

# THE WORKS



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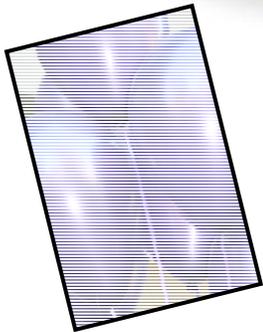
## WALK AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

“With Awareness There is Hope”

Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 PM

Walk from Jackson County Courthouse to Pear Blossom Park at Lithia Commons

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. In honor of the victims of Domestic Violence and to bring more awareness to the problem, please join us for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Awareness Walk, Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 4pm. We will gather on the steps of Jackson County Courthouse at 100 S. Oakdale Street and walk to Pear Blossom Park at Lithia Commons. Immediately followed by a Closing Ceremony in honor of Victims and Survivors of Domestic Violence. Wear purple. We will have free snacks and drinks. There will be a resource table handing out information from participating agencies.



## NO MORE

TOGETHER WE CAN END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & SEXUAL ASSAULT

### What is Domestic Violence?

- Domestic Violence is a pattern of behavior used to establish power and control over another person through fear and intimidation, often including the threat or use of violence.
- Other terms for domestic violence include intimate partner violence, battering, relationship abuse, spousal abuse, or family violence.
- Domestic violence and abuse can happen to anyone, regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, income, or other factors.
- Both women and men can be victims of domestic violence.
- Men are victims of nearly 3 million physical assaults in the US.
- 1 in 4 women will experience domestic violence during her lifetime.

## Youth and Family Services Benefits from “Diaper Dash”

Ruch Community School held a “Diaper Dash” to collect diapers and raise funds for Community Works and the Family Nurturing Center. The event grew out of the Oregon Community Foundation's "Community 101" program, in which students learn about philanthropy, complete a community service project and award grants to non-profit organizations of their choice.

The students chose Community Works' Youth and Family Services Transitional Living Program – benefiting homeless youth and their families. Race participants were asked to contribute a package of diapers or make a cash donation for diapers as an entry fee for a 5K fundraising run/walk.

Thank you to teacher Mr. Jason Straube, his Community 101 students, and the Oregon Community Foundation!



### #1 FACT: Most domestic violence incidents are never reported.

Help change the facts. Speak up, speak out, and make a difference for victims of domestic violence.

If you need Help, call HelpLine 541-779-HELP (4357)

## NO MÁS

JUNTOS PODEMOS PONER FIN A LA VIOLENCIA DOMÉSTICA Y AL ABUSO SEXUAL

# From the Board Chair

Dear Friends,

The upcoming three months will be a very busy time for Community Works. We kick things off in October with Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Please join us for our annual awareness walk on Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm starting at the Jackson County Courthouse and walking to Pear Blossom Park at Lithia Commons. “Like” us on Facebook to honor the victims and learn the facts about domestic violence with posts every day of the month.

Domestic violence is the third leading cause of homelessness among families, according to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. With this in mind, Community Works has launched the Financial Empowerment and Transitional Living Program for families coming out of our Dunn House Shelter. This program helps survivors, thorough rental assistance, life skills, financial classes, and other support, to rebuild their lives in a safe and secure home.

November and December will be busy with holiday planning and programs. We are grateful for the support of KTVL Channel 10 News, Grange Co-Op and Wendy’s for holding the eighth annual Toy Drive. From November 23<sup>rd</sup> to December 17<sup>th</sup> you can drop off a toy for a child in need at any Grange Co-Op, Pet Country or Wendy’s. Watch Channel 10 News or our website for more details.

Another opportunity to help out is our Adopt-A-Family. This extraordinary program has the very specific purpose of including Community Works’ clients in the joy of the holiday season. You can adopt one of our client families for the holidays or help us provide holiday cheer. There are many ways you can get involved this year! Check out our website at [www.community-works.org](http://www.community-works.org) for more information and a sign-up form.

After Thanksgiving, everyone starts to think about holiday shopping. After all your shopping is done on Black Friday and Cyber Monday, we hope you will participate in Giving Tuesday. On Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> Giving Tuesday bring charities and communities together for one common purpose: to celebrate generosity and to give. You can make a donation to Community Works online or you can help out by volunteering. Contact our Development Director, Christine Leusch at 541-779-2393 ext. 228 or by email at [cleusch@community-works.org](mailto:cleusch@community-works.org) for more information on how you can get involved in any of these activities.

Thank you for all you do in the community and thank you for your continued support of Community Works.

Sincerely,

Travis Snyder, Board Chairman



**WE NEED  
YOU TO  
VOLUNTEER**

**It only takes one person to  
make a difference.**

**That person may be you.**

Please join Community Works  
for our *Victim Services  
Advocacy Training*

**2015-2016 Training Dates:**

**Fall Training  
October 17, 18, 24 and 25**

**Winter Training  
January 16, 17, 30, and 31**

**Spring Training  
April 16, 17, 30 and May 1**

Volunteer opportunities  
available in the following  
programs: HelpLine,  
Dunn House Shelter,  
Victims Services Outreach,  
and Sexual Assault Victim  
Services (SAVS)

To register or to request more  
information, please call Kim  
Caplan at 541-779-2393 ext.  
212 or email at  
[kim@community-works.org](mailto:kim@community-works.org).

This training is free of charge  
and is open to the community.  
Donations are accepted to

## Thank You!



Thank you to Hearts and Vines Foundation, Lithia Auto Stores, Farmers Insurance, and Caveman Action and Roseburg for the donation of a PT Cruiser for the Victims Services Program!

