

Guide to Jackson County Human Services Nonprofit Agencies, Volunteer Opportunities & Contact Information; 5/2009

AARP Tax Aide Program

David Argetsinger, District Coordinator; PO Box 4477, Medford, OR 97501; Phone: 776-2216; Email: arget@rvi.net
Operates nine sites in Jackson County for free Income Tax Preparation and Electronic Filing for Low to Moderate Income Individuals and Families and Senior Citizens. The average Adjusted Gross Income of our clients is just under \$20,000. Volunteers prepare taxes from Feb. 1 to April 15 for about 3000 individuals or families. Volunteer orientation in October or November; annual training the first 3 weeks of January, 9 half day classes with computer practice sessions following the classes. Additional volunteers are needed to prepare taxes and act as greeter/screeners at tax sites. Also needed is a District Technical Coordinator to provide technical support for our computers.

ACCESS, Inc.

Nicki; 3630 Aviation Way, Medford, OR 97501; Phone: 618-4003; Email: nicki@access-inc.org
Volunteer Positions: Food pantries; Jr. Achievement classroom consultants; Intake workers; Warehouse helpers; Special Events

Addictions Recovery Center (ARC)

Edward Burns, Operations Director; 1003 West Main Street, Medford OR 97501; Phone: 779-1282 or 778-3514; Email: edb@addictionsrecovery.org
ARC is a private, nonprofit, community service organization that ensures that individuals and families with addiction problems turn their lives around and return to our communities as productive fathers, mothers, grandparents, workers and community advocates. Volunteer opportunities: Walk With Me women's mentoring program. Volunteer orientation, coaching and guidance from clinical staff, and "classes" as needed.

Asante Hospice, Sally Melton, Volunteer Coordinator; 2960 Doctors Park Drive, Medford OR 97504; Phone: 789-6859; Email: smelton@asante.org
Asante Hospice provides a life-enhancing support system, as patients and their families work through the experience of illness and death. Volunteers help with this as they can provide respite care, companionship, light housekeeping, and even music or pet therapy.

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Rogue Valley

Jennifer M. Lee, Director of Program Administration; Phone: 479-5258 X105 (P) Email: jennifer@bgcrv.com; www.bgcrv.com
Serving over 6,000 youth in Jackson and Josephine counties in 2008, we provide a safe, fun and positive place for youth ages 6 – 18 in 5 Clubhouses located in White City, Phoenix, Talent, Grants Pass and Cave Junction. We offer programs that promote prevention and well being, teach resistance training, promote family support, provide homework assistance among others. We recruit 500 volunteers a year (including after school programming, summer programming and our team sports program).

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates of Jackson County)

Pam Garrison, CASA Training and Recruitment Coordinator; 613 Market Street, Medford, OR 97504; Phone 734-2272;
Email: pgarrison@JacksonCountyCASA.org Attend one of our volunteer orientations - every Thursday, 11:00 - noon at the CASA office
CASA is the only nonprofit organization appointed by the Jackson County Juvenile Court to represent the needs of abused and neglected children. CASA is an affiliate of the National Court Appointed Special Advocates program and has served thousands of children since it's founding in 1986. CASA's mission is to provide stability and hope to abused and neglected children. Over 450 children in our local foster care systems waiting for an Advocate. Volunteers work one-on-one with children in the foster care system, helping them thrive and find safe, permanent homes. Each highly trained volunteer is appointed by the court to work with an abused or neglected child, acting as a mentor and advocate for the child's best interests.

Children's Advocacy Center

Anna Loeffler, Volunteer Coordinator; 816 W. 10th Street, Medford, OR 97501; Phone: 734-5437 x 115; Email: ALoeffler@cac4kids.us
Provides to child abuse victims and non-offending family members assessments, support groups, teen mentoring and "club house" socialization. Many positions for volunteers to help including Child Advocate, Intake Advocate, Club House Advocate. Commitment of 2-4 hours a week for 1 year.

