

Marie Mills Center, Inc.



1800 Front Street, Tillamook, OR 97141

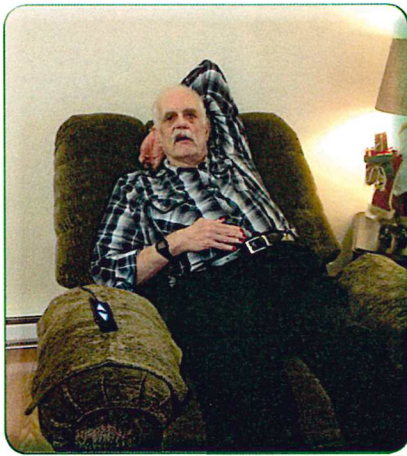
Spring 2018



Trask House Begins Services

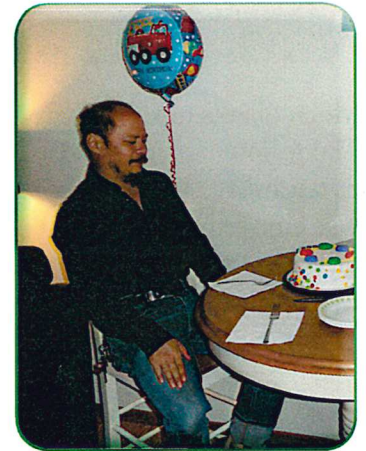


On December 1st we opened up “Trask House”, a residential service providing 24-hour staffing/care to two individuals. Services are identical to group home services but occur in a much smaller and homelike setting. We have been working on this project for over a year. A lot was involved with this including staffing, outfitting the home, staff training, and licensing with the State, as well as locating and gaining



Terry Crump

control over the site. Two individuals moved from our other group homes into this new setting and are loving it. **The House Manager of Trask House is Joanie Snyder** who has extensive experience working in this field. The movement statewide is for smaller residential settings that are as homelike as possible. Future plans include spinning off additional individuals from our Madrona House group home into similar residential service settings like this.



Gary Mah



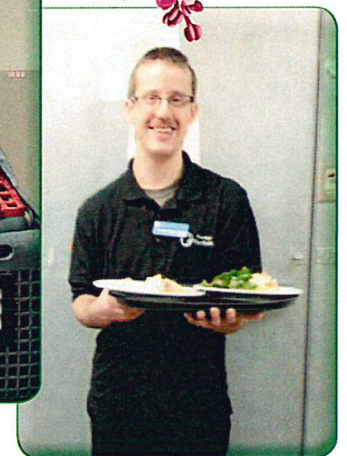
Employment Services Rolling Along



Ask any employer about a concern of theirs and they will likely tell you **finding good employees**. Marie Mills Center continues its effort to prepare individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities for competitive employment. Currently we have **18 individuals that we have placed in competitive employment** within our community. Recent job placements the past several months include **Clint Nelson and Justin Sparks at Kitty’s Food & Spirits, Daisy Roemisch at Tillamook Early Learning Center, Juanita Cortez at Fred Meyer and most recently both Kenny Christensen & Lisa Mastriano at Five Rivers**. Congratulations to these individuals and a thank you to these and other businesses providing employment opportunities.

Employment services staff include Employment Specialist Sue Sanderson and employment coaches Richard Biggs, Celia Williams & Zac Dennis. Our employment

services team provides ongoing support to individuals in competitive employment to assure their success, and to their employers also. If you have a position that needs to be filled, give Sue a call at 503-842-2539 ext. 1600.





Fall & Winter Excitement

It was another busy but enjoyable fall and holiday season for Marie Mills Center and those we serve. On October 27 we held our **annual Open House** where we recognized long term employees. This year we recognized **Linda Kay Marshall**, who has been employed with Marie Mills Center for **10 years** and prior to that served as a board member for 4 years.

Much thanks to Linda Kay for your dedicated service. The following night Marie Mills held its **31st annual community Halloween party** at the Swiss Hall, which was enjoyed by about 250 individuals. Admittance to this event was two cans of food that was then donated to the Tillamook Food Bank. This year we were able to provide 338 pounds of canned food to them. Over the past 11 years, we have provided an estimated total of 2781 pounds of canned food to the food bank through this event. Shortly after these events we headed into the holiday season with our **annual Christmas dinner and party** for those served by our program. Presents were purchased for every program participant because of the generosity of our community and the Marie Mills Foundation. *Thank you all!*





