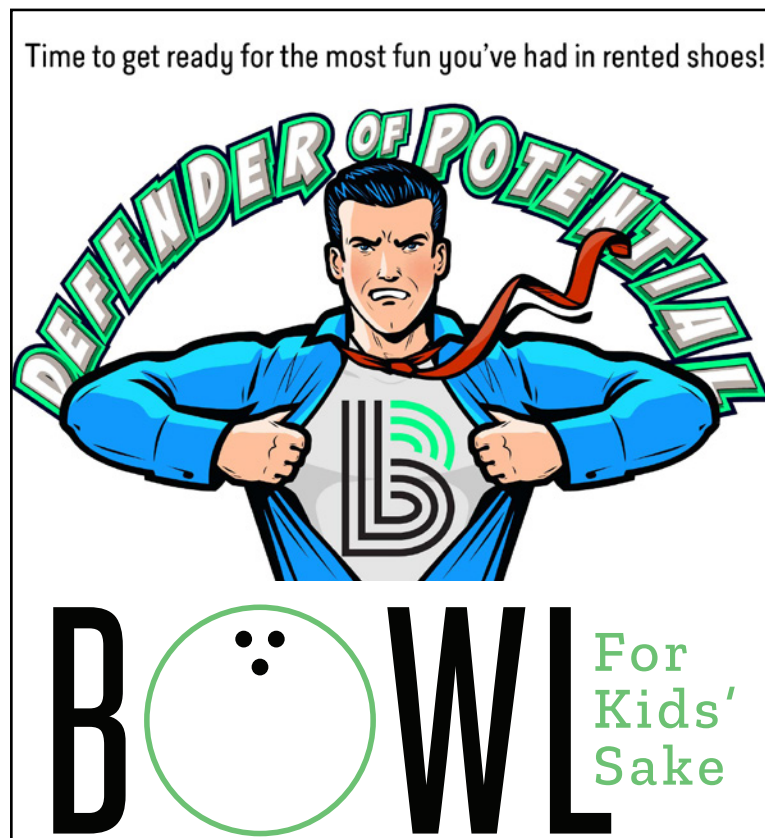


A young woman with long blonde hair and a nose ring is leaning against a red brick wall. She is wearing a brown and black plaid button-down shirt with the sleeves rolled up, blue jeans, and black sneakers. The wall behind her has some decorative metal art. To the right, there is a sidewalk and a street with some utility pipes and a building in the background.

Good News Letter: *With Gratitude*

April 2019

Bowl For Kids Sake in April



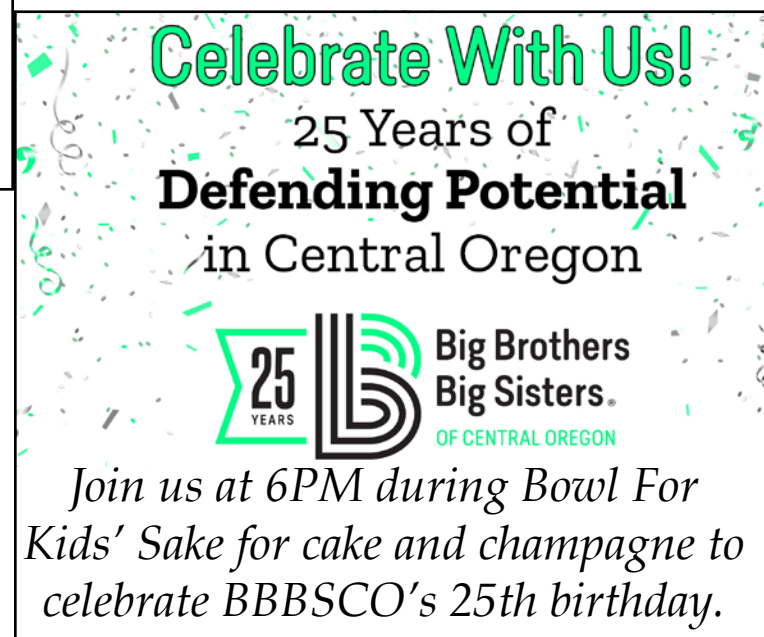
This year's BFKS theme is DEFENDERS OF POTENTIAL: Come dressed as your favorite superhero!

This event is for anyone who wants to have fun and support the mission of Big Brothers Big Sisters. Get a team of 6 people together and reserve your lane today!

Creating your team is easier than ever with our new fundraising platform, which allows each participant to create their unique fundraising page through Face-

book or email, displays fundraising goals, and shows which individuals and teams are in the running for the most money raised, and who will win the grand prizes!

Sun Mountain Fun Center
April 26th, with two flights:
Flight 1: 4-6pm
Flight 2: 6-8pm



Pizza, beer & soda provided, along with amazing raffle prizes and grand prizes for the individual and team who raise the most money!