Child Development Services

Sue Kline, Director; 691 Murphy Rd. Suite 112, Medford, 97504; Preschool sites in Medford and White City; Phone: 789-5256
Provides free preschool classes for special needs children, therapy services and home visit support. The agency serves over 500 children with special needs (ages birth to 5 years) and their families with funding from the Oregon Department of Education and insurance funds. Volunteers assist in the classroom with group time, reading, art projects, speech groups; as office assistants; as parent night assistants; assist with fundraising campaigns and events; provide support calls to parents; prepare the parent newsletter; design website; and organize the parent/volunteer library.

Community Health Center (CHC)

Karen Elliott; 19 Myrtle Street, Building A, Medford, OR 97504; Phone: 773-3863; E-mail: karene@communityhealthcenter.org
Other Sites: 99 Central Avenue, Ashland, OR 97520; Phone: 482-9741; 8385 Division Rd., White City, OR 97503; Phone: 826-5853
Founded in 1972 as a grassroots, community-based effort, the mission of CHC for the past quarter-century has been to promote the health of low-income, working uninsured, and other vulnerable adults and children in Jackson County. Volunteers: **Community Connector**: Help a child find a medical home by distributing information in the community and by being an advocate for CHC. Volunteer works at his/her own pace and schedule. **Special Event Volunteer**: Assist with outreach activities such as staffing information booths at festivals, preparing activities and decorations for events. **Front Office Volunteer**: help with filing, copying, data entry, mailing and making new charts. **Ambassador**: Help spread the word about us

Community Works Treatment Foster Care Program; Gabe Dawson, Program Manager, 973-5293, gdawson@lithia-springs.org

Community Works Treatment Foster Care Program provides a safe, stable, and supportive environment for at-risk youth ages 13-18.

We are accepting applications for Treatment Foster Parents, both long-term and respite providers. Our foster parents join a professional team where they are in daily communication with school and treatment staff, receive intensive and ongoing training, can count on 24/7 on-call support from staff, contract for competitive compensation to cover expenses, enjoy regular time off, and make a positive difference in a young person's life.

Community Works, Victim Services

Renee Desautel; 900 East Main Street, Medford 97504; Phone: 779-2393 ext. 212; Email: rdesautel@community-works.org

Dunn House is the Rogue Valley's shelter for victims of domestic violence and their children. Volunteers work as advocates within the shelter providing support for the women and children. Dunn House Outreach provides support and advocacy through partnerships in the community to victims of domestic violence. Volunteers work in the courthouse aiding victims with protective legal orders.

HelpLine is the County's only 24 hour crisis and information hotline staffed by trained volunteers to provide information, resources, and emotional support to callers. Volunteers are needed to answer the lines and provide program support.

Sexual Assault Victim Services provides a 24-hour response to sexual assault survivors, their family members, and significant others. Trained volunteer advocates provide services including crisis counseling, information and referral, support and follow-up.

Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Southern Oregon, Inc. (CCCS)

Jan Safley, Executive Director; 820 Crater Lake Ave. #202, Medford, OR 97504; Phone: 779-2273; Email safleyj@cccso.org

CCCS is a nonprofit organization that provides money management counseling and education. The Money Management Program matches volunteers with low income seniors and the disabled that are in danger of losing their independence because of an inability to handle their finances. Volunteers help in writing checks and ensuring wise money management decisions.

Family Nurturing Center (FNC)

Rita Vance, Volunteer Coordinator (Volunteer); 212 N. Oakdale, Medford, 97501; Phone: 779-5242; Email rita@familynurturingcenter.net

Provides free therapeutic early childhood education (preschool), respite childcare, home visits, parent support and education, relief nursery, crisis response and transportation. FNC serves at-risk children ages birth to 5 and their families. Volunteers work with Teachers/Care Coordinators to help children in the classroom with activities, group time, reading and projects; assist in the kitchen; ride with or drive vans to transport children to and from the center to Medford, Phoenix and Central Point; assist with the community garden; assist with fundraising and outreach and in the office.