Confidential Record Destruction Ending Soon

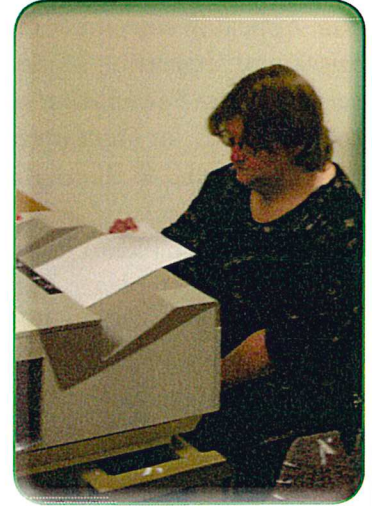
For years confidential record destruction services were performed by individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities at our primary site on Front Street. Facility based employment like this is referred to as sheltered employment occurring within a sheltered workshop. Many programs in the state have much more extensive sheltered employment/workshop programs than us. Over the years we have emphasized community based employment making our sheltered employment services a relatively small service option. **Policy changes at the State will result in programs like ours no longer being**



Loretta Landolt

allowed to provide sheltered employment as of September 2018 which impacts our confidential record destruction operation. For the past several years the State has been emphasizing development of competitive community based employment options for individuals with disabilities in lieu of sheltered employment. We recognize the impact of this

policy change on those receiving these services. After September 2018, **individuals affected by this change will continue to receive services** at our Front Street facility and be given the option of becoming involved in our employment services program to prepare and support them on a competitive community-based job. Other options would include community inclusion or other day support services that we provide. We have been meeting with individuals affected during the past year about this change and helping them make choices about future services they desire once sheltered employment services are ended by the State. We are also exploring how we can spin off our confidential record destruction operation to the local business community making that a competitive employment opportunity for those affected. If anyone has questions about this, please contact us.



Twinetta Frazer



Hwy 101 & Front Street Contruction



You might have noticed that with recent city construction projects on Front Street there have been difficulties navigating that area and finding adequate parking. **We appreciate your patience.** Public parking is available on side streets near Marie Mills Center as well as on First Street one block away from Marie Mills Center.



Marie Mills Foundation Update



The Marie Mills Foundation kicked off its Annual Appeal in November raising \$30,000 towards its mission of supporting Marie Mills Center and those it serves. The Foundation made its annual distribution to the Center for start up costs of the Trask House and MMCI's Social & Recreation Fund (for activities for those served).

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:

Walt & Marilyn Rigterink, Pat & Pearl Ireton; Debbie Kelly; John & Kerma Lamkin; Norm & Ruth Lehman in Honor of Max Lehman; Sharon Lighthill in Honor of Mollie Nuppenau; Jack & Elaine Streeter; Tillamook Moose Lodge; Joan Trusty; John Wassmer; Tom & Betty Waud; Jeanette Werner; ARC of Tillamook County; Linda & Harry Backeberg; Charles Benschmidt; Captain David & Mary DeCook; Ted Fowlks; Diane Gibson, CPA; Phyllis Holmes; Max & Elizabeth Hurliman; Wanda Hurliman; Brent & Laurie Jacobsen; Wayne & Kathy Jacobsen in Honor of Kristine Jacobsen; Pearl Kiser; Laureen Lamb; William Mah; Marilyn Phegley, CPA; Cindy Miles; F.E. Sue Niemi; Rob Trost Realty; Vic Affolter; Jeanie Marie Kelly-Anderson in Honor of Linda Kay Marshall; Ron & Muriel Beeler; Dr. Helen Benschmidt in Honor of Joan Acki; Dr. Steve Benschmidt & Ena Gayer; Elizabeth Britt; Steve & Linda Darling in Honor of Mollie Nuppenau; John & Carol Elms; Helen Gienger; Judy & Hank Gollon; Cindy & Jeff Creen in Honor of Cindy Harrison; Drs. Contance & Randall Green; Gladys Jacobsen in Memory of Connie Chaix; Julianne Johnson; Tara Kottre in Memory of Harold Kottre; Bob & Mary Mann in Memory of Robert G. Mann; Jim Martin; Eddie & Judy Murray; Nehalem Bay United Methodist Women; Mario & Alma Pastega Family Foundation; Carlo & Roger Raymond in Honor of Helen Benschmidt; Patty Rinehart in Memory of Car-

ol Peters; Rockaway Lions Club; Bill & Gail Sargent; Anne Seeger in Honor of Joe & Mary Gluzinski; Marian & Karen Simmons in Honor of Helen Benschmidt; Dick & Leanne Spence; Carol & John Steele in Honor of the Carter Family; The Samuel S. Johnson Foundation; The Women's Club of Manzanita-North County; Tillamook County Farm Bureau; Tillamook County United Way; Tillamook F.O.E. Ladies Aux.; Tillamook Farmer's Co-Op; Tillamook Pharmacy; Tillamook Verterinary Hospital; John Tuthill & Associates; Bob & Cindy Weitman; Bettie Werner in Honor of Linda Kay Marshall; Julie White in Memory of Marcus Andrew Balmer; Wilson River School; Leigh Wilson; Mahlon & Pat Wirfs

