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JUNE 2014

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Life is 10% of what happens to me and 90% of how I react to it.

- Charles Swindol

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.

- Margaret Mead

Life is like a mirror. Smile at it and it smiles back at you.

- Peace Pilgrim

Community Works News

- ⇒ **Our Youth and Family Service Department has been awarded grants** through the OCF Walker Foundation and Carrico Foundation. These grants will help fund mentors to serve young adults who are facing homelessness and provide rental assistance for women and children.
- ⇒ **New program from Sexual Assault Victim Services-"Let's Talk"** If you or someone close to you has been affected by sexual assault, Community Works now offers a walk in service featuring a SAFE, COMFORTABLE and COMPLETELY CONFIDENTIAL PLACE to drop by...talk to an Advocate...browse our resources...or just hang-out. We are here for you. *Tues. 8-1pm/Thurs. 11am-12pm 201 W. Main St. 3rd Floor.*
- ⇒ **We welcome Dawn Burks as the new Program Manager for Dunn House Shelter;** she has three years of experience at Community Works as Coordinator of HelpLine and in Development. Dawn brings passion for families we serve, a calm and open presence and many new ideas of how to grow and strengthen our programs.
- ⇒ **Special thanks to the Sandra Coyner and Joseph Graf Fund** of the Oregon Community Foundation for the \$4,000 grant donation to support Victim Services and Youth & Family Services.

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Dear Friends of Community Works:

As the summer season approaches, Community Works continues to provide supportive services and advocacy to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, as well as high need youth and their families. Our Board of Directors and Staff are committed to changing culture through active engagement with those in need.

In this issue of *The Works*, we are pleased to thank our donors that contributed to the success of our first annual "Because You Care" Black and White Gala. We also look forward to our baseball fundraising partnership with the Medford Rogues on July 3rd, 2014 at the Harry & David Field in Medford. We invite you to join us as the Rogues compete with the Colt .45s. Fifty percent of all sales of bleacher seats will go to Community Works.

In addition, we share some stories that help you understand the impact of the work we do. As you review our newsletter, I ask that you consider an invitation to participate in our fundraising efforts by donating to the Community Works advocacy endeavors focused on the needs of children, adolescents, young adults, women and families who are working to overcome a severe life crisis or trauma. Your giving helps us to achieve our goals.

Striving to strengthen lives and our community, with a commitment to working in partnerships with other social service organizations,

Laura O'Bryon
Executive Director

Black & White Gala:

This is the first year Community Works has initiated the "Because You Care" Black and White Gala, and it was a great success! With the Board Members strategic leadership, partnering with the Community Works' staff support and wonderful volunteers, this year's gala brought in an approximate donation total of **\$30,000!** From decorations to entertainment, food and guest speakers, Community Works could not be more proud of this truly warm-hearted event. Thank you all very much!

Planning for next year's "Because You Care" Black & White Gala event is underway, so until then, enjoy the pictures below and on our web site. See you next year!

2014 Visionary Awards were as follows:

Ross Rampy
American Association of University Women (AAUW)
Gretchen King
Kelli Delany



Thank you to our Gala donors!



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ILP Program: REAL STORY

“Jennifer” is currently 19 years old. At the age of 14 she was pregnant and entered the DHS system and was put into foster care. “Jennifer” is currently a full time student at Southern Oregon University and works part time at a restaurant. Her foster parent became her landlord and she pays rent to the family that took her in. Her son is a happy, healthy and energetic youngster who enjoys sports, Legos and getting dirty. “Jennifer” is utilizing one of the housing supports that is offered through the Independent Living Program in which she can receive up to \$600 a months as long as she is fulfilling 40 hours a week of productive time (work, school, volunteering). “Jennifer” plans on obtaining her teaching license and making a great life for her and her son. She is an *Inspiration* to those in the foster care system and has shown amazing resiliency to move beyond the adversity she has had in her life.

Current Needs

Did you know?

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

Donate on the website: www.community-works.org/donate

Donate by phone at: 541-779-2393

Donate by mail to:

Community Works
Attn: Donations
201 West Main Street Suite 3D
Medford, OR 97501
(Please write checks to “Community Works”)



Give today and help the tomorrows

Victim Services: REAL STORY

Six years ago Cindy's life was dire. She lived with her abusive husband of six years and three children. Their home was in an isolated rural area of Southern Oregon, and she had no transportation. A neighbor nearby told her about Community Works', and she called HelpLine the 24/7 crisis hotline. Cindy knew she needed to get her children away.

With the help of her neighbor and advocates in Victim Services, Cindy was able to take control of her life. For the first year, she worked closely with one of our advocates, learning about resources available to her. She was able to find a place to live in the area, get a job at a department store, and go to the weekly parenting and empowerment support groups at our agency.

Today Cindy's children are thriving in school and sports. They share with Cindy how happy they are to be away from their “other” house. Cindy has taken additional steps for her future by divorcing her husband and continuing her education. She plans to be a nurse someday. Cindy says she is a normal person living life and “that's good”.

Note – The name in this story has been changed.



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October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

November is Homeless Youth Awareness Month

April is SAAM (Sexual Assault Awareness) Month

May is National Foster Care month

September is Addiction Recovery Month

For more information:

www.community-works.org

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We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, therefore, is not an act but a habit. ~Aristotle

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