Girl Scouts of Oregon and Southwest Washington, Medford Service Center

Sandra Nance, 2001 N. Keene Way Drive, Medford, OR 97504; Phone: 773-8423; Email: snance@girlscoutsofsw.org

You can make a difference in the lives of girls! Whether you have an hour, a day, a weekend or more, Girl Scouts will match your skills, talents, interests and goals to volunteer opportunities. Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. Find out how you can get involved in your community through a variety of flexible options.

Hearts with a Mission Teen Shelter (New Program)

Contact Michelle Steffens; Phone: 944-3237; Email: Michelle@interiorofficeconcepts.com heartswithamission.org

Youth Shelter will provide temporary emergency shelter for up to 120 days for youth ages 10 to 17 with written parental consent.

HOPE Equestrian, 776-0878, ihopeequestrian.coo; nfo@hopeequestrian.com provides therapeutic horseback riding to special needs individuals.

Jackson County Circle of Caring

Volunteer Rita Vance; 212 N. Oakdale St., Medford 97501; Phone: 779-5242; Email: rita@familynurturingcenter.net

The Jackson County Circle of Caring is one of three projects in Oregon funded by the Oregon Community Foundation and the Juan Young Trust to engage Boomer aged (45-68) volunteers to help young children and their families. The project is administered by the Family Nurturing Center and is a collaboration of the Family Nurturing Center, Job Council's Child Care Resource Network, Child Development Services, Jackson County United Way, Jackson County Commission on Children and Families, and Southern Oregon University Department of Education. Volunteers needed: to help vulnerable children in classrooms, to help provide child enrichment activities (summer reading, dance, arts and crafts, or playing games) in neighborhood child care homes; to organize dress-up clothes and activity boxes, to assist child care providers with business/marketing consultation.

Jackson County Commission on Children and Families (CCF) The CCF system was created by HB 2004 in 1993. There is a local CCF in each of Oregon's 36 counties and one state office. The CCF system was created to empower local communities and promote the well-being of all children and families as a community responsibility. The CCF is working to expand opportunities for volunteers to get involved in child and youth-serving organizations in the community. For more information about the Jackson County Commission on Children & Families, call 774-7828.

Jackson County Library Services (Libraries throughout the county)

Carrie Prechtel, Community Outreach Specialist; 205 S. Central Ave., Medford OR 97501; Phone: 774-6407; Email: cprechtel@jcls.org

Jackson County Library Services Volunteers help us promote literacy, life-long learning, the love of reading, and the exploration of new ideas and creativity. Volunteer opportunities include Summer Reading Program, Children's Programs, Young Adult Programs, Circulation, Information and Reference Desks, Outreach to Childcare, and Outreach to Homebound.

Job Council's Child Care Resource Network (CCRN)

Patty Carty; 673 Market Street, Medford, Oregon 97504; Phone: 776-1234; Email: patty@jobcouncil.org

CCRN serves families and child care providers in Jackson, Josephine, Klamath, and Lake Counties, regardless of income or situation. CCRN provides free child care referrals to parents, parent education and coaching, and child health consultations. CCRN offers mentors and (in collaboration with RCC--Pathways to Professionalism) trainings including early childhood, and professional and program development for child care providers. Volunteers are needed to help provide child enrichment activities such as summer reading, dance, arts and crafts, or playing games; to organize dress-up clothes and activity boxes, and to assist child care providers with business, marketing and program consultation.

Kids Health Connection - Oak Grove School

Corina Gabriel, Dale Templeman, KHC Volunteer; 2838 W. Main Street, Medford 97501; Phone: 842-3834; Email: cgabriel@lcdv.org

Kids Health Connection (KHC) is an elementary school-based health center (SBHC) program with three SBHCs in the Medford school district at Jackson, Washington, and Oak Grove Elementary Schools; and one SBHC in the Phoenix/Talent School District at Phoenix Elementary School and one in the Central Point School District at Jewett Elementary School. The KHC provides medical care, nurse case management and mental health care for enrolled students. Kids Health Connection is an elementary school-based health service dedicated to improve the health of children.

