

Guide to Jackson County Nonprofit Agencies Volunteer Opportunities & Contact Information September 2011

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

AARP Tax Aide Program

David Argetsinger, District Coordinator; PO Box 4477, Medford OR 97501; Phone: 541-776-2216; Email: arget@clearwire.net. Operates eight 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.

ACCESS

Nicki Bell, 3630 Aviation Way, Medford OR 97501; Phone: 541-618-4003; Email: nicki@accesshelps.org. Volunteer Positions: Food pantries, office/intake workers; Warehouse helpers; Community Garden Volunteers, Plant-a-Row Volunteers, Holiday Shoe Boxes & Special Events.

Addictions Recovery Center (ARC)

Lisa Parmenter, Residential Unit Manager Volunteer Coordinator; 1003 West Main Street, Medford OR 97501; Phone: 541-779-1282; Email: LisaP@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.

American Red Cross, Southern Oregon Chapter

Antone Hernandez, Readiness Specialist; 60 Hawthorne Street, Medford OR 97504; Phone: 541-779-3773; Email: antone@soredcross.org
The American Red Cross, a humanitarian organization led by volunteers and guided by its congressional charter will provide relief to victims of disaster and help people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies, in addition to providing aid and comfort to those in the military.

Amnesty International - Southern Oregon Chapter

Dave Lefkowitz; 541-482-0872; Email: lefko@hevanet.com; Blog: <http://amnestysouthernoregon.wordpress.com>

Amnesty International is the largest non-governmental human rights organization in the world. We have over 3 million volunteers from around the world. This year marks our 50th anniversary. We were awarded the 1977 Nobel Peace Prize for our work. The Southern Oregon Chapter just began this summer, and continues Amnesty's work to free prisoners of conscience and ensure governments uphold the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted in 1948. We do this by investigating and exposing torture and human rights abuses, educating and mobilizing the public, including writing on behalf of adopted prisoners of conscience to gain their freedom. To date, Amnesty International's volunteers have helped free over 40,000 political prisoners, and ensured that governments can no longer lock people away without a fair trial. We welcome all who want to join us as volunteers in this effort.

The Arc in Jackson County

Trish Welch, Executive Director; 121 N. Central Avenue, Medford OR 97501; Phone: 541-779-4520; Email: trish@thearcjackson.org
The Arc of Jackson County a nonprofit, membership driven organization that assists people with developmental disabilities and their families through a variety of programs and services. Volunteer opportunities: Volunteers are needed at The Arc's Thrift Store. Hours are available Monday through Saturday 10 am to 4 pm. Volunteers are needed to sort, price, and display items; and we are also looking for someone to post items online. Training is available

Asante – Volunteer Services

Crystal Estremado, RVMC Volunteer Services Staff Assistant; 2825 E. Barnett Road, Medford OR 97504; Phone 541-789-5875; Email: volunteer@asante.org. Rogue Valley Medical Center Volunteer Services provides supplemental support to enhance customer service and patient care in a manner valued by the customers we serve. The RVMC Auxiliary, those over 18 years of age, assist in areas such as Blood Pressure, Critical Care, Emergency, Gift Shop, Information, Sewing, Spiritual Care, and Surgery. We also have two additional programs: Junior Volunteer (under 18) and Therapy Dog (certified therapy dog). You will need to attend an orientation as well as individualized training for the department of your choice. No experience necessary - just an open heart willing to give.