In Memory of Mollie Nuppenau

Mary Wujcik; Carol Thompson; Tillamook Motor Company; Bob & Elva Weeks; Sharon Lighthill; ARC of Till. Co.; Helen Benschmidt; Cindy & Jeff Green; Kevin & Susan Pulliam; Anne Seeger

In Memory of Tom Thompson

Dorothy Burdg; Fredrick & Martha Butcher; Lynn & Linda Butts; Jack & Louise Fenton; John & Julie Hansen; Delores Kaauwai; Carol Kearns; Pat Kehr; William & Donna Mulendyke; Northwest Medical Foundation; Marian Simmons; Dennis & Karol Wagner; Linda Walker; Carol Thompson; Norm & Ruth Lehman; Gary & Wanda Anderson

*~Thank You All
For Your Kindness~*



Employees of the Month



September 2017
Sandy Harms



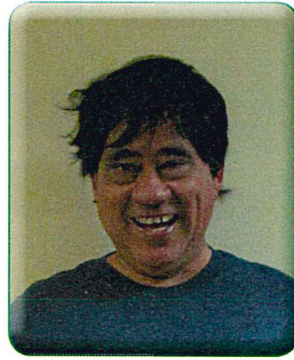
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Felipe Carrillo



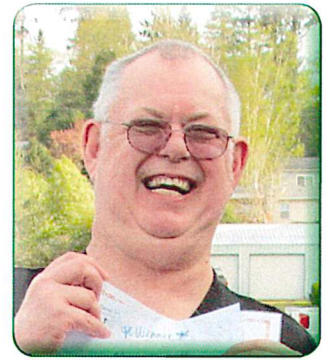
December 2017
Jericho Garry



January 2018
Teresa Palmer



February 2018
Loyd Noa



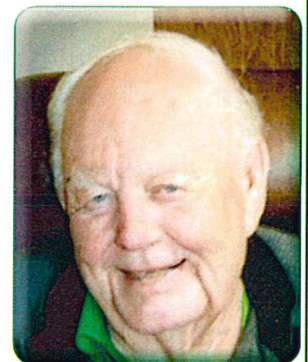
March 2018
Steve Everett

Forever in our Memory

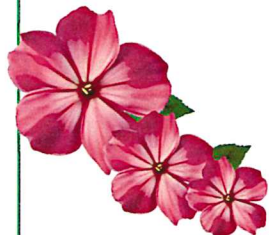
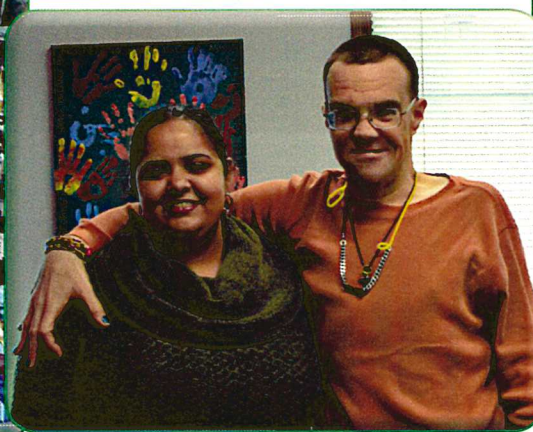


On March 4, we lost a passionate supporter. **Mollie Nuppenau** had been involved with Marie Mills Center since the late 70s. Having an intellectual & developmentally disabled daughter of her own, she had a passion to help secure services for those we served. Mollie was a board member for MMCI and the Marie Mills Foundation. She played a major role in our development as a program, and our ability to continue to serve those in our community. **Her caring nature and support of our program carried over to those that she lovingly referred to as “our dear ones”. We will miss you Mollie!**

On March 16, we lost another very influential person in the field of developmental disabilities. **Tom Thompson** was involved early on developing local services for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities. His passion spilled over into developing our local Special Olympics program and being a coach where he taught and guided individuals in their passion for sports. Tom worked for the Tillamook ESD, was a TARC Auction Founder, and served on the Marie Mills Foundation Board. **Without this loving and caring man many would not have accomplished what they have over the years! Tom, you will be missed dearly!**



Just Hanging Out



Mark Your Calendar

MMCI Picnic
Kilchis Park
August 18th
Noon - 2 pm



Open House
Marie Mills Center
October 26th
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm



Halloween Party & Dance
Swiss Hall
October 27th
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm



Christmas Dinner
Swiss Hall
December 7th
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

Executive Director Ron Rush	Assistant Director Cindy Green	Residential Director Barb McDonald
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