Kids Unlimited

Rachel N. Petetit, Volunteer Coordinator; 821 N. Riverside, Medford, OR 97501

Phone: 774-3900; Email: rachel@kidsunlimitedoforegon.org; jamie@kidsunlimitedoforegon.org

Kids Unlimited is a non-profit youth development agency located in Medford, OR. Our programs provide free and low cost after-school, evening, weekend and summer academic support, cultural arts enrichment and developmental skills sports programs. The programs leverage opportunities through diverse programs while focusing on academic success in the classroom. Volunteers are needed to provide weekly assistance to elementary or middle school students with emphasis on academic assistance with youth ages 6-14 at sites in schools, in the community and at Kids Unlimited. Our after school programs run Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 2:30-5:30 and Wednesdays from 1:00-5:30. Schedules vary for sports programs. Mentors and volunteers are welcome!

La Clinica Homeless & Immigrant Outreach

David Dismuke; 3617 S. Pacific Hwy., Medford, OR 97501; Phone: 512-3918; Email: ddismuke@lcdv.org

Lifespan Respite Network of Jackson County

Pam Swisher; 2860 State Street, Medford, OR 97504; Phone: 821-8764; Email: pam.swisher@state.or.us

Agency Description: Lifespan Respite is hosted by The Arc of Jackson County, a non profit organization. Lifespan Respite is a community based program that provides accessible respite care services for families and individuals that are caring for a loved one with special needs regardless of age, income, race, ethnicity or special need in their home. Volunteers are needed at two center based programs. Senior Social Club is held at Barnett Woods every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon and the Kids Club held at Rogue Valley YMCA every 2nd and 4th Saturday afternoon of the month. If you like to help people and have fun at the same time this is the volunteer opportunity for you! Training is available.

Literacy Council of Jackson County

Robert Burger, Yvonne Wolfman, Liz Koester;

1175 Royal Ave., Suite B, Medford 97504 (mailing address: PO Box 615, Medford, OR 97501); Phone: 245-8699; Email: Literacy@Juno.com

The Literacy Council provides volunteer tutors for adults wanting help learning to read in English. Volunteers may be tutors or assist in maintaining our records and library. Partners: Rogue Community College, Rogue Learning & Resource Center

Living Opportunities, Inc.

Jim Gochenour; 861 Valley View Drive, Medford, OR 97504; Phone: 772-1503; Email: jimg@livingoppops.org; Website at: www.studiosfumato.org

The mission of Living Opportunities, Inc. is to support people with Developmental Disabilities to live in the same neighborhoods, work in the same places, and aspire to the same opportunities as each member of our community. One area Living Opportunities seeks volunteers is for their Out and About Services. These volunteers provide support so that people with developmental disabilities can participate in community leisure and social events of their own choosing, such as, bowling, movies, shopping. **Studio Sfumato**, a social enterprise of Living Opportunities, is an art studio in downtown Medford for artists with disabilities. Options for volunteers include (1) assist artists in the creative process! (2) Help with various Development projects: social networking, community outreach, volunteer recruitment. (3) Work Special Events: Third Friday Soiree, First Friday Artwalk, Show/Gallery Openings, Information Booths. Website at: www.studiosfumato.org or call Dan or Tia with questions 772-1503.

Magdalene Home

Tricia Prendergast, Director; 12 Black Oak Dr., Medford, OR 97504; Phone: 773-5040

A private, non-profit home for pregnant and parenting teen girls 18 and under. Residents are expected to attend school and further their education. Life skills trainers help girls learn about parenting, meal planning and preparation, money and household management, nutrition and other essential skills. Volunteers are needed to help with any of the following: to provide occasional childcare for special events, transportation for mothers and babies, general repair and maintenance of the home, special home improvement projects, presentations of unique skills or hobbies to the girls or to serve as life mentors.