The Ashland Food Project / Medford Food Project /Talent-Phoenix Food Project

John Javna, NeighborhoodFoodProject.com, 541-488-6976, foodproject@opendoor.com. The Food Project is a revolutionary program -- a new paradigm for food banks. It's a *donor drive*, not a *food drive*. Rather than asking for one-time contributions of food, volunteers enlist their neighbors to become long-term donors. Donors commit to giving a small amount of food every two months, which provides food pantries with a steady, year-round supply of food -- and provides the donors with the ongoing satisfaction of making a real difference. Plus, people get to know their neighbors, which builds a strong sense of community. How it works: 1) Volunteers sign up their neighbors and friends to become donors. Every donor gets a reusable green Food Project bag; 2) Donors are asked to buy one extra nonperishable food item each week when they shop, and store it in the bag; 3) On the 2nd Saturday of every even month, our volunteers pick up the bags of food, leaves empty ones, and take the food to a central drop-off point, where it's distributed to local food banks. It's that simple. We currently have over 4,000 food donor families who donate more than 200,000 lbs. of food a year to Jackson County food banks. We're looking for more Neighborhood Volunteers who'll canvass their neighborhoods and collect food on Pickup Day (we'll train you -- it's really easy). But we're also always happy to simply sign up more Food Donors.

Boy Scouts of America - Crater Lake Council

Rob Merriman, District Director; 3039 Hanley Road, Central Point, OR 97502. Phone: 541 664-1444 or 1-800-888-1273. Email: robmerriman@scouting.org. The Crater Lake Council of Boy Scouts is comprised of 5 districts covering 10 counties. The Council has offices in Central Point, Bend and Klamath Falls and serves 5,300 youth and 2,200 adult volunteers. The Crater Lake Council of Boy Scouts offers youth programs of character development and values-based leadership training. Scouting will continue to offer young people responsible fun and adventure, help instill in young people the life-long values and ethical character as expressed in the Scout Oath and Law, train young people in citizenship, service and leadership and serve families with quality, value-based programs. Volunteer opportunities include but are not limited to Cub Scout Leaders/Assistant Leaders, Cub Scout Event Coordinators and Trainers and Cub Scout parent involvement. Screening, Training and Materials are provided.

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Rogue Valley

Carrie Beebe, Director of Operations; Phone: 541-479-5258 X 110, ; Email: carrie@begreat4kids.com; www.begreat4kids.com. Serving over 6,000 youth in Jackson and Josephine counties in 2009, we provide a safe, fun and positive place for youth ages 6 – 18 in 6 Clubhouses located in White City, Phoenix, Talent, Grants Pass, Shady Cove, 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 541-734-2272; Email: pgarrison@JacksonCountyCASA.org "Lift up a Voice, Lift up a Life" by being a CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) volunteer advocate. CASA is looking for individuals who want to make a difference in a child's life and help them through what is often the most difficult time in their lives These children are among our community's most vulnerable and the CASA Advocate is the child's voice in court making recommendations for the child's best interest. CASA Fall training begins October 4th. Interested individuals are invited to attend an Orientation conducted every Thursday at 11:00 - Noon at the CASA office at 613 Market Street in Medford. That is the first step in making a difference.

Children's Advocacy Center

Alexis McKenna, Volunteer Coordinator; 816 W. 10th Street, Medford OR 97501; Phone: 541-282-5474 x 119. Email amckenna@cacjc.org. Provides to child abuse victims and non-offending family members assessments, support groups, therapy, teen mentoring and socialization. Many positions for volunteers to help including Child Advocate, Intake Advocate, Mentoring Advocate, and van drivers. Commitment of 2-4 hours a week for 1 year preferred; shorter term commitments acceptable..

Child Development Services – Douglas ESD

Kate McFarland, Coordinator, 905 Stewart Ave, Medford, OR 97501. Preschool sites in Medford and White City; Phone: 541-494-7800. Provides Early Intervention (EI) and Early Childhood Special Education Services (ECSE). Preschool classes for special needs children, therapy services and home visit support at no charge to parents. The agency serves nearly 600 children with special needs (ages birth to 5 years), and their families with funding from the Oregon Department of Education and School Based Medicaid. *Volunteer opportunities:* Volunteers assist in the classroom with group time, reading, art projects, speech groups; as office assistants; as parent night assistants.

Community Works, Victim Services

Renee Desautel; 900 East Main Street, Medford OR 97504; Phone: 541-779-2393 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. Hispanic Services - Provides advocacy to Hispanic victims and develops resources. Community Educators – work with our public awareness campaign to spread awareness about domestic violence. 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: 541-779-2273; 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.

