

Good News Letter:

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Gratitude*



Staff Speak at Conferences

In an effort to help others helping kids, J Bar J staff share their knowledge as presenters in regional conferences.

Cascade Youth and Family Center's Eliza Allee facilitated a training session about housing options for runaway and homeless youth after they leave our programs while she and other staff attended the Runaway Homeless Youth Grantees Regional Meeting in Seattle Washington. This conference is put on by the Runaway and Homeless Youth Training and

Technical Assistance Center and is attended by the Family and Youth Services Bureau's Runaway and Homeless Youth Program grantees and allied professionals.

The training emphasized Continuum of Care, Rapid Re-Housing project and highlighted how Cascade Youth and Family Center has learned to navigate the Coordinated Entry System, and how to best advocate for homeless youth.

About her experience, Eliza said, "The group was really interested

to learn about how J Bar J programs prepare youth for independent living from the day they come into our programs. I was able to answer questions and use examples based on what we are doing with our clients. I was invited to come to the national conference to talk more about my experience."

Mid-June, Suzie Rozen and Sandy Vaughn from the Academy at Sisters will lead a session at the National Association of Therapeutic Schools and Programs (NATSAP) regional conference about Equine Assisted Psychotherapy (EAP) in a therapeutic boarding school environment called "Teens and Horses:

Understanding and Utilizing Effective Treatment for Success."

NATSAP serves as a "national resource for programs and professionals assisting young people beleaguered by emotional and behavioral difficulties."

Their members include therapeutic schools, residential treatment programs, as well as wilderness therapy programs, and outdoor therapeutic programs.

The Academy at Sisters provides Certified EAP as an integral part of their program for all students.



Bigs and Littles in La Pine

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Oregon (BBBSO) is celebrating 25 years of defending potential in our region by expanding into the La Pine community.

Our plan includes matching 20 local “Littles,” kids who can use a positive role model, with Big Brothers or Big Sisters. We have met with La Pine Mayor Daniel Richer, presented to the Sunriver/La Pine Rotary, and are reaching out to local businesses in hopes of finding sponsors to help support the new matches.

Children perform better in school and make better choices when they know someone cares and is en-

couraging their development. The community benefits as a whole when its youth are making better choices. This program is not only about LaPinians igniting potential in their youth, but also working together to build a strong community culture.

Sharing experiences and the willingness to influence a kid’s life are key characteristics to be Big Brothers or Big Sisters. Matches are made based on interests and the type of activities the potential Big and Little enjoy. Kids and mentors in the program come from a variety of backgrounds.

The activities they share, from mountain biking, to fixing an old car, to playing board games, matters less than the time spent together.

If you would like more information, contact Bridget Albert at balbert@bbbsco.org or 541-312-6047 or visit www.bbbsco.org.



Pine Mtn. Sports Love



Their program has grown significantly each year, and has raised over \$122,000 over the first three years.

This funding will help tremendously as we continue to meet the needs of runaway and homeless youth at CYFC. To learn more about Pine Mountain Sports’ Community Ambassador Program, contact Henry Abel 541-385-8080, henry@pinemountainsports.com

Each year, Pine Mountain Sports selects one organization working with vulnerable populations and, through their Community Ambassador Program, rallies their network of individuals and businesses in support.

Cascade Youth & Family Center (CYFC) is selected as the fourth program to be the beneficiary of this program, CASA of Central Oregon, Volunteers in Medicine Clinic of the Cascades, and Family Access Network having been chosen in the prior years, since its beginning in 2016.



Your chance to win fun! Watch for a mountain bike raffle in July. Details will be on our social media, cascadeyouthandfamilycenter.org, & www.pinemountainsports.com

30 Years of Horses



This summer will mark 30 years of raising funds to help kids in J Bar J Programs

The Oregon High Desert Classics will soon return to the Boys Ranch as our largest fundraiser of the year. We invite you to come by during the last two weeks of July (Wed – Sun) to watch the athleticism of horses and riders, wander through the marketplace booths, and have a meal from the food trucks. This is a rare opportunity to see top riders from across the continent as they compete for over \$150,000 in prizes.

Special events in-

clude the International Hunter Derby Brunches on Sundays, the Ride Drive and Drink Race, which includes a jumper course, wheelbarrow race, and finishes with a beer, Best Dog Competitions, and the Saturday evening Grand Prix Dinners. The Grand Prixs are the most popular events for spectators, so come early or bring your own chair. Ring schedules are available on our website in the Prize List, and event guides will become available online the week before Classics I, as well as at the show.



Vocational Training Update



The vocational training school is under construction. The roof is nearly finished, electrical, plumbing, windows and doors coming soon.

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The prestigious Oregon High Desert Classics (OHDC) is the only event of its kind in Central Oregon. The show is managed by Dianne Johnson, US Hunter Jump-

er Association Vice President, recipient of their 2017 Lifetime Achievement Award, and twelve time Calgary Grand Prix champion.

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