Maslow Project

Drew or Mary Ferrell; 821 N. Riverside, Medford, OR; Phone: 774-3900; Email: mary@maslowproject.com or Drew@maslowproject.com

The Maslow Project's philosophy is modeled after the Maslow Hierarchy of Needs. We believe that for our young people to reach their full potential and be successful in school and life, they need to have their basic needs met first: food, water, shelter, clothing. Once emergency needs are addressed, then we can begin to connect our youth to additional support services such as education, counseling, mentoring, tutoring, and job skills. We offer a variety of services to children and teens seeking a hand up by helping them to determine goals for themselves and creating a wrap-around support system to help them reach those goals. Our community partners, including Job Council, Community Works, DHS and Medford School District, are on-site to help youth access resources in a more efficient manner. Volunteers are needed for special projects/events, fundraising, development activities, Jessica's Closet (clothes recycling project), Food Pantry Coordinator, tutoring, and our Girl's Unite Mentoring Circle.

Mediation Works

Mona Kool-Harrington, Volunteer Manager; Street Address: 33 N. Central, Suite 219, Medford, OR 97501

Phone: 770-2468; Email: monak@mediation-works.org

Mediation Works empowers individuals and organizations to resolve their differences peacefully. We teach conflict resolution skills and provide mediation services, thereby building understanding and respect in our diverse community. We also provide communication skill development for "at risk" youth. Volunteers assist in delivering our services in the schools, the juvenile justice system, and the community in general.

Northwest Seasonal Workers Association (NSWA)

Roxanne Mejia, NSWA Volunteer Coordinator; 203 N. Oakdale, Medford, OR 97501; Phone: 773-6811

In 1976 NSWA became Jackson County's first successful organization of seasonal workers with no paid employees and accepting no government funding. NSWA is a labor organization representing over 30,000 Jackson County workers functioning through the input and decision of its Workers Benefit Council. Membership dues are voluntary at \$0.62 a month and include free benefits: legal advice, non-emergency dental and medical care, job referral service, emergency food, clothing, information service and a monthly newsletter. Volunteers are needed for outreach to prospective members who are at risk; help with the expansion of our supplemental food distribution program; help to members to negotiate reversals of utility shutoffs; help with our newsletter; assist with door-to-door membership canvassing and house meetings; drivers to collect and distribute supplies, food and clothing and to transport members.

NOWIA Unete, Center for Farm Worker Advocacy

Kathy Keesee-Morales, Victoria Bencomo; 607 W Main, Medford OR 97501; Phone: 245-1625; Email: kkeesee24@msn.com

Unete, Center for Farm Worker Advocacy offers advocacy and educational services for the local Latino community. We are the only Latino led non-profit in the Rogue Valley. We are currently seeking volunteers to help with tutoring in our citizenship & English classes and youth after-school programs. Spanish speaking is helpful but not required.

OnTrack Bridges Mentoring Program

Sue Densmore; Phone: 944-1139; email: Densmore@mind.net

Supportive guiding relationships can help transitioning women learn the skills necessary to establish safe, healthy, and independent lives for themselves and their children. "Bridges" pairs women in the community with women transitioning from substance abuse treatment. "Bridges" mentors maintain weekly contact with participants. OnTrack provides comprehensive training and support to all volunteers. Training is offered in the evening and on weekends to accommodate your schedule. Prospective mentors should be prepared to make a one-year commitment to the program. You are welcome to visit one of our monthly gatherings to meet our mentors and mentees. Some of our advisors offer classes and programs which is also a wonderful way to help.

Oregon Mentors

Barbra Henry, YDN-Youth Development Network Coordinator

Commission on Children and Families, 1005 East Main Street, Medford, OR 97504

Phone: 774-3877; Email: Ydnroque-valley@ormentors.org

Oregon Mentors, the state's mentoring partnership, works to expand positive life opportunities for young Oregonians by connecting them with caring mentors. Specifically, through its Web site, Oregon Mentors provides resources, and refers volunteer mentors to local mentoring programs.