Easter Seals Oregon Rogue Valley

Katie Shepard, Executive Director; 406 S Riverside #101, Medford OR 97501; Phone: 541-842-2199; Email: kshepard@or.easterseals.com. We at Easter Seals provide exceptional services to ensure that children and adults with autism and other disabilities or special needs and their families have equal opportunities to live, learn, work and play in this community. We provide recreation and respite programs and summer daycamp for children with special needs. We provide therapeutic recreation and special events for adults with special needs, as well as job development services for veterans with disabilities. Just a few of our volunteer opportunities include recreation buddies, helping children participate in the various activities, set up and clean up for special events, various office-work opportunities, and/or specialized projects

Families For Community – The Arc in Jackson County

Emilie Sampson, Program Coordinator, c/o JCDDS 300 W Main St., Medford, OR 97501 Phone: (541)621-1910 Email: emilie@thearcjackson.org Jackson County Parent to Parent (JCP2P) is run by parents, for parents. It is a program designed to provide parenting assistance and support to parents of children with special needs of all ages. Parents of children with newly identified disabilities are in the process of resolving a difficult life crisis. At such a time, as well as during other developmental transitions, one of the most meaningful sources of support is another parent who has faced similar circumstances and can listen and understand the other parent's fears and concerns. Volunteers are needed to help work with children at support groups, help with admin needs, and assist with events.

The Family Nurturing Center, Jackson County Children's Relief Nursery

Rita Vance, Volunteer, 212 North Oakdale Ave, Medford OR 97501; 541-779-5242; Email rita@familynurturingcenter.org. Serves at-risk children, ages birth to five and their families. This nonprofit agency provides therapeutic early childhood education (preschool), respite childcare, home visits, parent support and education, crisis response and advocacy for community services. As a child abuse and neglect prevention program, the mission of the FNC is to strengthen families so children can live safely and develop fully in their parents' care. Volunteers help in a variety of ways: assisting in the classroom with group and individual-child activities, reading with children, helping in the kitchen, riding or driving the bus to transport children to and from the FNC, working with children in the adjoining community garden, and assisting with fundraising and outreach to the community. Volunteers are a treasured part of the FNC staff.

Girl Scouts of Oregon and Southwest Washington, Medford Service Center

Sandra Nance; 2001 N. Keene Way Drive, Medford OR 97504; Phone: 541-773-8423; 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

Contact Kerrie Davis, Board President; Phone: 541-944-7896; Kevin Lamson, Director; Phone: 541-261-2625; Shelter Phone: 541-646-7385; Email: kevin@heartswithamission.org; www.heartswithamission.org. Shelter for youth ages 10 to 16. Providing temporary emergency shelter for 72 hours without parental consent. Youth may stay up to 120 days with written parental consent. Currently have beds for up to 17 youth and quadrants that maintain boy/girl separation. Since opening, Hearts with a Mission has provided 143 youth with over 4,700 nights of shelter.

Homeless Outreach (La Clinica)

David Dismuke; 3617 South Pacific, Medford OR 97501; Phone: 541-535-6239; Email: ddismuke@lcdv.org. La Clinica is partnering with St. Vincent de Paul to provide basic health care services and health education to the clients of their brand new facility. La Clinica staff will provide classes using the *Living a Healthy Lifestyle with a Chronic Disease* curriculum. This curriculum was created by Stanford University's School of Medicine to educate and support people living with chronic diseases, and to address those whose lifestyle behaviors put them at risk for developing a chronic disease. This curriculum addresses chronic diseases such as heart disease, diabetes, hypertension, and asthma; and lifestyle factors such as, physical activity, nutritious eating, weight management, stress reduction, and smoking cessation. Classes will be organized in two and a half hour segments given once a week for six weeks, and then repeated. La Clinica will also provide medical and dental health fairs at St Vincent de Paul locations - every six weeks we will set up an outreach station at the shelter.

