

Marie Mills Center, Inc.



1800 Front Street, Tillamook, OR 97141

Spring 2011

Twinetta - A Very Busy Lady

Twinetta Frazer first became involved in the Marie Mills Center program in 1989. She currently lives in our Madrona House Group Home. “**Twin**” as she is often referred to has an extremely active life. When one follows her activities at work and at home it is easy to become breathless. During the daytime she is involved in the Marie Mills Center vocational program where she does confidential record destruction. However, that is only part of her daily experience. She also works at the **Baertlein and Phegley CPA Office** doing general administrative types tasks and confidential record

destruction a couple of hours a week. She has been working there since June 2009. Also during the week she volunteers at the **Tillamook Bay Child Care Center** where she helps the preschool class with activities such as arts and crafts, and also



Twinetta and Bill Baertlein working on a project

reads to the kids. She has been at the Tillamook Bay Child Care Center since April 2001. During summers she even manages to fit in two days a week working on the **Cape Lookout Restroom Cleaning Crew**.

If this level of activity is not enough, **her personal time is equally as busy as her work time**, if not more so. In her “off time”, Twinetta enjoys participating in **Special Olympic Sports** such as bochi ball, basketball, and bowling. And annually, she will somehow manage to squeeze in an **annual trip to Oklahoma** to visit her

family. Twin often participates in group trips with her house mates. Just this April, Twinetta and her housemate and friend, **Loretta Landolt**, went to Seaside for a couple of days to relax in a hotel on the Boardwalk.

Fitting into Twin’s busy schedule is her involvement with, and commitment to her church, the **Tillamook Christian Center** where she attends Sunday morning and evening services. It is hard to believe that she has any spare time left, but when she does, she loves to play **computer games**.

Like all of us she likes good food. Her favorite thing to eat is spaghetti, and when asked what her least favorite food is she will reply with a scowl.... “Onions!”

When asked what her goals are she will tell you, “**At some point in the future I would love to live on my own in my own apartment**”.



Twin and Loretta feeding seagulls in Seaside

May We Help You?

Marie Mills Center has a willing and able work force. Give us a chance! We provide janitorial services, subcontract labor, confidential record destruction, individual job placements; the list goes on and on. If you have a need, give us a call and we can discuss how Marie Mills Center could help you meet that need. **For further information contact Cindy Green at 503-842-2539 x 14 or for Janitorial Services, Jodi Bradley at 503-842-2539 x 15.**

Spring Unveils Program Improvements

In early May we received a new **handicapped accessible van** that will be used to help with transportation needs of individuals residing in **South County** coming to the Marie Mills Center vocational program in Tillamook. This vehicle acquisition would not have been possible without the support of a **Public Transit Division Grant** and a Grant from the **Meyer Memorial Trust Grass Roots Program**. This project has a “ripple effect” of positive outcomes by allowing Marie Mills Center to rotate an existing vehicle to our **Nestucca House Group Home**, which previously did not have its own vehicle. While at the Nestucca House, this vehicle will also be available for



services for individuals living in their own apartments in the **Marie Mills Center Supported Living Program**.

Also, in late February we undertook a project of upgrading to a **Server System** for our agency computers and technology. This project also involved enhancing agency computer security, and creating a new data base program and transferring existing data from our old data bases. Additionally, this project creates an ability for our offsite Residential Programs to tie in to our centralized server system. In the end, this will help our operations become more efficient, and technologically consistent throughout our agency. **This project could not have been possible without various donations** including software donations from **Microsoft**, as well as assistance from **CS&S (Computer Support & Services)** of Tillamook.

Marie Mills Foundation Update

This past winter the Foundation held its 6th Annual Appeal netting \$10,228. The Foundation continues its efforts to generate support that will insure the future for the Marie Mills Center Inc. for years to come. The Foundation recently welcomed **Bonita Smulski-Bizeau** on to its Board of Directors.

