

Marie Mills Center, Inc.



1800 Front Street, Tillamook, OR 97141

Spring 2014

Gerald is a Very Talented Individual!

The talents of people are often times amazing and



Gerald Hood

Gerald is no exception. **Gerald Hood** has been with Marie Mills Center for many years. He is an *active person with many hobbies*. He loves to read, bowl, play basketball, and participate in Special Olympics. He also likes to make other people happy. What many may not know is that Gerald picked up a new hobby

several years ago that he excels at today. A few years ago Gerald developed an interest in loom knitting from his *good friend Bertha Mof-fett who taught him how to knit*. Since that time Gerald has knit hundreds of stocking hats and scarves. When asked what he does with the many items that he has created he said he likes to give them to CARE



for their Warming Center and he likes to donate them to the hospital. When asked if knitting was a hard to learn,



he answered with a smile "*Nah, when I first started it was hard, but when I got used to it, it became very easy for me.*" He then went on to say, "*I love doing it, it makes me*

feel good to knit stuff and give it away to those who need it."

Marie Mills Center has many talented individuals like Gerald and they use their talents to make the lives of others better and to make people happy.

Nice job Gerald!



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.

Fall and Winter Activities

It was another busy fall and winter season for us here at Marie Mills Center with the usual activities such as the *Annual Open House* held in late October. This year's Open House again *recognized long time MMCI employ-*



ees reaching mile stones in their length of employment. The individuals recognized in 2013 were *Debbie Flood for 15 years of employ-*

ment and Barb McDonald for 30 years of employment. Also this last fall, Marie Mills Center again held its *27th Annual Halloween Party and Dance* for the commu-



nity. Again we had a very well attended event with the cost of admission being 2 canned food items.



This year we reached a *record 449 lbs. of donated food* which we gave to the *Tillamook Food Bank.* Nice job to everyone that helped with this event.



The winter holiday season quickly rolled in with Marie Mills Center holding its *annual Christmas Bazaar* to raise funds for Christmas gifts for those we serve. On December 13th we held our *annual Christmas Dinner* for those we serve and students from Tillamook High School Learning Center. Everyone received gifts handed out by Santa Clause. A special surprise this year for those in our program was that *they all received a hand-made quilt* picked out especially for them. *These quilts were made and donated by Barb Wodesky.* She spent the prior year making 79 quilts to be given to those we serve in our programs. *Many thanks to Barb* from all of us for helping to make this a Christmas to remember!



Marie Mills Foundation Update

The *Marie Mills Foundation* continues to strive towards their goal of generating support and funding for the future of Marie Mills Center. During the past fall the Foundation's Annual Appeal generated \$13,000.

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 our web site at www.mariemillscenter.com*. Also by remembering the Foundation in your estate planning you can help assure the future of Marie Mills Center and its services to the intellectually and developmentally disables in Tillamook County.

The Marie Mills Foundation would like to express a heartfelt thank you to those who are helping them to continue to move forward in meeting their goals: *Jeanne Newberg; Helen & Bud Gienger; Tom & Betty Waud; Tammy King-Crossley; Tillamook Chiropractic Clinic; Tom & Carol Thompson; Coast Printing & Stationary; Cecilia Dwigans; Janice & Ed Haye; Ruth & Rudy Fenk; Tillamook Pharmacy; William Mah; William Sargent; Rip's Mixer Shoppe; Evelyn Milner; Carol & John Steele; Dick & Leanne Spence; Justin & Darby Lasley; Ron & Muriel Beeler; George & Myra Wilson; Mario & Alma Pastega Family Foundation, Tillamook Veterinary Hospital; Farmer's / Fitzsimonds Insurance; Sonja Fromme; Tillamook Bridge Club; Waud's Funeral Home; Tillamook Lumber Company/Hampton; Betsy Johnson; Walt & Marilyn Rigterink; Ron & Marianne Gienger; Anne Seeger; Gloria & Clifford Scovell;*

Elise Bigelow; Doug & Lynn Holman, Eyes of Oregon; Charles Benscheidt; Mahlon & Pat Wirfs; Christian & Vera Heil; Jean Bailey; Sheila Weichal; Charles Hurli-man; Tom & Betty Waud; Tammy King-Crossley. Judy Mohr In Honor Of Joelle Mohr; Carlo & Roger Raymond In Honor of Helen Benscheidt; Roger & Lorraine Zumwalt In Memory of "Red" Rivers & Shirley Zumwalt and In Honor of Gregg Carter; Linda & Larry Beyer In Honor of Loretta Landolt and Memory of Lena Landolt; Bob & Mary Mann In Honor of Mollie Nuppenau; Gladys Jacobsen In Memory of Mike Mulvey; Eddie & Judy Murray In Memory of Ethel, Joe and Ronny; Mahlon & Pat Wirfs In Memory of Florence Bedwell Vogt; Jim & Patty Dougherty In Memory of Terry Carter; Tillamook County Farm Bureau

In Memory of "Red Rivers: Mary & Earl Rogness, Shirley Ann Potter, Ms. Sarah Sole, Mary Boase, Jim & Patty Dougherty, and Linda & Harry Backeberg

In Memory of Dee Wester: Oregon Association of Realtors, Barbara Abbot, Getaway Investment Group, Bob & Cindy Weitman, Darryl & Jill Carter, and Helen Benscheidt

In Memory of Bud Gienger: Darryl & Jill Carter, Helen Benscheidt, Jerrold & Anna Rzuczek, Linda & Eugene Nordling, Judy Gollon, Jack & Elaine Streeter, Richard & Mary Lundy, and John & Carol Elms

~Thank You All For Your Kindness~

Remembering....

