

Marie Mills Center, Inc.



1800 Front Street, Tillamook, OR 97141

Spring 2013

The "Kit" - Making Lives Easier

The **Kit and Caboodle Thrift Store**, affectionately referred to as "the Kit" has been around since 1971 and is owned & operated by the **ARC of Tillamook County** (formerly known as TARC – Tillamook Assoc. for Retarded Citizens). Over the years the Kit has been an indispensable asset serving needs of

our community's developmentally disabled citizens and the organizations who support them (such as Tillamook Special Olympics, Marie Mills Center, Multi Modular Events, Northwest Regional ESD (Tillamook), and the Free Fishing Day for Kids). **Proceeds from the Kit have helped many individuals with developmental disabilities and their families** meet many pressing needs including medications, medical and dental needs, glasses, emergency housing needs, and camp

scholarships. Another amazing thing about the Kit is that it is staffed solely by volunteers who are affectionately referred to as "**the Ladies of the Kit**". They work tirelessly for the success of the Kit knowing full well that **their efforts benefit needs throughout our community**. We at Marie Mills Center are very grate-

ful to have the Kit and Caboodle offering a site for our janitorial program to service, and an opportunity for three of our program participants: **Shirley Hiatt, Rugenia King, and Dianne Jacob** to experience working in the community. Back in the infancy of our program, 30 plus years ago, TARC was able to provide a sizeable donation (thanks the proceeds from sales at the Kit and Caboodle) to start our very first group home for adults with developmental disabilities. Need-

less to say, the Kit is very important to Tillamook County and has played a major role in making lives of those with special needs much better. Remember, every time you donate items to or shop at the Kit, you are helping a person with an intellectual or developmental disability.



The "Kit"



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.**

Lighting Project Saves Bucks

Last fall we took part in Tillamook PUD's Commercial Lighting Program. All interior lighting fixtures were retrofitted to be energy efficient at our Front Street Facility. It is projected that our program will save 27,000 KW

annually. This project cost \$9,111 to complete. With the PUD rebate of \$6,378, the net cost to MMCI was \$2,733. We are happy to say that within only 1 year the savings will have paid for this project.

Open House Celebrating Staff & Supporters

On October 26, 2012 we celebrated the long time employment and dedication of **Brenda White; the Tillamook County Transportation District; Dr. Glenn Saylor; Phyllis Holms, Volunteer; and The Murray Family.**

Brenda White, a 20 year veteran of our agency's residential program, was recognized for her longtime dedication to those we serve. We are lucky to have devoted staff like Brenda as they are a critical in providing quality

services to those with intellectual and developmental disabilities. **Thank you Brenda!**

Dr. Glen Saylor of the Tillamook Medical Group has been a primary care physician for many in our program for over thirty years. Over the years Dr. Saylor has provided caring and quality care to those in our program. **Thank you very much Dr. Saylor!**

During 2012 **Phyllis Holmes, a dedicated volunteer,** helped us become more technologically up to date by developing database programs increasing our efficiency and providing fingertip access to information. Phyllis is a joy to work with. She is retired and likes to work on database projects as a hobby. She has helped a number of local nonprofits develop data base programs over the past few years. **Phyllis we really appreciate you and all that you have done and continue to do for our program!**



Brenda White 20 Yr Recognition



Dr. Saylor



Phyllis Holmes

We travel nearly 100,000 miles annually serving individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. One would think that that many miles must cover every need of those we serve, but it doesn't. Fortunately, we have an excellent public transportation system in our area with **The Tillamook County Transportation District (TCTD or The Wave).** TCTD meets the transportation needs of a number of individuals receiving services in our program whose transportation needs exceed our capacity. At our Open House we expressed our sincere gratitude for the transportation support that TCTD provides. We presented a plaque of appreciation to **Doug Pilant, General Manager; Bob Kenny, Board Chairman; and Marty Holm, Board Member.** The

TCTD goes out of their way to meet the needs of individuals in our area who are elderly or suffer from disabilities. They make numerous runs by our Front Street location throughout the day, transporting individuals to and from the Center.

And finally, **the Murray Family** was recognized for its many contributions to us over the years. **Ethyl and Joe Murray** were active in the very beginning, forty four years ago, and continued to be for many years. **A plaque of appreciation was presented to Eddie, Judy, and Linda Murray.**



TCTD Representatives



The Murray Family

Marie Mills Foundation Update

The Foundation remains active in generating support and funding for the future of Marie Mills Center. This past fall the Foundation conducted its **annual appeal raising a total of \$10,133.50**. If you would like to find out more about the Marie Mills Foundation please contact **Ron Rush at 503-842-2539 x 12 or visit us at www.mariemillscenter.com**. Also in remembrance of the Foundation in your estate planning, you can help to assure the future of Marie Mills Center and its services for the intellectually and developmentally disabled in Tillamook County.

