

Marie Mills Center, Inc.



1800 Front Street, Tillamook, OR 97141

Spring 2017



Kenny Randall - Quiet & Determined

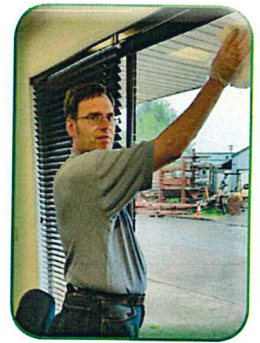


Kenny Randall

Kenny Randall has been involved with Marie Mills Center since 1985. Those who do not know Kenny will be surprised to know that there is a lot to this guy. Besides living in his own apartment and enjoying life to its fullest, Kenny is a hard worker. For the past year Kenny has worked at Tillamook Family Counseling Center as a janitor cleaning their satellite offices. Kenny has a lot of experience in janitorial services having learned his skills through the Marie Mills

Center janitorial program. When asked about his job Kenny said "I like my Job. It keeps me busy. I make the building nice for them". Tillamook Family Counseling Center appreciates Kenny's hard work and when asked about Kenny, Frank Hanna-Williams, Execu-

tive Director says "I have confidence that the work will get done and Kenny does a good job". Marie Mills Center appreciates support from local businesses providing jobs for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities. In addition to getting a good employee, employers like Tillamook Family Counseling Center are making a difference in these individuals' lives. Keep up the good work Kenny!



Recent Job Placement

Recently, Charles Gasper was hired by Fred Meyers as a grocery parcel clerk. Congratulations to you Charles! The Marie Mills Center Employment services staff helped Charles get this job. Thank you Tillamook Fred Meyer for providing this opportunity.



Help Wanted - Thinking Outside the Box

We recently had a video made by Jane Scott Video Productions. The "Help Wanted - Thinking Outside the Box", this video was made possible by a generous contribution from the Marie Mills Foundation. At just under 12 minutes long, the video highlights some of the individuals we have assisted in getting competi-

tive employment and their employers. These individuals talk about what their job means to them and employers share their positive experiences hiring and working with individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Check out our video! You can find a link to it on our website located at www.mariemillscenter.com.

May We Help You?

Marie Mills Center has a willing and able work force. We provide janitorial services, subcontract labor, confidential record destruction, and individual job placements. If you have a need, give us a call! We will discuss how Marie Mills Center can help you meet that need.

For further information contact

Cindy Green

503-842-2539 x 1400





Fall & Winter Excitement

We had a busy fall season again. It started out with our **annual Open House** at the end of October when we celebrated our recently concluded year and recognized long term employees. Those serving individuals in our program are the glue that holds our services together. They positively impact the lives of those in our programs. Individuals recognized for reaching employment milestones with Marie Mills Center were:



Connie Chitwood & Denice Richter for 10 years, Andra Dierking for 15 years, Jennifer Byrne for 20 years, Kim Armitage for 25 years and Cindy Green for 30 years.

The following evening we held our **30th Annual Community Halloween party** at the Tillamook Air Museum where individuals had a great time with plenty of food and good dance music. This event was attended by approximately 250 individuals who donated canned food for the price of admission. This food, in turn, was given to the Tillamook Food Bank. This year **433 pounds** was collected bringing our total to **2443 pounds** since 2006. The ARC of Tillamook County helped fund this event.



After only taking a brief break of 2 weeks we kicked in the holiday season with our **Annual Christmas shopping trip** to purchase approximately 200 gifts for those in our programs.



We then held our **annual Christmas party** on December 9th at the Swiss Hall where everyone enjoyed a fine dinner and a visit from Santa. This event was made possible by the MMCI Recreation and Social Fund which is funded through community generosity and contributions. Thank you!



Marie Mills Foundation Update

The Marie Mills Foundation continues to strive towards their goal of generating support and funding for Marie Mills Center.

If you would like to find out more about the Marie Mills Foundation please contact Ron Rush at 503-842-2539 x 1200 or visit our web site at www.mariemills-center.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 disabled in Tillamook County.