We recently saw the passing of longtime supporters of Marie Mills Center who will be sorely missed by all.



Bud Gienger was a Board Member of Marie Mills Center for many years and was involved in many community groups. Bud did many things for Tillamook over the years and was an individual who always saw the best in people and the community that he loved dearly.

Dee Wester, former longtime bookkeeper of Marie Mills Center for nearly 20 years before she



retired, also recently passed away. Dee provided much stability to our agency during her time with us.



Also passing away was longtime supporter Richard "Red" Rivers. We are grateful for the time that we had with these caring individuals who made the lives of those around them better.



Our thoughts and prayers go out to their families during this time.

We Thank You for Your Kindness

A BIG THANK YOU to:

Marianne Gienger and the Monday Musical Club of Tillamook for their kind donations of concert tickets to program participants over the past several years. Most recently individuals were able to attend and enjoy the Glen Miller Orchestra brought to Tillamook through the Monday Musical Club.

Melody Walker, Branch Manager of Columbia Bank in Tillamook presented a check to Ron Rush in the amount of \$500.00 for the Client Christmas Gift Fund.

Tillamook Motor Company for their kind donation to our Client Christmas Gift Fund.

And, last but not least, we thank those who have donated to the Marie Mills Center and our efforts to provide services to those in our programs: *Black-Cooper-Sander Funeral Home In Memory of Peggy Hauptert; Larry & Debbie Kiser In Memory of "Red" Rivers; TLC Federal Credit Union; Lisa Phipps; Phyllis Holmes; Helen Blaser In Memory of Don Averill; Eddie & Judy*



Murray; Dr. Roy & Claire Petersen; Sterling Savings Bank; Sally Wallace In Memory of David Coon; Robin & Michael White; St. Johns Church of Christ; Nancy & Morris Cheney; Darryl & Jill Carter; Bob & Elva Weeks; Vince & Louise Bogard; Bob Riggert In Memory of Daryl Rush; Cindy & Jeff Green In Memory of Robert Rasmussen; Tillamook High School Charity Drive; Nehalem Bay Methodist Women; Women's Club of Manzanita North County; Mahlon & Pat Wirfs

In Memory of Bud Gienger: Tom & Carol Thompson, Bob Riggert, Norm & Ruth Lehman, and Anne Seeger.

In Memory of Dee Wester: Tom & Betty Waud, Mel & Pat Dean, Helen Blaser, Wayne & Linda Harris, Gary Anderson, Cindy & Jeff Green, David & Frieda Farr, Haltiner Real Estate, Kathleen Brennen-Didier, Kathy Monaco, Wayne & Louise Shindledecker, Dorothy Parsons, D.F. Graves, Kurt & Judy Sours, Ken & Monica Shindledecker, Tom & Carol Thompson, Judith Haltiner, Pricilla Stasek, Laureen Lamb, Kathleen Monaco, Dorothy Burd, & Tillamook Ladies of the Elks.

We truly are blessed to belong to a community with so many individuals who support us in our goals.

Leading Active Lives

Individuals we serve are an *extremely active group* going on vacations all over the country (and in some cases, all over the world). Marie Mills Center uses a travel agency called Hammer Travel who specializes in providing



trips and vacations to "far away and exotic locations" for individuals with disabilities. These trips are person centered trips that are planned to meet the dreams and needs of vacationers as well as provide all of the necessary supports to help these individuals on their trips.

Recently *Sandy Harms and Grant Canty* went on a vacation to a Dude Ranch in Texas where they had a blast

riding horses and living like cowboys.

*Jack Buchanan and Ruge-
nia King* are currently making plans to go on an Alaskan Cruise. It is important to know



that these individuals work hard throughout the year and save their money for these well deserved vacations.

Also within the past year *Terry Crump* attended the Pendleton Round Up with another specialized travel agency



called Making Magic Tours.

Our newest group home resident, *Andrew Weston*, recently traveled to Dubai with his family.

And finally, this past fall our *Nes-tucca House group* home took a trip to Seaside and rented a beach house

where they were able to relax and enjoy the view. It is great to see these folks getting out and enjoying themselves.



Employees of the Month



September 2013
Jody Cecil



October 2013
Gary Mah



November 2013
Matt Adcock



December 2013
Rugenia King



January 2014
Jennifer Plum



February 2014
Clint Nelson



March 2014
Scott Otto



April 2014
Theresa Palmer



Bits and Pieces



2014 CARE
Bowl-A-Thon
Our team raised
\$750

Wish List

- * Riding Lawnmower
- * Economic Vehicle
for Supported Living
Program
- * Floor Maintainer

ATE Activities



Mark Your Calendar

MMCI Summer Picnic
August 23, 2014
Noon - 2:00 PM
Kilchis Park

Annual Open House
October 24, 2014
5:00 - 7:00 PM
1800 Front Street

28th Annual
Halloween Party & Dance
October 25, 2014
6:00 - 9:00 PM
Swiss Hall

Christmas Dinner
December 12, 2014
12:00 - 1:30 PM
Swiss Hall

Staff Christmas Party
December 13, 2014
6:00 - 9:00 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

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