Recently **Tom Waud** was voted Chairperson for the next year term replacing Helen Benschmidt who served in this capacity. Thank you, **Helen, for your past and continued dedication to our Board.**

The Marie Mills Foundation would like to express a heartfelt thank you to those who made this last year a success: **Tillamook Bridge Club, Tom & Carol Thompson In Memory Of Jane Peterson, Laureen Lamb, Evelyn Milner, North Coast Down Syndrome Network, Glendill McBroom, Pat & Pearl Ireton, Jean Bailey, Coast Printing & Stationary, Gladys Jacobsen, Eddie & Judy Murray In Memory Of Ethel, Joe, and Ronny**

Murray, Bob & Cindy Weitman, Jan & Fred Jensen, Hudson Insurance, Billie & Brian Hines, Sally & Rory Willis In Honor of Helen Benschmidt, Geri Berg In Memory Of William E. Berg, John & Kerma Lamkin, Paul & Susan Adcock, Bob & Mary Mann, Charles Benschmidt, Jim Frank, Janice & Ed Haye, Cecilia Dwigans, Dr. Roy Peterson, Drs. Constance & Randall Green, Phyllis Holmes, Linda & Harry Backeberg, Charles Hurliman, Ruth & Rudy Fenk, Albright & Kittell, Gloria Slusser, Tom & Betty Waud, TCCA, Waud's Funeral Home, Terimore Motel, Doug & Lynn Holman, John Coopersmith, George & Mira Wilson, Carol & John Steele, Anne Seeger In Memory Of Emma and Charles Zeman, Walt & Eleanor Newberg, Wayne & Kathy Jacobsen, Ron & Muriel Beeler, Marilyn Anderson, Walt & Marilyn Riggerink, Richard Rivers In Memory Of James Pratt, Tiffany & Terry Jacobs, Ann Ferron, Doug & Wendy Welsh, David & Olivia Scully, Helen Benschmidt In Memory Of Louis Hurliman, Henry Naegeli & Alice Holden, Pacific-Source, Tammy King-Crossley, Billie Mann, Judy & Hank Gollon In Memory Of Dorothy Berkey, Robert & Verna Creech

Passings



James Leo Pratt

James Leo Pratt, born on June 2, 1955 to Mildred & Leo Pratt passed away at the age of 57 from natural causes. James has two brothers and a sister, William, Thomas and Kathy.

After coming to the Marie Mills Center program in 1989 we quickly learned that

James loved to sing and dance. He would sing Elvis' "Blue Suede Shoes", Christmas Carols, and when going to work he would sing one of the songs the 7 dwarfs would sing from Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs "Hi Ho – Hi Ho". If he wasn't singing you could bet you would see him dancing with his lady friends whenever music played. James was also great at playing "air" guitar. Some of James' other favorite things to do included

watching cartoons, Bonanza, other old westerns, challenging people to sword fights and pretending he was James Bond "007" (this quickly became one of his nicknames along with being "Bubba" to many of the staff at the vocational facility).

James' smiling face will be sadly missed by all of us who have cared for him, worked with and became friends with him over the past 23 years.

We at Marie Mills Center would like to send our deepest condolences to the families of **Brad Barclay** of Tillamook and **LuAnn Darling** of Los Angeles.

Brad was a supporter of Marie Mills Center, serving as a Board Member in our early years. When efforts were being made to raise startup funds for Marie Mills Center many years ago, **Brad was there giving of his time at various fund raisers, in particular, the BBQ Chicken event.** Brad was always a friend to us and will be greatly missed.

LuAnn, aunt to long-time Board Member Mollie Nuppenau, was a supporter of the Marie Mills Foundation. Her kindness will never be forgotten.

Parties Parties Parties

As always the fall and holiday season were very active. On October 27th our **26th Annual Halloween Party and Dance** was held at the Swiss Hall with **approximately 250 attendees from our community raising a record 360 lbs. of food for the Tillamook Food Bank.** This event would not be possible without the support of many including the ARC of Tillamook County.