Jackson County Circle of Caring

Volunteer: Rita Vance; 212 N. Oakdale St., Medford OR 97501; Phone: 541-779-5242; Email: rita@familynurturingcenter.org. The Jackson County Circle of Caring is one of five projects in Oregon funded by the Oregon Community Foundation 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, Oregon Child Development Coalition, Child Development Services, Jackson County Library Services Outreach to Child Care, Rogue Valley Family YMCA Youth Services, and Phoenix Elementary School Prekindergarten summer program. The WILL Council of United Way of Jackson County and Southern Oregon University assist as resource partners. Volunteers are needed: to help young children at all of the agencies: in classrooms, to read one hour a week in child care sites, to volunteer one evening or morning a week in the summer to encourage school readiness skills for bilingual children entering kindergarten.

Jackson County Commission on Children and Families (CCF)

The Jackson County Commission on Children and Families promotes the well-being of all children and families as a community responsibility. The CCF works to mobilize the community through strategic planning, education, advocacy and funding. 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 541-774-7828.

JCCCF - RU Ready

RU Ready is a community-wide effort designed to help Southern Oregon children and youth be successful in school, complete their education, and prepare for the workforce in order to have a promising future. RU Ready supports opportunities for volunteers, youth, parents, community programs and schools who are working together to achieve these goals. Visit www.oregonruready.org or call 541-774-7828.

Jackson County Department of Health and Human Services - Age Wise Age Well – Senior Peer Counseling Program

Marla Samuel, Program Coordinator, 541-774-7958, samuelm@jacksoncounty.org. Age Wise Age Well is a program which serves adults age 60+ living in the Rogue Valley who are experiencing difficulty in some aspect of their lives. Peer counselors are 55+, complete a 48-hour state approved training held in the Rogue Valley, and attend weekly group supervision and one monthly individual supervision with a clinical supervisor. Each counselor sees 1-3 clients a week in the client's residence, and our goal is to provide healthy aging and help prevent loss of independence.

Job Council's Child Care Resource Network

Patty Carty; 673 Market Street. Medford OR 97504; Phone: 541-776-1234; 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 (La Clinica)

Corina Gabriel; 713 Summit Avenue, Medford OR 97501; Phone: 842-3771; 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

Olivia Bauer, Events & Volunteer Specialist; 821 N. Riverside, Medford OR 97501; Phone: 774-3900 ext. 29; Email: olivia@kidsunlimitedoforegon.org; Kids Unlimited is a non-profit youth development agency located in Medford, OR. Volunteer opportunities include coaches, after-school tutors, specialists and club leaders, academic specialists (art, dance, etc.) mentors, special events and projects. Our programs provide low cost after-school academic support, enrichments, soccer, basketball and volleyball. 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-Friday 2:30-6:00. Schedules vary for sports programs and other community events that we host. If you have a passion for working with youth in the community this is a great volunteer opportunity.

Lifespan Respite Network of Jackson County -The Arc in Jackson County

Barbara Beers, Lifespan Respite Coordinator; 2860 State Street, Medford OR 97504; Phone: 541-821-8764; Email: Barbara@thearcjackson.org; Website: www.thearcjackson.org. Lifespan Respite, a program of The Arc of Jackson County, 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. Volunteer opportunities: Volunteers are needed at two center-based respite care programs. Lifespan Respite Kid's Club - held at Rogue Valley YMCA every 2nd and 4th Saturday afternoon of the month and Lifespan Respite Senior Social Club - held at Barnett Woods ever Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. 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

Liz Koester, Volunteer Coordinator; 670 Superior Ct. Suite 208, Medford OR 97504 (mailing address: PO Box 615, Medford OR 97501); Phone: 541-531-0166; Email: Literacy@Juno.com; Website: www.roguelrc.org/litjack. The Literacy Council provides free volunteer tutors for adults wanting help learning to read English, prepare for the GED, or prepare for employment. Volunteers may be tutors and/or Board Members who help maintain our records and library. Partner: Rogue Learning & Resource Center

Living Opportunities, Inc.