Providence Medford Medical Center, Providence Guild Volunteer Program

Jana Billeci, Providence Guild Volunteer Coordinator

1111 Crater Lake Avenue, Medford, OR 97504; Phone: 732-1579; Email: contactpmmc@providence.org

Join the fun and become a valued volunteer! Established in 1948, Providence Guild volunteers continue their service in the spirit of caring that is the trademark of Providence Medford Medical Center. We invite you to learn about the opportunities of our valued volunteers (263), who benefit our patients, their families and our guests in a variety of ways. During orientation and training, your special talents will be matched with a service area that interests you: ACS Cancer Resource Center, Clerical, Critical Care Unit, Emergency Department, Gift Shop and Kiosk, Hospice, Information Desk, Lifeline Installation, Medivan Driver, Messenger Service, No One Dies Alone Program, Outpatient Registration, Patient Hospitality, Pre-op Anesthesia Clinic, Providence Pavilion, Short Stay Unit, Special Projects, Spiritual Care, Surgery Reception.

RVCOG, Food & Friends Senior Meals Program

Evelyn Kinsella, Paula Seitz; 2860 State Street, Medford OR, 97504; Phone: 734-9505 ext 3; Email: ekinsella@rvcog.org

Food & Friends provides congregate meals or Meals on Wheels to seniors who would benefit from a hot nutritious lunch. Volunteers either help out at the meal site or deliver meals whilst providing a safety net check to homebound seniors.

Rogue Valley Family YMCA

Debbie Rose; 522 West Sixth Street, Medford OR 97501; Phone: 772-6295 ext 205; Email: drose@rvymca.org

The Rogue Valley Family YMCA is dedicated to enriching people's lives through opportunities and resources for spiritual mental, physical and social growth. We offer year round volunteer opportunities with a variety of times, schedules and time commitments, tailored to meet your interests and talents and our need. Mentor in our Afterschool and Camp Program, Coach or Referee in our Youth Sports Programs, be involved in our Fitness Programs or assist with Special Events and Facility Projects.

Rogue Valley Habitat for Humanity

Meghan Daugherty, Volunteer Coordinator; 160 N. Fir Street, Medford OR 97501; Phone: 779-1983

Rogue Valley Habitat for Humanity is a Christian based, volunteer driven, non-profit organization that works in partnership with people from all backgrounds and walks of life. We are committed to bringing an end to poverty by building homes in partnership with families in need. Community members will find that there are many opportunities to volunteer with our organization; i.e. building on the construction site, donating time to our ReStore, helping with office work, and joining a committee.

Rogue Valley Manor Community Services

Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Jackson County, Foster Grandparent Program of Southern Oregon

Becky A. Snyder, Executive Director; 1045 Ellendale Dr., Medford, OR 97504; Phone: 857-7784; Email: becky@retirement.org

Rogue Valley Manor Community Services is comprised of two large federally mandated volunteer programs, The Foster Grandparent Program and the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP). Foster Grandparent Program volunteers work with children from birth to age 21 at non-profit organizations in supervised settings. The program is designed to work with lower income seniors, and as such, these volunteers receive a small non-taxable, non-declarable stipend for the time of their service. R.S.V.P. recruits volunteers age 55 and above to meet community needs through meaningful volunteer activities. RSVP is associated with over 100 non-profit organizations in Jackson County where it places its volunteers. In addition, eight programs are directly overseen by RSVP solely utilizing volunteers. These include Call-A-Ride (transporting elderly or disabled to medically-related appointments), Respite Care (providing weekly relief for primary family caregivers of the elderly), SHIBA (assisting seniors with Medicare issues), TransMed (providing medical transportation for Medicaid clients), CARE (providing assistance, guidance and training to child-care providers to achieve certification), the information booths at the County Courthouse and Airport, and the Lunch Buddy mentoring program in schools.

