Meet our new advocate, Rebecca. She reached out to others.

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"I had been dating him about 6 months," said Rebecca, the mother of two. "It was great for a while, but he started getting possessive and hostile. One day, we went to the park to play paintball and he started shooting the gun at me."

So, Rebecca broke off the relationship. But it didn’t end there. Her ex-boyfriend became increasingly obsessed with her and repeatedly left abusive messages on her phone. One day, he came by her house with an excuse to talk to her. When she opened the door, the man forced his way into her bedroom and attacked her with a knife for more than 4 hours. Her daughters were in the house at the time.

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The man was arrested, but posted bail just over two weeks later—soon on committing the same crime. Rebecca managed to flee her house with her two children and call the police after the second time he attacked her. This resulted in a standoff with the police. They eventually managed to arrest the man after he stabbed himself in the throat.

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"Wendy was phenomenal and so was everyone at Community Works," she said. "They helped me with recovery, every step of the way."

"The whole thing was pretty traumatic," she remembers. "If it hadn’t been for Community Works, I don’t know what I would’ve done. It’s nice to have someone who cares. It’s a great support system." Rebecca is now happily married. And she was so inspired by the help she received from Community Works that she is going through the volunteer training to become an advocate, herself.

"I strongly recommend supporting Community Works," Rebecca said. "If it wasn’t for them, I don’t know what I would’ve done. I would’ve taken, I want to reach out to help others."
Rebecca said Community Works provided her with all of the information and resources she needed. They also provided her with financial assistance to help her get back on her feet. This allowed her to get new towels, a vacuum cleaner, and helped her with groceries and rent.

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**Community Connection**

Community Works will be presenting Visionary Awards to outstanding people in the community.

We will also be conducting a discussion of client success stories. For more information contact Nicole at 779-2393, x 228.

Save the Date:

7th Annual “Because You Care” Celebration Luncheon

Wednesday, June 10th, 2009 at the Rogue Valley Country Club.

You can make a big difference in the life of a troubled teen. Community Works Lithia Springs Program needs foster parents who want to positively impact the life of an adolescent boy or girl, age 13-18. These teens have been taken out of their homes by DHS because of unhealthiness and/or unsafe family situations such as drug/alcohol addiction, domestic violence, and/or neglect. You can make a big difference in the life of a troubled teen.

Helping the Youth in Our Community

Foster Families

Provide a safe, structured, and supervised home environment.

Introducing Tricia Hibner

Community Works is proud to have Tricia Hibner as our new Director of Youth and Family Services. She has been with us for over eight years as a mental health counselor. "She always did a beautiful job with our clients," said Community Works CEO Dan Murphy. "Last year, she took on a huge project that demonstrated her ability to review our programs, analyze our systems, and examine revenue recovery." The Lithia Springs Program provides support to youth with services including substance abuse treatment, mental health services, and education. Foster Families provide a safe, structured, and supervised home environment. Foster Families are independent contractors that are paid and given training and support.

Letter from the CEO

CEO, Community Works

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Community Health Center: A new partnership will provide financial assistance to help women at Dun House pay for prescription medication and are also providing health care to women staying at Dun House.

PacifiCorp, NBC-8081 Channel 5, Mail Tribune, Radio Medford, Harry & David and Umpqua Bank: Sponsors for 1st Annual Community Works Shopping Card. With the support of these businesses, Community Works has had a successful event!

Women's Resource Center at SOU: They have been donating proceeds to Victim Services from various fundraisers for several years and they are an important partner to Victim Services.

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Connection Hearts & Vines Foundation: A new inaugural event.

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Rogue Valley Electric: 1st Annual Toy Drive provided many toys and bikes to needy families in Jackson County during the holiday season. Through the generosity of members of our community, we were able to give Christmas gifts to over 1000 children.

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July 11th, 5-7 pm

Tales of the Unexpected: A Reading of Short Fiction and Poetry

Saturday, April 11

7:00-9:00 pm

Peerless Mason Parade: A small-town parade at this Park and all public corporate entry with information about sexual assault services in Jackson County and opportunities to get involved in ending sexual violence in your community.

Wednesday, April 15

Jackson County Council Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault: The Council will be hosting a fundraiser in honor of sexual assault awareness month. There will be speakers and a light lunch. To reserve a spot or for more information, contact Gery Sax at 859-2937.

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**Letter from the CEO**

Dan Murphy
CEO, Community Works

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**Connecting the Dots**

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"So long as you can sweeten another’s pain, life is not in vain." —Helen Keller

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