The Marie Mills Foundation wants to thank the following for recent contributions:

Gladys Jacobsen in memory of Lillian Dykes, Stricker Engineering, Tillamook Veterinary Hospital, Linda & Larry Beyer in honor of Loretta Landolt, Francy Schneidecker, Morris & Nancy Cheney, Robert & Suzanne Stewart, Francis Sue Niemi, James Frank, Rudy & Ruth Fenk, Wayne & Kathy Jacobsen, Frants Poulsen in memory of Alice Poulsen, Boyds Implement, Robert Mann, Paul & Susan Adcock, Roy & Claire Peterson, Rip's Mixer Shop, Vista House Vacation Rentals, Eddie & Judy Murray, Sally Wallace, Mr. & Mrs. Edward Haye, Charles Benscheidt, Coast Printing and Stationary, Hurds Upholstery, Richard Rivers, Kerma & John Lamkin, Jean Bailey, Larry & Debbie Kiser, LuAnn Darling in honor of Mollie Nupenau, David & Mary DeCook, Douglas & Lyn Holman, Tillamook Pharmacy, Evelyn Milner in honor of

Ron Rush, Bud & Helen Gienger, Tom & Betty Waud, Tom & Carol Thompson, Patricia Kiser, Rockaway Lions Club, Steven Darling in honor of Mollie Nupenau, Donald and Karen Balsamo in honor of Helen Benscheidt, Lisa & Carl Benscheidt in honor of Helen Benscheidt, Brian & Michele Bergeron in honor of Helen Benscheidt, Helen Benscheidt in memory of Father Ray Ferguson, Pat & Pearl Ireton, Walt & Marilyn Rigtterink, Elise Bigelow, Carlo Raymond in honor of Helen Benscheidt, John and Carol Steele Trust, Greg & Janet Snyder in honor of Jim Snyder, Louise & Vincent Bogard, Gloria Slusser, Dick & Leanne Spence, George & Myra Wilson, Eugene & Jennie Nuxoll in honor of Kristine Jacobsen, Bob & Elva Weeks, Anne Seeger Trust, Chris Kittel & Lois Albright, Judy & Hank Gollon, Robin & Michael White, Daryl & Jill Carter, Helen Benscheidt in memory of Carl Folmsbee, Nehalem Bay Women, Tillamook Bridge Club and Chadwick - Baumgartner Family Donations: Orella Chadwick, Gina Lorenz, Tilda Jones, William & Virgie Lorenz, Julie & Robert Baumgartner, Anthony Ruddy & Lisa Baumgartner, Ms. Diana Chadwick

Thank you all for your support!

State Budget Cuts Continue To Erode Services

The Governor's proposed budget for 2011/2013 attempts to address the impact of the severe recession, which has racked our State, and its services for the past several years. Many areas of State services are being impacted, including services for the disabled provided by non-profits such as Marie Mills Center. In January 2010 Marie Mills Center faced **annual funding reductions of \$24,384**. Again in October 2010 Marie Mills Center was hit with another **annual funding reduction of \$75,000**. With the Governor's most recently released State Budget Proposal, **programs in Oregon serving the disabled will again be hit hard in the 2011/2013 biennium**. Marie Mills Center is slated for a **potential \$118,560 reduction** in State funding. **All told, funding reductions to Marie Mills Center since January 2010, including potential**

reductions in 2011/2013 will total \$217,944 annually. Factor in lost production contracts (work opportunities for the disabled) totaling \$90,000 annually because of the recession, **Marie Mills Center's base budget will have decreased by a little over \$300,000 annually when compared to before the economic crisis and recession**. Like it has for everyone else, the recession has indeed been a challenge for Marie Mills Center, as well as the other similar non-profit programs in Oregon serving those with developmental disabilities.

Like everyone else, we are anxiously awaiting a final outcome on the Governor's proposed budget for 2011/2013. As of this writing the Oregon Legislature is in session attempting to finalize that budget. It will be our hope that these proposed reductions are reduced.

2010 Fall and Winter Activities

As is the case with every fall and winter season, this past one was extremely busy. We held our **Annual Open House** in October followed the next day by our **Annual Halloween Party**. The **Marie Mills Foundation and Tillamook Chamber of Commerce** both participated in our Open House that was well attended by community members. MMCI Administration and Board recognized long time staff members who have reached milestones in their tenure: (starting left) **Ron Rush 30 years, Celia Williams 10 years, Ellie Robertson 10 years, Jodi Bradley 20 years, Mike Jepson 10 years, Genine McDonough 10 years, and Richard Biggs 15 years.**

Our agency is extremely fortunate to have such dedicated staff that stays with our agency, some for many years. This kind of **staff commitment** helps ensure that those in our program receive quality and consistent services. The day after our Open House, our **24th Annual Halloween Party** was held at the Fairview Grange. An **estimated 200 individuals attended** this year's event and **donated 300 lbs. of canned food which was donated to our local food bank**. Needless to say, this event was a success and enjoyed by all.