Rachel Rawlins; 861 Valley View Drive, Medford OR 97504; Phone: 541- 772-1503; Email: rachel@livingopps.org; Website at: www.livingopps.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. Living Opportunities is looking for volunteers to assist in their art studio: the Studio at Living Opportunities, options for volunteers include (1) assisting artists during workshop hours to get set-up and to assist them with the creative process as well as (2) lending a hand during various special events: Medford's Third Friday Artwalks, community event booths, show/gallery openings, phone calls.

Maslow Project

Mary Ferrell or Mary Knepp; 500 Monroe Street, Medford OR; Phone: 541-608-6868; Email: mary@maslowproject.com or maryk@maslowproject.com. Maslow Project is a goal-oriented resource center for homeless and at-risk for homeless youth, school-aged through 21. Maslow Project's philosophy is based on Abraham Maslow's 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 such as food, shelter, and clothing met first. Once emergency needs are addressed, we help youth to determine their goals and connect them with additional support services such as education, counseling, mentoring, tutoring, and job skills. Many resources and community partners are available onsite, so that youth may access them in a more efficient manner. Volunteers are needed to serve as mentors and tutors, office help, fundraising, organizing supply drives, and more! We will work with volunteers to find the area that best utilizes their strengths.

Medford Active 20-30 Club

Email: medford2030@gmail.com; Website: www.medfordactive2030.com; PO Box 435, Medford OR 97501. Medford Active 20-30 Club is a local chapter of Active 20-30 US & Canada which is an international service club for young professionals. Our slogan is "one never stands as tall as when kneeling to help a child" and our motto is "youth to be served, must serve." Active 20-30 Clubs provide young adults with an opportunity for personal growth, friendships and leadership development while improving the quality of life for the special needs children in their community. Young professionals 20-39 years of age who live in Southern Oregon are eligible for membership. We meet for dinner on the 2nd Tuesday with a local speaker and the 4th Tuesday with a team building activity.

Mediation Works

Cam McCandless, Executive Director; Street Address: 33 N. Central, Suite 219, Medford, OR 97501 Phone: 770-2468; Email: cameronm@mediation-works.org. Mediation Works is one of Oregon's largest conflict resolution centers providing youth, families and the community with the skills to resolve their differences constructively and peacefully. We provide mediation services in the community and in the courts, teach alternative dispute resolution skills through seminars and classes, and work with both youth and adults to gain important life and communication skills. Bystander empowerment training is presented to schools all over Oregon and Northern California to help reduce bullying and aggression on campus. Volunteers assist in delivering our services in the schools, the juvenile justice system, the courts and to the community in general.

Migrant Camp Outreach (La Clinica)

David Dismuke, 3617 South Pacific Hwy., Medford 97501; Phone: 541-535-6239 Email: ddismuke@lcdv.org. In 2007 La Clinica's staff and a team of community volunteer visited 11 migrant camps between August and September, providing services to 259 men, 22 more than in 2006. For the third year, we provided dental services at the camps! The Portland-based North West Medical Teams provided a fully equipped dental van for our use. Through this collaboration we provided free dental services to 17 men, care included fillings and extractions. An additional 148 men received dental health education and dental screening.

OnTrack Inc.

Sue Densmore; Phone: 541- 944-1139; email: Densmore@mind.net. OnTrack provides comprehensive prevention and treatment services for individuals and families struggling with addiction and associate life issues. Volunteer opportunities: Our **Bridges Mentor Advisory Panel** supports a group mentoring program with women transitioning from substance abuse treatment. This group organizes and implements special enriching programs for women and their children in the Day Treatment and at the Mom's Program. These supportive guiding relationships can help transitioning women learn the skills necessary to establish safe, healthy, and independent lives for themselves and their children. OnTrack always welcomes volunteers to hold babies at the **Mom's** program. OnTrack provides comprehensive training and support to all volunteers. We are in the process of opening eight new apartments for families in the **Partners in Parenting Program** working on re-building their lives. *We need everything to furnish these apartments:* Beds, chests, shelving, bedding, tables, chairs, couches, pots and pans, kitchen utensils, dishes, silverware, baby supplies and equipment – cribs, toys and books, curtains, picnic tables and chairs, cleaning equipment and supplies, cook books, shower curtains and towels, decorative items and any other items you might have that you think could be used.