The Marie Mills Foundation and the Marie Mills Center would like to express a heartfelt thank you to the following supporters: *Estate of Bea Barclay; Dr. & Mrs. Tim Borman; Helen Gienger; Debbie Kelly; Linda Kay & Tim Marshall; Dr. Roy & Claire Peterson; Tom & Carol Thompson; John Wassmer; Tom & Betty Waud in memory of Carl Peters; Ron & Muriel Beeler; Charles Benschmidt; Dr. Helen Benschmidt in memory of Carl Peters; Elizabeth Britt; Coast Printing & Stationary; Columbia Bank; Cecilia Dwigans; Farmer's/Fitzsimonds Insurance; Ruth & Rudy Fenk; Judy & Hank Gollon; Drs. Constance & Randall Green; Hampton Lumber Corporate; Max & Elizabeth Hurliman; Pat & Pearl Ireton; Brent & Laurie Jacobsen in honor of Kristine Jacobsen; Gladys Jacobsen in memory of Carl Peters; Pearl Kiser; Laureen Lamb; Norm & Ruth Lehman in honor of Max Lehman; William Mah; Bob & Mary Mann in honor of Mollie Nuppenau; Lawrence & Patricia Renne; Debbie & Keith Rigaud; Patty Rinehart in memory of Carl Peters; Rockaway Lions Club; Brian & Sheryl Seaholm – DMD; Bonita Smulski-Bizeau; Dick & Leanne Spence; The Samuel S. Johnson Foundation; Tillamook Bay Dental; Til-*

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The following made donations in Memory of Tyler Dumas: Amy Atkinson; Carolyn Boulo; Howard Curtis; David & Corrine Dumas; Melvin & Sherry Haxby; Allen & Stacie Kimmell; Sally Leake & Ray Nelde; Jonathan Orloff; Tracy Sheets; Joyce & James Sheldon; Tom & Betty Waud; Grace & Alan Joyson; Gail Kaneshiro; Edward & Shelia Wong; Warren & Sharon Higuchi; Linda & Jack Pennington

~Thank You All For Your Kindness~

New Janitorial Vehicle

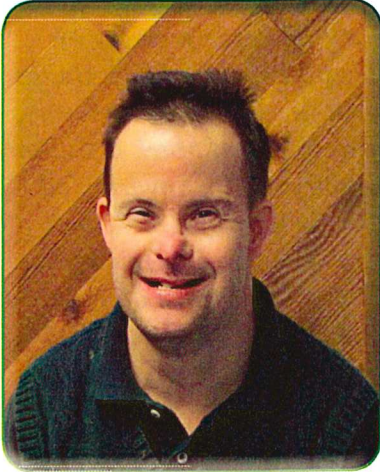


Have you ever went out and started your car only to hear a very strange and scary clunking noise from your motor? Well, this recently happen to our janitorial crew when they attempted to go service contracts, only to find out that their van's motor had blown. After juggling vehicles for a month we were able to get a new Van for this crew with the help of the Marie Mills Foundation who contributed financially to its purchase. Our Marie Mills Center crew thanks the Foundation for making this possible. We also thank Tillamook Motors for their hard work finding the vehicle and for giving us a very good deal on it!



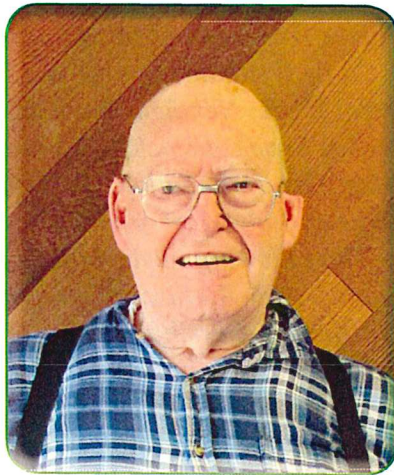
In Remembrance

This year has been a rough one for those in our program, we have experienced a number of losses. While only having been involved with our program for a little over a year, **Tyler Dumas** made a big impression with his very sweet nature. Tyler's family moved here from Hawaii and he chose to participate in our day program. Tyler passed away in December 2016.