The onset of winter brought more activity for those in our program such as our Annual Christmas Dinner with gifts (and a visit from Santa Clause). These gifts would not have been possible without the thoughtfulness and kindness of many donors in the past year, and the huge success of our 1st Annual Spaghetti Sauce Cook Off event held in April 2010 as the proceeds from this event were also used to fund Christmas gifts for those in our programs.



2nd Annual Spaghetti Sauce Cook-Off

The **Second Annual Spaghetti Cook-off** was held on April 16th, 2011 at the Swiss Hall. Cooks **Tommy Boye, and Gordon McCraw** were set on taking the title of **Champion** away from **Mario Venti**. This year Gordon enlisted the aid of **Chef Nelia Serapion of Pacific House Restaurant**. Tommy had his helper Jenny working hard



for him, while Mario and his family dominated the kitchen to defend their championship sauce.

Raising nearly **\$1,000 to provide Christmas gifts** for those they serve, Marie Mills Center staff, friends and family had just as much fun serv-

ing as those who came to eat and vote for their favorite sauce.

The event was a rousing success with the generosity of **The Oyster Shooters** for live music; the **Food Basket, Lucy's Bakery, Pepsi Cola of Tillamook, Pacific House Restaurant** and the **Schooner** for providing ingredients, drinks and desserts; and **TillamookCow.com**, for advertising this event. Raffle items were

donated by **Roby's Furniture & Appliance, Tillamook Motors, Homelife Furniture, Sunflower Flats, Video Audio Connection, Blue Heron, North Coast Novelty, Blue Moon Café, Flamingo Jim's, Richards Custom Framing, the Treasure Chest Too, Celia Williams, Kim Armitage and Kerry Bodie.**

With **42% of the votes** the **Championship** was awarded to **Gordon McCraw** and his secret weapon, **Chef Nelia Serapion.**

Cook Tommy Boye has been quoted saying, "I challenge Mario and Gordon to a **BBQ cook-off** this summer."

The **Ladies of the Swiss** topped off our event with a **\$500 donation** to our Christmas Gift Fund.



Congratulations

Preslee J Rose Koskela was born on December 10, 2010 to Michelle and Will Koskela and big brother Damean.

Congratulations to you all on your beautiful baby girl!



Employees of the Month



August 2010
Crystal Tupacz



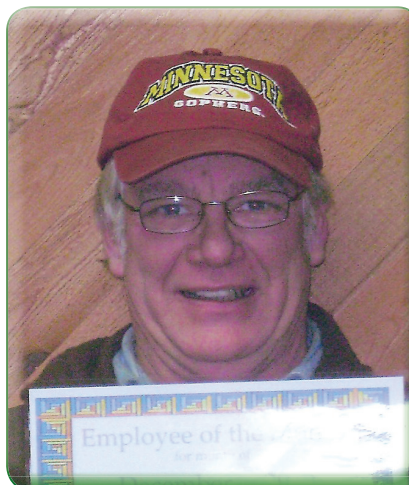
September 2010
Clint Nelson



October 2010
Lisa Mastriano



November 2010
Richard Hatfield



December 2010
Ron Rymer



January 2011
Jack Buchanan



February 2011
Sarah White



March 2011
Markeeta Morgan

Good Times..... Saying Goodbye



At the end of April we wished our friend and fellow employee, **Clark Wong**, good luck as he ventures off into the world of retirement. Congratulations Clark. Make sure you and your mom stop in to say hi and send us post cards from all the wonderful places you get to visit.



Up Coming Events

Marie Mills
Center, Inc.
Summer Picnic
Date to be Announced

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May 21, 2011  
Car Show at Tillamook  
Cheese Factory  
to benefit  
Special Olympics  
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Visit Marie Mills Center

We invite you to tour Marie Mills Center. You will observe individuals at work and see our programs in action.
Call Ron Rush at (503)842-2539 ext. 12 or visit us on the web at www.mariemillscenter.com

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