In early December we held our annual **Christmas Dinner** for those in Tillamook County with intellectual and developmental disabilities. With a full ham dinner and gifts delivered by Santa there were many smiling faces in attendance that day. We would like to thank everyone who donated their time and efforts towards making this a memorable event.



Happenings With Those We Serve

Vacationing is something that we all like to be able to do, this is especially true for those we serve. During this past year **Rugenia King** went to **Las Vegas** and upon her return she said "I didn't win a lot of money there, but I didn't come back broke either". **Jack Buchanan** went to **New York City**. **Sandy Harms** went on two trips, one to **Disneyland** and later to an **Arizona Dude Ranch** along with **Grant Canty**. **Frank Fisher** enjoyed time in **Pendleton at the Round Up**.



While vacationing is fun, moving can be exciting too. Congratulations to **Candy Taylor** who moved from a group home program into the **Supported Living program** where she lives with a room mate in an apartment, receiving supports provided so that she can live as independently as possible.

Deb Delaney also made a big move recently by moving back into "her old room" at the **Nestucca House**. Also we would like to welcome **Andrew Weston** who moved into our **Madrona House Group Home**.



Many of our individuals have lead interesting lives. Did you know that **Frank Fisher** grew up on a **mink farm in South County**? If you ever want to know anything about mink, Frank is the one to ask. Also, did you know that **Gregg Carter** is a **Texan at heart** having come to Tillamook from the **Houston area**? Greg and his Texas accent have been with us for many years.

Employees of the Month



September 2012
Felipe Carrillo



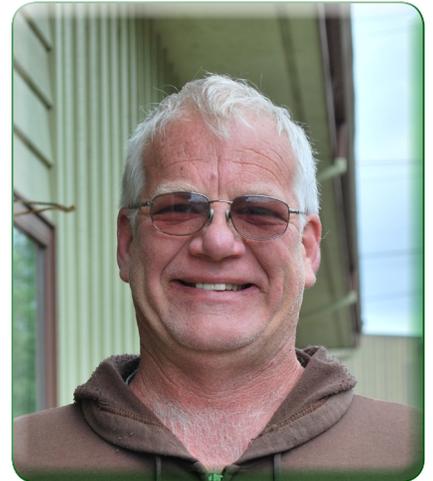
October 2012
Holly Cheney



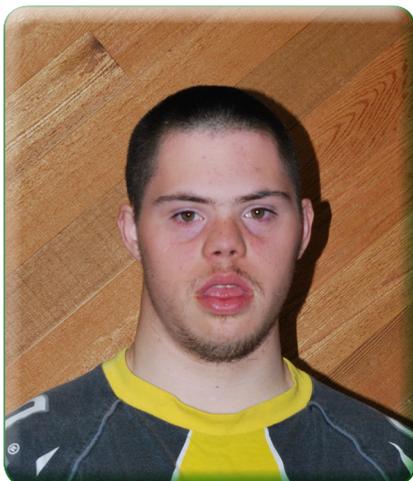
November 2012
Jennifer Plum



December 2012
Scott Otto



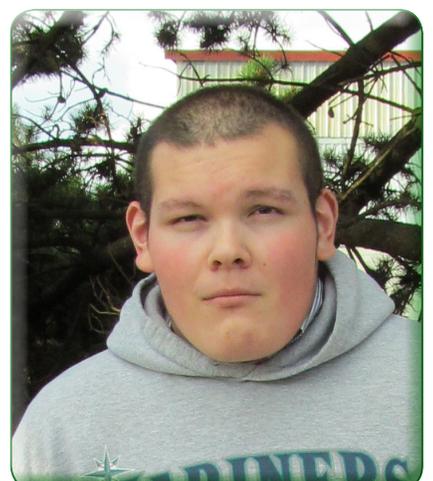
January 2013
Ron Rymer



February 2013
Lewis Cochran



March 2013
Andrew Weston



April 2013
Miguel Mendoza

ATE Time



Mark Your Calendar

Marie Mills Center, Inc.
 Summer Picnic
 August 17th 2013
 Kilchis Park

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 Open House  
 October 25th  
 5:00 - 7:00 PM  
 1800 Front Street

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 27th Annual
 Halloween Party & Dance
 October 26th
 6:00 - 9:00 PM
 Swiss Hall

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 Christmas Dinner  
 December 13, 2013  
 12:00 - 1:30 PM  
 Swiss Hall

## 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](http://www.mariemillscenter.com)

**Executive Director**  
 Ron Rush

**Residential Director**  
 Bob Ouzounian

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