Phoenix Elementary School

Laura Millette, PO Box 727, 215 N. Rose, Phoenix, OR 97535; Phone: 541-535-3353; Email: laura.miillette@phoenix.k12.or.us

Phoenix Elementary School needs volunteers to assist teachers in immersion classes for Spanish-speaking and bilingual kindergarten, first and second graders who have been assessed to lack skills to succeed in school. Volunteers help children one or more days a week during the school year and on Tuesday, Wednesday and/or Thursday mornings in July and August. Also bilingual volunteers are needed to mentor mothers of bilingual kindergarten children (Wednesday evenings at group meetings in July and August) and periodically during the school year to help them with computer skills. Bilingual high school and college volunteers and interns are needed during the summer to lead activities with the children. School District background check required. Training provided.

Providence Medford Medical Center, Providence Guild Volunteer Program

Jana Billeci, Providence Guild Volunteer Coordinator; 1111 Crater Lake Avenue, Medford OR 97504; Phone: 541-732-1579; 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, 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, Information Desk, Lifeline Installation, Medivan Driver, Messenger Service, No One Dies Alone Program, Pavilion Registration, Patient Hospitality, Pre Anesthesia Clinic, Providence Pavilion, Short Stay Unit, Special Projects, Spiritual Care, Surgery Reception.

RVCOG, Food & Friends Senior Meals Program

Jan Yost, Volunteer Coordinator, 2860 State Street, Medford OR 97504; Phone: 541-734-9505 ext 4; Email: jyost@rvcog.org. Food & Friends provides Meals on Wheels and congregate meals to seniors in Jackson and Josephine Counties. Hundreds of seniors in our community benefit from hot, nutritious meals and a friendly visit with caring volunteers. Volunteers deliver meals and check on the well-being of homebound seniors, or assist at meal sites. We ask home delivery drivers to commit to one morning a week, Monday through Friday from about 9:30 a.m. to noon (or 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Ashland). Site help generally assists between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to noon depending on the site. New volunteers are always welcome and appreciated.

Rogue Valley Family YMCA

Debbie Rose; 522 West Sixth Street, Medford OR 97501; Phone: 541-772-6295 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

Whitny Davidson, Volunteer Coordinator; 160 N. Fir Street, Medford OR 97501; Phone: 541-779-1983. 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 housing 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/or 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: 541-857-7784; 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), both of which utilize volunteers age 55 and above. 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 (minimum age of 55), 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 to meet community needs through meaningful volunteer activities in a variety of settings; it is currently with over 100 non-profit organizations in Jackson County where it places its volunteers. In addition, five programs are directly overseen by RSVP solely utilizing volunteers. These include: Call-A-Ride (transporting elderly or disabled to medically-related appointments and for shopping purposes); Respite Care (providing weekly relief for primary family caregivers of the elderly); SHIBA (assisting seniors with Medicare issues); and the information booths at the County Courthouse and Airport.

Rose Circle Mentoring Network

Karsten Peterson, PO Box 116, Talent, OR, 97540, info@therosecircle.org, www.therosecircle.org. 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 schools and in the community. Both male and female volunteer mentors are needed to facilitate these groups. Men and women volunteers are also needed to volunteer as individual 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. Volunteer mentors are asked to complete a 1- or 2-day mentor training and to attend mentor meetings once a month for additional training and support. Next training: October 15-16, 2011.

