Boys Ranch and J5, Amy Fraley and Bruce Waldrup, and Josh Harpole, the General Contractor.

The Rotary Club of Greater Bend has committed \$75,000, the largest gift toward the project to date.



The three largest donors spoke at the groundbreaking about the project and why they support this program.

The Vocational Training Program will help youth at the Boys Ranch become familiar with vocations and provide initial training in the building trades (framing, insulation and plumbing) Culinary Arts and Application Design to start. The offerings will expand as the program becomes established.



Mike Hollern of Bend Foundation and Mark Capell of Greater Bend Rotary with J Bar J's own Tami Lee

"This project is a perfect match with Rotary's mission of supporting and developing youth. Rotary's motto is service over self. A project like this helps Rotarians meet the mission and models the service ethic to the kids" reports Board President Mike Sipe. "Rotarians will be involved with the project from start to finish, offering help with constructing

the building, presentations to the kids about their own vocations and hands on education in their area of expertise."

The Classroom will be named for Greater Bend Rotary in honor of their commitment to the project.

Executive Director Stephanie Alvstad, "We are honored to have the support of Mt Bachelor Rotary through the St. Patrick's Day Dash, and especially grateful to The Greater Bend Rotary for the generous contribution through the Duck Race and now selected as the signature project with a commitment of \$75,000." The project is nearing the fundraising goal.



Tom Helwarth, Michael Summers, Andy Jordon, J Bar J's Peggy Carey, and Tom Combs

Giving Trees Spread Joy

Three Bend Businesses hosted giving trees this holiday season to benefit kids in programs of J Bar J Youth Services.

The Oxford Hotel in Downtown Bend and Pour House Grill each had trees benefiting Littles though Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Oregon, and Market of Choice's tree this year was for the



homeless kids living in the LOFT at Cascade Youth and Family Center.

The LOFT, or Living Options for Teens, is our transitional living shelter where kids live and finish school, work, and learn life skills.

The gifts made the season much brighter for the kids in both programs.



Celebrating Birthdays

This year marks more significant milestones in the J Bar J Youth Services family. Both Cascade Youth and Family Center and Oregon High Desert Classics turn

30, while Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Oregon and The Academy at Sisters are celebrating their 25th years.

Project Manager Honored

Mel Parker, Project Manager of the Domestic Victims of Human Trafficking Program with Cascade Youth and Family Center



(CYFC) was given the "Above and Beyond Award" by the Oregon Department of Justice Crime Victim and Survivor Services Division. Mel was honored at an awards event on National Human Trafficking Awareness Day, January 11th in Portland.

Mel is the Co-Chair of the Deschutes County Commercially Sexually Exploited Children Response Team. This team includes members from multiple branches of law enforcement, service providers, government agencies, and CYFC. The program at CYFC works directly with victims of trafficking, providing support, case management, and connection to services through the legal process and beyond.

This award is given to someone who has shown tremendous character and heart when fighting for and working with victims of trafficking.

Mentoring Month

January is National Mentoring Month, and this year Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Oregon is celebrating the annual campaign aimed at expanding quality mentoring opportunities to connect more of our community's young people with caring adults through increasing awareness of the benefits of mentoring. Research shows that 44% of adults are not yet mentoring but are willing to consider it.



BBBSCO wants to reach out to those people, to share with them the impact they can have in a young person's life. To give them the opportunity to become a Defender of Potential.

National Mentoring Month is led by MENTOR: The National Mentoring Partnership, the organization working to expand the quality and quantity of youth mentoring relationships.

New Look : Urgent Message

Big Brothers Big Sisters has new, bolder look and a new urgency.

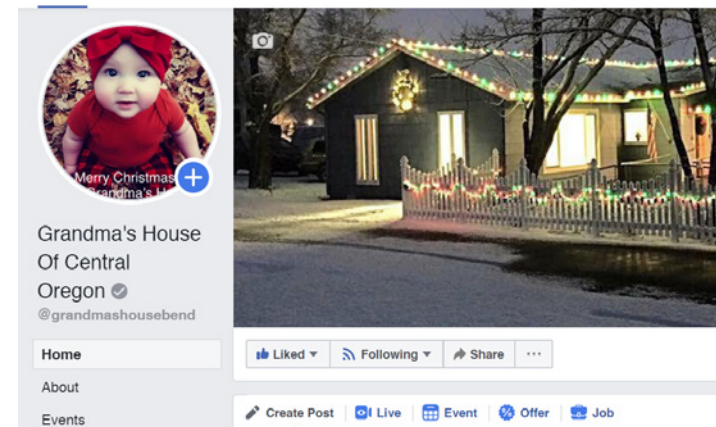
Potential is in every child. We are not saviors. We are allies. We don't create potential. We defend it. Together, we are Defenders of Potential!



With Gratitude:
Thank you for standing with us as
DEFENDERS OF POTENTIAL!



Be Social



In 2018, Facebook made it more difficult than ever for our posts to be seen. Believing that people want to focus their attention on the other people in their lives and not businesses, Facebook changed what content people see to prioritize posts from "friends, family, and groups." This means post by our pages rarely show up.

You can help! The new algorithm ranks interaction, and posts that people interact with are considered more relevant.

Follow us under whichever program you want to support. Then, when you do see our posts, interact with us:

1. **Comment.** Users are more likely to see a Facebook post their

friends and family are commenting on.

2. **React.** A 'like' is good, but doesn't mean as much as one of the other Facebook emoticons.

3. **Share.** If a user shares a piece of content to their wall, that's great. But what's even better is if they take the time to send it to a friend (or a group of friends) over Facebook messenger.

Our programs on facebook are:
@ BigBrothersBigSistersofCentralOregon
@CascadeYouthAndFamilyCenter
@GrandmasHouseBend
@ KindredConnections.CO
@ AcademyAtSisters
@JBarJYouthServices
@ OregonHighDesertClassics

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