Rose Circle Mentoring Network

Ellen Craine; 216 Scenic Drive, Ashland OR 97520; Phone: 488-2361; Email: ellencraine@ashlandhome.net

The Rose Circle Mentoring Network is a community-based non-profit organization which offers mentoring circles and one-on-one support for youth in the Rogue Valley. The circles provide a safe, confidential setting for young people to build friendships and to learn more about themselves and others. They also offer skill building around topics such as communication, conflict resolution, bullying and relationships with parents, teachers, siblings and peers. Each circle is facilitated by two trained volunteer mentors, and they take place in the Phoenix-Talent schools as well as in the community. Both male and female volunteer mentors are needed to facilitate these groups. Also, men and women volunteers are needed to volunteer as one-on-one mentors for youth who can benefit from adult support. Mentors typically meet with their mentees for 1-2 hours per week, after school or on the weekends. Women mentors are also needed to assist with an outdoor summer camp experience for girls ages 12-16 to take place in mid-August. Volunteer mentors are asked to complete a weekend mentor training and to attend mentor meetings once a month for additional training and support.

Rotary First Harvest of Oregon; Carol Wythe, Phone:878-3818; Email dwythe@embarqmail.com. Help harvest/distribute food.

The Salvation Army, (TSA) Medford Citadel

Jackie Agee: Development Director, Jessica Cordero: Volunteer Coordinator.

304 Beatty, Medford 97501; Phone: 773-6965

Emails: jessica.cordero@usw.salvationarmy.org; jacquelyn.agee@usw.salvationarmy.org

We have a total of 9 Volunteer Programs and a number of event or day specific activities that can support volunteers between the ages of 14 and 100. All are welcome. Those programs are: The SAFETY After-school, and Summer Program; HOPE House Transitional Shelter; Social Services Food Pantry; TSA Thrift stores; Medford Warehouse and Donation Center; Holiday Helps; The Emergency Response Team; Administrative Support; TSA Church Outreach and Ministry.

SMART – Start Making A Reader Today

Julie Brimble, Area Manager; Jennifer Staton, SMART Assistant Program Manager; Mindy Alford, SMART Area Assistant

670 Superior Court, Suite 108, Medford, OR 97504; Phone: 734-5628; Email: jbrimble@getsmartoregon.org; Website: www.getsmartoregon.org

SMART brings community volunteers into local elementary schools to spend time each week reading one-on-one with children in Kindergarten through third grades to help these children bring their reading scores up to grade level.

Southern Oregon Head Start

Felicity Elworthy, Sharilyn Cano; Administrative Offices: 1001 Beall Lane, Central Point, OR 97502 (Classroom sites throughout Jackson County)
Phone: 734-5150; Email: hr.resume@socfc.org; Web Site: WWW.socfc.org

Head Start/Early Head Start serves Prenatal Mothers and children to 5 years of age from low income families. Additionally, families who receive TANF or Supplemental Security Income are also eligible. Children who have a disability may also be eligible. Income guidelines may apply. Children who are homeless, adopted, in foster care or whose families have other special needs are encouraged to apply. Some children can ride the bus to Head Start. Volunteer Classroom Assistants are needed during the school year at all centers including Ashland; Central Point; Eagle Point; Merriman Campus; Early Head Start and Merriman Full Day/Full Year; Foothills; Phoenix/Talent; Rogue River; South Medford; Washington; White City; and West Medford Early Head Start. Volunteers are needed the full year at the Merriman Full Day/Full Year Head Start.

Southern Oregon Education Service District Migrant Education

5465 S. Pacific Hwy, Phoenix 97535; Phone: 776-8520; Email: emily_riley@soesd.k12.or.us charlie_bauer@soesd.k12.or.72

SOESD Migrant Education provides services to migrant students and families all over Southern Oregon. We provide healthcare benefits, after-school programs for all ages, parent support, and literacy programs for families. Our goal is to promote educational achievement, community cohesion, and healthy lives. Volunteers are a vital part of our organization and help students in classrooms and after-school programs, and participate in English Language Development with adults through conversation groups and tutoring.