Rotary First Harvest

Tracy Goodrich, Executive Director. (541) 973-5431 rotaryfirstharvest@gmail.com First Harvest's mission is to alleviate hunger and malnutrition in Southern Oregon and Siskiyou County, California through local food projects and partner affiliations. The focus is providing fresh food through local projects such as community and production gardens, a meat program, and a food recovery program. These projects get most of the attention and offer a wonderful way for communities to create change locally. However, it is the corporate, commercial grower and rancher donations that make the biggest difference in changing the diets of children and their families, the elderly and disabled, and other low income individuals in our communities. So far this year 109,000 pounds of potatoes, pears and peaches were collected and distributed before our local gardens have yielded anything! If you would like to volunteer your time and work on this important issue, First Harvest has a place for you. We need volunteers for the gardens, picking and packing produce from local farmers, and working in our office doing everything from organizing volunteers to running our media outlets. For more information please call or email First Harvest.

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: 541-734-5628; 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. SMART volunteers spend one hour each week from mid-October through mid-May reading with two children, encouraging interest in books and reading.

Southern Oregon Adolescent Study and Treatment Center – Community Service Program

Tami Potts, (541)956-4943 x1105. For over 30 years SOASTC has been in the forefront statewide and nationally in developing innovative programs for children and youth with serious mental and behavioral disorders and their families. We value continuous learning and utilize research, outside experts, and our own experience in ongoing efforts to expand our knowledge about how to best respond to the needs of children and families. SOASTC provides service in the following: Psychiatric Residential Treatment, Residential Respite, Treatment Foster Care, Psychiatric Day Treatment, Intensive Community Treatment Services and Supports, School Based Mental Health, and Outpatient Services. We provide safe, caring, and healing environments within a therapeutic system of care. We work together with parents, professionals, and local citizens to instill hope and facilitate the development of healthy families and communities.

Southern Oregon Head Start

Felicity Elworthy (Family and Community Partnerships Manager), Sharilyn Cano (HR Director); Administrative Offices: 1001 Beall Lane, Central Point OR 97502; (Classroom sites throughout Jackson and Josephine Counties); Phone: 734-5150; Email: felworthy@socfc.org; hr.resume@socfc.org; Web Site: www.socfc.org. Head Start/Early Head Start serves families with children from birth to 5 years of age, and pregnant moms. We help children get ready for school and life, and work with parents to build a brighter future. Families are low-income, or receive TANF or Supplemental Security Income. Children who have a disability may also be eligible. Children who are homeless, adopted, in foster care or whose families have other special needs are especially encouraged to apply. We welcome daytime volunteer Classroom Assistants, reading buddies, field trip helpers, and evening child care providers, as well as clerical, kitchen, and janitorial assistants throughout the school year in Ashland, Central Point, Eagle Point, Medford, Phoenix/Talent, Rogue River, and White City. Early Head Start and Full Day Full Year in Medford welcome volunteers year-round. Josephine County sites are also happy to support volunteers.

Southern Oregon Humane Society

Judi Hanstein, Volunteer Manager; 541-779-3215 x 101; 2910 Table Rock Road, Medford, OR 97540
Since 1928 Southern Oregon Humane Society has saved the lives of thousands of homeless dogs and cats. By promoting spay/neuter, and responsible pet ownership, SOHS helps to reduce the number of unwanted kittens and puppies being born each year in the community. SOHS promotes the simple philosophy that kindness to animals helps build a better world for everyone.

United Way of Jackson County

Dee Anne Everson, Executive Director; 769 Spring Street, Medford OR 97504; Phone: 541-773-5339. 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 49 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, Day of Caring, raising awareness, resource development, allocations, WiLL and other standing committees or ad hoc task forces.