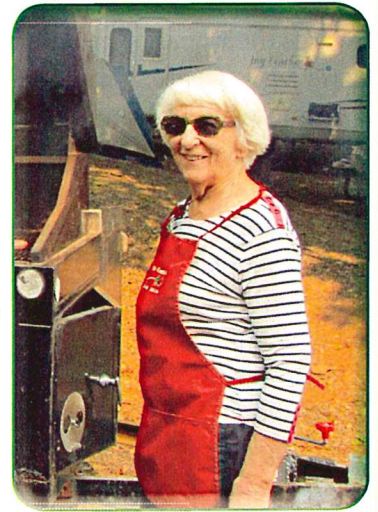


In early February we lost a long time participant of our vocational program.

Emil Kruse was a friendly individual who cared much about others. Emil loved to be a part of the Tillamook Special Olympics Bowling Team .



This past spring, **JoAnn Widmer** (pictured here at one of our summer time BBQs) passed away. JoAnne was the wife of a former Board member, George Widmer. JoAnne and George started helping out at our BBQs a few years ago. Her smile and gentle spirit will be missed, especially this year at our picnic where we will be making a joyful noise in her honor!



And finally, **Mary Hanback** (not pictured), wife of Board Member Mike Hanback and long time supporter of Marie Mills Center left this earth after a long fight with health issues.

All of these individuals have made their mark on our lives and our community. They will all be missed greatly, but their memories will live on in our hearts. We send our thoughts and prayers to their families.



Retirement Time

On May 1st, **Shirley Hiatt** retired from her job on Marie Mills Center Janitorial Day Crew. Shirley has worked on several of our crews over the past 25 years. She has volunteered at several of the local thrift shops and enjoys her walks about town.



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Employees of the Month



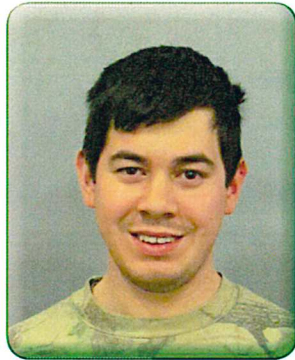
October 2016
Sarah White



November 2016
Lisa Mastriano



December 2016
Jennifer Plum



January 2017
Jeff Guidos



February 2017
Loretta Landolt



March 2017
Melanie Hamblen

Upcoming Changes

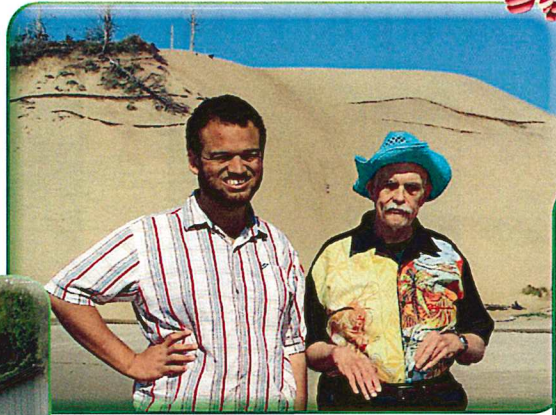


In the very near future we will have a whole house generator installed at our Nestucca House group home. This generator will be similar to what we have at our Madrona House. At 29,000 watts, this generator will be capable of powering all of Nestucca House during times of emergencies resulting in power loss. The cost of this project is \$30,000 and was made possible by community contributions, and grants from the Samuel S. Johnson Foundation, and the Collins Foundation.

On July 1 we will implement a new financial and payroll software program. This new program will be more suitable to the type of operation that Marie Mills Center is, and is less costly to maintain. Additionally, the new program will provide much flexibility in its use and be much more user friendly. Currently our financial office is working hard to get ready for this changeover.



Out Having Fun



Mark Your Calendar

MMCI Picnic
 Kilchis Park
 August 26th
 Noon - 2 pm

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 Open House  
 Marie Mills Center  
 October 27th  
 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

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 Halloween Party & Dance
 Swiss Hall
 October 28th
 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

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 Christmas Dinner  
 Swiss Hall  
 December 8th  
 Noon - 2 pm

## 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. 1200 or visit us on the web at [www.mariemillscenter.com](http://www.mariemillscenter.com)

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