St. Vincent DePaul

Len Hebert, President Rogue Valley District Council; Kathy Morgan, Vice President Community Outreach; Nola Geaney, President Social Services;
Street Address: 2424 N. Pacific Highway, City: Medford, OR 97501; Phone: 772-3828; Email: rkmorgan@yahoo.com

SVDP is an all-volunteer agency with more than 220 members. We have opportunities for people who want to work in the kitchen, food pantry, homeless shelter, medical assist program, urban rest stop (a facility where the homeless are able to shower and wash their clothes) and the dental program. We also are in need of people who want to volunteer as advocates for the poor in social services (helping with rent, utilities, clothes and sometimes just lending an ear). We also need volunteers with bookkeeping or accounting backgrounds to work with our treasurer. Training is provided for all the ministries.

United Way of Jackson County

Dee Anne Everson, Executive Director; 711 E. Main Street, Suite 17, Medford, Oregon 97504

Phone: 773-5339. Email: To give, advocate or volunteer contact United Way at office@unitedwayofjacksoncounty.org.

United Way of Jackson County, founded in 1957, is working to advance the common good in Jackson County. With 48 partner programs, United Way is creating opportunities for a better life for all—Live United, Give, Advocate and Volunteer. We all win when children achieve their potential, families and individuals become more financially stable and independent, and people have improved health. These are among the priority community issues where we make real, measurable impact. United Way volunteers serve in many capacities including Board/policy making, campaign, community building, raising awareness, resource development and numerous committees, allocations, and WILL.

WILL (Women Living Leadership Council, United Way of Jackson County)

Diane Mathews, Deputy Director/Resource Development; Phone: 773-5339; Website: UNITEDWAYOFJACKSONCOUNTY.org /WILL.

Women coming together to create positive change in women and children's lives. WILL capitalizes on the strength of women as philanthropists, advocates and volunteers. WILL offers YOU the opportunity to step forward and use your heart, head and hands engendering change and making investments at critical transition points where systems fail and life keeps moving. Give: Call to attend our 4th Annual Women Living Leadership Luncheon, Wednesday, October 21, 2009 with featured speaker Kitty Calhoun, World Champion Alpinist or make a pledge to build the \$245, 000 raised since the inaugural event in 2006. Advocate: Will offers you the opportunity to speak out about the needs of women and children. Volunteer as a WILL Council member or with any of the agencies supported by WILL (see individual agency volunteer opportunities): OnTrack Bridges Program, Addictions Recovery Center, Family Nurturing Center, Community Works Victim Services' Dunn House Shelter, Winter Spring Center-Transforming Grief and Loss, Maslow Project, Consumer Credit Counseling Service, Project Dove, and Rose Circle Mentoring Network.

WinterSpring Center Transforming Grief and Loss

Lucinda; Address: PO Box 8169, Medford, OR 97501; Phone: 552-0620; Email: info@winterspring.org; Website: www.winterspring.org;

Since 1989, WinterSpring has provided grief support and education for children, youth and adults throughout the Rogue Valley, as well as information and training about the grief experience to schools, employers, professionals and community groups. WinterSpring is primarily staffed by dedicated volunteers, including former group members, professionals, and community leaders. WinterSpring Center helps adults and children to transform their loss and grief through intensive facilitated support, through compassionate staff members and well-trained volunteers. We are seeking volunteers to help at all levels of the organization, including direct client grief support services (groups, individual support, and family support), clerical and office help, and help with community events. Volunteers working with clients are required to take our 30 hour intensive training, which we offer twice a year. Being a volunteer at WinterSpring is an extremely meaningful, gratifying experience.

(Note: Most agencies require background screenings and reference checks. This requirement is not included in individual agency descriptions.)