VA Southern Oregon Rehabilitation Center and Clinics (VA SORCC)

Tom Marshall, Community Resources Development Specialist; 8495 Crater Lake Hwy, White City OR 97503; Phone: 541-830-7468; email: thomas.marshall2@va.gov. The VA SORCC is a unique organization; being the only free standing VA Rehabilitation Center which serves as a regional and national resource for our underserved special Veteran populations (e.g., homeless, chronically mentally ill and substance abuse). It provides quality residential treatment in psychiatry, addictions, medicine and bio-psychosocial, physical and vocational rehabilitation. Our Volunteers provide our VA SORCC Veterans with the care and compassion needed for a successful stay/ recovery. Last year our 500+ volunteers served over 78,000 hours which is the equivalent to 35 Full-Time SORCC employees. Our Disabled American Veterans Transportation Network provided over 8,000 Veterans rides to their scheduled VA medical appointments logging over 205,000 miles (vans/gas provided by VA). Our Golf Course Volunteers numbering well over a hundred assist our Veteran residents with playing techniques and mentorship; they oversee our Golf Shop; Marshal our beautiful 9-hole exclusive (Veterans' Only) Golf Course and oversee our Driving Range. We are also looking for volunteers in the community to visit homebound Veterans in our Caregiver Support Volunteer Program. During your initial one-on-one Volunteer Orientation and training, your life acquired skills and expertise will be matched with a volunteer position that holds to your major interest. "We Need You" as a VA Volunteer.

Wilderness Trails

Leslie Ingraham- Girls Program Director- 541-890-0322 – Email: girls@wildernesstrails.net, James Gordon - Boys Program Director - 541-621-2483 – Email: james@wildernesstrails.net, Chris Smith – Executive Director – 541-621-8303 – Email: csmith@wildernesstrails.net, Website: www.wildernesstrails.net, Office: 541-772-2892. Mailing Address: PO Box 4655, Medford, OR 97501. Wilderness Trails is a non-profit Christian camping ministry that serves Jackson, Josephine, Douglas and Klamath counties. WT is nestled on a 160-acre plot in the beautiful Cascade Mountains and provides the ideal stage for many outdoor activities. The camp itself is host to a picture perfect lake, water slide, ropes course, rock climbing wall, a 4,000 square foot lodge for use during the winter, a teepee village for use during the summer, numerous hiking trails, a zip line and much, much more. It is here that we provide year round youth camps for ages 8-17. Each camp is designed to build perseverance, character and hope, while enjoying and utilizing the beautiful countryside around us. Currently, camps are in full swing and we need your help! With hundreds of kids waiting to participate in camps this year, we have many volunteer positions, service projects and monetary needs to fill. Please consider partnering with us today. Your help enables us to make a difference in children's lives for generations to come.

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

Diane Mathews, Deputy Director/Resource Development; Phone: 541-773-5339; Website: www.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 6th Annual Women Living Leadership Luncheon, Wednesday, October 26, 2011 with featured speaker Tara Sophia Mohr, or make a pledge to build the \$350,000 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): Addictions Recovery Center, Arc in Jackson County, Boys & Girls Clubs, Community Works, Consumer Credit Counseling Service, Family Nurturing Center, The Gate to Change, Jackson County SART, Phoenix Elementary School, Project Dove and The Rose Circle Mentoring Network.

WinterSpring Center Transforming Grief and Loss

Lucinda; Address: PO Box 8169, Medford OR 97501; Phone: 541-552-0620; Email: info@winterspring.org; Website: www.winterspring.org; Since 1989, WinterSpring has provided grief support and education for bereavement to children, teens and adults in Jackson County, as well as information and training about the grief experience to schools, employers, professionals and community groups. WinterSpring is sometimes able to offer support services to families coping with divorce as well. WinterSpring Center helps adults and youth work through feelings of loss and grief through support groups facilitated by trained volunteers, and occasionally through individual support as well. We are seeking volunteers to help at all levels of the organization, including direct client grief support services (Children's Program Facilitators, Adult Group Facilitators, and Individual Support Volunteers), clerical and office help, and help with community education and events. Volunteers working with clients are required to take our 30 hour intensive training, which we offer twice a year, in the spring and fall.

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