Pictured in front of the donated car, left to right—Matthew Baida, Caveman Action and Roseburg; Shane McDonough, Farmers Insurance; Mike Bodenbender, Lithia Auto Stores; Steve Potter, Lithia Auto Stores; Mark Reed, Farmers Insurance; Dave Osborne, Farmers Insurance; Barbara Johnson,

Community Works; Denise Wisnovsky, Hearts and Vines Foundation; Scott Weiland, Hearts and Vines Foundation; and Travis Snyder, Community Works

## From Youth and Family Services: A Home of Her Own

When Ashley first came to the Community Works Transitional Living Program (TLP) she immediately expressed and exuded a feeling of hopelessness; she was the young mother of two and was fleeing Domestic Violence at the hands of her children's father. Additionally, she was newly homeless after she finally decided to leave her abuser and find a safer place for herself and her children. With support and guidance, Ashley applied for the housing program and looked forward to the opportunities that would open up for her.



Ashley soon saw her name at the top of the TLP waitlist and was offered safe housing for her and her children, which she quickly embraced and took the opportunity to make the home for her family that she had always wanted and knew that she was capable of. Ashley has now been supported and housed within the Transitional Living Program for 8 months. Her children are healthy and happy, she has a new sense of confidence, and consistently takes pride in her ongoing strength and capacity to move through dark times in her life with resiliency and self-awareness.

Ashley expressed on many occasions that she would not be where she is today without the support of the TLP program. Now she is giving herself the opportunity and permission to look ahead and plan a future for herself and her kids; enrolling in a job placement program, mending family relationships, and doing the emotional healing that is the foundation of her ongoing success.

## From Victim Services:

Our shelter has received a remarkable gift this Summer. At the Dunn House Shelter we shop each week with money we budget for groceries, which feeds as many as 30+ people that reside with us at any given time. We also greatly value our partnership we have with Access to provide pantry essentials and fresh seasonal produce to our residents at a free or reduced rate. In order to stay within our budget, we find it most difficult to provide protein rich items, especially meat, due to soaring prices.

In the past we have received generous donations from local businesses who support the 4-H and FFA Junior Livestock Auction, but this year was unprecedented.

This year the Dunn House Shelter received a market hog donated by **North Medford Mini Storage**, which has since filled the mornings at shelter with the aroma of fresh cooked bacon. Then we received a donation of two market lambs from **S & B James Construction**, and they even paid the cut and wrap fees, so all we had to do was pick it up. The generosity of our community didn't stop there, and we received yet another call from **Donna Taylor of Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline**. They donated an entire FFA raised beef, complete with cut and wrap fees paid.



We replaced our broken freezer just in time to fill it with all this amazing meat. With three fully stocked freezers, we are ready for winter. Residents not only have meat products available to them, but they have an amazing selection of locally raised pork, lamb, and beef to choose from when preparing meals. What an amazing gift!

## Garrison's Home Furnishings—Making a Difference at Dunn House Shelter

For most of us, home is a place of love, comfort and a sense of belonging. Yet for the people who come to Dunn House Shelter their home has been a place of danger. They have been subjected to chronic emotional and physical abuse. They come to Dunn House seeking safety.

With the help of Garrison's Home Furnishings the Dunn House Shelter has received facelift. Thanks to the generous spirit of Brian Garrison and his staff, the Shelter has become a much warmer and more inviting place. Every bedroom has been updated with new mattresses and box springs. Living areas have been transformed with all new furniture and accessories. We now have a quiet library area with bookshelves, area rug and chairs. Residents can spend time reading books that have been donated by American Association of University Women.

These gifts have not only changed the look of the shelter, it has given new life and hope to each person who comes to stay with us. They experience needed soothing nights sleep and feel a sense of place in our warm, comfortable and safe home setting. Through the kindness of people they will never meet, our clients have come to recognize that a helping hand is there for all of us.





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**Address Service Requested**

SAVE THE DATE



#GIVINGTUESDAY

DECEMBER 1

Give Online at  
[www.community-works.org](http://www.community-works.org)

**Adopt-A-Family**



Sign-up to Adopt-A-Family for the holidays. Call  
Christine at 541-779-2393 ext. 228 or  
email at [cleusch@community-works.org](mailto:cleusch@community-works.org)



Channel 10 News will sponsor the Community Toy Drive. Drop off a toy at any Grange Co-Op, Pet Country or Wendy's from November 23rd to December 17th. For more information watch Channel 10 News or check out our website at [www.community-works.org](http://www.community-works.org)

## Giving to Community Works

### Did you know?

You can refer your friends and family on-line to make a financial donation to Community Works and help locals in need. It's also a great birthday or anniversary present if you donate in someone's honor.

**Donate on the website:**  
[www.community-works.org/donate](http://www.community-works.org/donate)

**Donate by phone at:** 541-779-2393 x 228

**Donate by mail to:**  
Community Works  
201 West Main Street Suite 3D  
Medford, OR 97501

Donations from our website wish list are accepted at 201 West Main Street on Thursdays from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. Call ahead, 541-779-2393 for larger donations, furniture or other items.

Please write checks to  
"Community Works"

### Support Community Works through your Estate

Legacy or planned gifts through your estate can create opportunities for Community Works to help people in crisis and operate our many programs for years to come - leaving an important impact for the future. For more information contact Christine Leusch at 541-779-2393 ext. 228 or by email at [cleusch@community-works.org](mailto:cleusch@community-works.org).