Register your team through the link on www.bbbsco.org, for more information, contact Kirsten at 541-389-1409

Grandma's House Toys

Woody from Grandma's House recently spoke at an event for the Daughters of the America Revolution, along with a former resident, Allie, as co-speaker. Allie's daughter Maggie also joined them, as Grandma's House was her first home when she was born 12 years ago. Maggie was too shy to speak to the group, but afterward took Woody aside and told her that next time she would be brave enough to share a story.

Last summer, Maggie went to camp and being very shy, was afraid she wouldn't make friends. However, there was another camper there she was particularly drawn too. The feeling was mutual and they quickly became fast friends. Both girls felt like they had met

before, but it seemed unlikely. They lived in different towns and had never attended the same schools. Nonetheless, their time together at camp was amazing and as comfortable as hanging out with a lifelong friend.

When they parted, they promised to keep in touch and find a way to spend time together again. Arriving home, each girl joyfully told their mothers about their new-found friendship. As their stories unfolded both moms realized that, yes, in fact, they had met before!

Both Maggie & Tameka were born at Grandma's House and spent the first months of their lives together. Now, they are all reunited and the girls get to see each other often!



Meet Charli!

Charli is a Grandma's House Baby, now one-year-old. She brightens any room, and loves to help Woody write thank you letters!



Chaos and Kindness Visits

A few of the kids at the LOFT had a terrific surprise last week. The band Recycled Percussion was in town and dropped in to talk with the residents and to film for their Emmy nominated Chaos and Kindness show. They'd played at the Tower Theatre the night before, and came to the LOFT after surfing at the Bend Whitewater Park on the Deschutes.

With a burst of energy, they arrived and listened to the kids' stories, shared their own hurdles and difficulties they faced as teenagers, and toured the LOFT. After their visit, they took the kids who were available to Target. Their facebook post from that day: "Speechless."



"So today we (Recycled Percussion) went to a homeless shelter for teens in Bend, Oregon. This shelter helps teens get back on their feet and into society where they can have a life again. So we surprised these 5 amazing teens. Mason, Allison, Sarah, Lake, and Nathan. We showed up at the shelter and took them all shopping for whatever they wanted/needed. Sarah had been living in a car, and now has her first ever place to live so she chose house necessities. Mason chose his first ever smart phone, Lake wanted towels and that's it but we bought him a PlayStation also."

"The point is this morning these young adults woke up thinking it would just be another day. Well it wasn't, it was so fun to walk the isles and just get them whatever they needed to make them happy. Just an absolutely incredible day here in Oregon. Chaos and kindness in full effect!"

New Therapy Space

The staff and girls at the Academy at Sisters are excited about the newly completed therapy offices. These comfortable new spaces offer a private setting for individual and family sessions.



There's been incredible healing and powerful work happening in these four walls. It is truly an honor to be a witness to such profound wisdom and honesty.

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Anti-Trafficking Project

Our program for victims of human trafficking will soon be moving out from under Cascade Youth and Family Center. This will help us develop and enhance our services for trafficking survivors and to also maintain CYFC's focus on the specific needs of homeless and runaway youth.

Our soon-to-be-named program is the sole provider of a spectrum of services for child and adult

victims in the region. We work with survivors of sex and labor trafficking to create safety plans, provide comprehensive case management and crisis intervention, as well as emotional support.

We also play a key role in the team responsible for responding to reports of trafficking as well as creating best practices in our region. The Deschutes County



*Panel and Speakers at January's CSEC community event:
Erin Kevin, Victim Specialist, FBI; Sara Perkins, Survivor Leader; Monica Desmond, CSEC Response Team Coordinator, J Bar J Youth Services; Matthew Nelson, Deputy District Attorney, Deschutes County; Mel Parker, Human Trafficking Project Manager, J Bar J Youth Services; Emily Kotaich, Program Manager, KIDS Center; Joshua Spano, Detective, Bend Police Department*

Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Response Team is a collaboration of agencies working together to coordinate and leverage resources to provide a comprehensive approach to child sex trafficking and services to victims and survivors.

It includes representation from local, state, and federal law enforcement, the DA's office and other county agencies, The Kids Center, and us. J Bar J also provides the coordination for the response team.

The Response Team works to: identify and recover victims of sex trafficking; proactively investigate, identify, apprehend and prosecute those engaged in sex trafficking; and provide trauma-informed, victim-centered services to restore those impacted by child sexual exploitation.

The CSEC Response Team began holding educational forums about Human Trafficking in Central Oregon this winter. The first event, held at McMenamins on January 28th, sold out a

few hours after we posted it on CYFC's facebook page and was standing room only.

The event began with a presentation by Erin Kevin, Victim Specialist with the FBI, followed by Sara Perkins, Trafficking Survivor Leader. Sara told her personal story of having been recruited and victimized as a teenager, her experience in 'the life,' and her journey from victim to survivor. Her message was one of hope, wanting other victims to understand that there are resources and a community who will rally around them if they reach out. The session ended with a panel discussion and questions.

Since the initial event, members of the CSEC Response team and our staff have addressed other groups who have invited them to speak. They are available to talk at other events, as well.



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