

Marie Mills Fall 2005 News...

Residential Program Going Through Lots of Changes

The past few months have been very exciting for the Marie Mills Center Residential Program with a series of "musical chairs" occurring. Two individuals, Deb Delaney and Shirley Hiatt (right photo) moved into their own apartment. They previously lived in the Madrona House and Nestucca House Group homes. They will receive support from the Marie Mills Center Supported Living Program in which the program will provide needed support for these two individuals, enabling them to successfully live independently. Nice job on your hard work and congratulations Deb & Shirley!



Deb Delaney and Shirley Hiatt

Also within the past few months two individuals moved from our Progressive Living Program into the Madrona House, and one individual moved from the Madrona House to our Nestucca House Group Home to fill vacancies created by Deb and Shirley's move.



The Marie Mills Madrona House announces that its elevator was recently installed. The elevator will prove crucial in enhancing and increasing access within the home. Many of the home's residents are getting older or have other physical issues making usage of stairs difficult. The home, which was constructed a few years ago, was originally intended to have an elevator but budget constraints with the construction project forced the elevator out of the project. However, in constructing the home, necessary infrastructure was left in place such as the elevator corridor and electrical capacity to accommodate an elevator at a later date.

In the past few years Marie Mills Center has engaged in fundraising and thanks the Ford Family Foundation, the Murdock Foundation, and the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund for their contributions through grants towards cost of the elevator, which came to approximately \$70,000. In addition to foundation support, Marie Mills Center wishes to thank the following for their support towards this project: Eddy and Judy Murray; Bob and Laurie Lamb; the Rockaway Lions Club; the Tillamook Association for Retarded Citizens; the THS Charity Drive; the Spirit Mountain Casino (bingo fundraiser); Vivian Fisher; Jack and Helen Madison; Walt and Marilyn Rigterink; Larry and Pamela Zweifel; Bertha Coon; Joanne Harris; The Nehalem Bay United Methodist Women; and Marie Mills Center Board Members and Staff making contributions to the project. THANK YOU ONE AND ALL!!

Contractors for this project were Elevator Solutions out of Portland, and John Main Construction of Tillamook

Tillamook County United Way Drive

The Tillamook County United Way Drive announces that their United Way Campaign will start on November 1, 2005. The Tillamook County United Way supports 19 member agencies helping them care for local kids, strengthen local families, helping local people in crisis, providing self sufficiency, and promoting Health & Wellness. To find out more, go to their website at www.tillamookcountyunitedway.org/donation.htm.

Marie Mills Video

In the past year the newly created Marie Mills Foundation was off and running and engaged in a number of activities designed to provide long term support for Marie Mills Center and it's programs for the disabled. In the past year the Foundation had a professionally produced video completed about the Marie Mills Center and services for the disabled, and the Marie Mills Foundation and it's role in supporting services for the disabled.



The video was produced by Jane Scott Video Productions and received good reviews. It was shown on local cable access and will be used to present to various local community groups in an effort to network out and explain more about local services for the disabled. Other efforts in the past year with the Foundation include developing and establishing a mailing list, and doing our first annual mailing to supporters. Foundation goals for the coming year are to continue with our outreach efforts to the community, educating them about the Marie Mills Center and those with disabilities served by the Center. These efforts will occur through an Open House, and local outreach activities and involvement in the Huckleberry Health Fair. Additionally, a goal the Foundation hopes to accomplish in the spring of 2006 will be to develop its own web site.

The Marie Mills Foundation

The Marie Mills Foundation would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to the following who have supported The Foundation in the past two years: The Tillamook Association for Retarded Citizens; David Wiegand; Tom and Betty Waud; Jane Scott Video Productions; K. R. Business Park, Inc.; Paul and Susan Adcock; David Nelson; The Carl Benschmidt Family; Carl Peters; John and Carol Steele; Ed Armstrong; Kevin and Susan Pulliam; The Tillamook Elks Lodge; Robbie Sue Main; Lu Ann Darling; TLC Credit Union; Richard Rivers; Bud and Helen Gienger; Alan Mushen; Gale and Maxine Langdon; Orella Chadwick; Nancy and Richard Jones; Walter Pendergrass; Linda and Larry Beyer; Mary and David Decook; Clinton Olds; L.E and R.M Olds; R. Thomas Lindseth; Patty Rinehart; Carolyn Keen; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hays; Robert and Suzanne Stewart; Charles Benschmidt; Henry and Margaret Beard; Bob and Elva Weeks; Clifford and Gloria Scovell; Dennis Hixon Trucking, Inc.; Sheldon Oil Company; Irene Hatfield; Patricia Keser; The Nehalem Bay United Methodist Church Mens Club; Dorothy Batemen; Shirley and Lorraine Zumwalt; Alice and Frants Poulsen; The Knipe Marital Trust; Deborah and Jim Dyson; and, The Tillamook Kiwanis Club.

THANK YOU ONE AND ALL

The Wave

The Tillamook County Transportation District, also known as "The Wave," was first formed in 1997. Current services of "The Wave" include dial-a-ride, fixed route bus lines, and inter city bus service. "The Wave" provides much needed public transportation services for individuals in our community who are unable to meet their own transportation needs. In 2002 "The Wave" moved into their new facility on Third Street. This is a quality, state of the art facility, serving the needs of our public transit system as well as other tenants whose rent payments help support public transportation. "The Wave" has seen an increased number of riders over the years. Currently they provide approximately 5000 passenger trips per month with their services driving a total of 380,941 miles per year using 13 vans and buses. The Tillamook County Transportation District is overseen by a Board of Directors and is managed by Heather Ornelas. "The Wave" currently employs 17 employees providing much needed public transit services.



Marie Mills Center is very grateful to have "The Wave" in our community as our program often uses "The Wave" to transport developmentally disabled individuals throughout the community to jobs, stores, and other community sites. Marie Mills Center is very appreciative of "The Wave's" effort at serving the needs of our disabled citizens and looks forward to expanding its usage of public transportation services in the future.

Marie Mills Center, Inc. Janitorial Program

The Marie Mills Center Janitorial Program has been very busy of late. Most recently they acquired the YMCA janitorial contract and clean that building 5 days per week. Welcome aboard YMCA and thank you for the work opportunity that benefits disabled individuals. Also within the past year Marie Mills Center began on a full time basis providing janitorial services for the Tillamook PUD. We are very proud of this work opportunity and are grateful for the work opportunities it provides for those individuals in our program.



The next few months also promise to be very busy with Cape Lookout Restroom maintenance activities being underway for the summer and State Highway Wayside cleaning being in full swing. Looking forward to the fall and winter months there will be no "rest for the weary" as Marie Mills Center janitorial Services will be in negotiation with the new State Forrest Interpretive Center to provide janitorial services to this new and large facility.

In the past few months the Janitorial Program's floor buffer was in need of replacement and a new one was purchased. Floor care is a large and important component of Marie Mills Center Janitorial Services and the new buffer (right photo) is most welcome as the old one was nearly 15 years old. Marie Mills Center Janitorial Crews keep very busy servicing 48 sites in Tillamook County. The Janitorial Program cleans approximately 90,000 square feet of building nightly.



Our Janitorial Program is managed by Jodi Bradley (left photo) and operates with 6 janitorial crews providing work opportunities for 18 workers with disabilities and 6 job coaches.

Marie Mills Center Janitorial Services have been in existence since 1980 serving the needs of local businesses. These services have been a "win - win" proposition for those businesses receiving janitorial services, and for those disabled individuals working on janitorial crews providing those services. NICE JOB JANITORIAL CREWS!!

Important People at Marie Mills

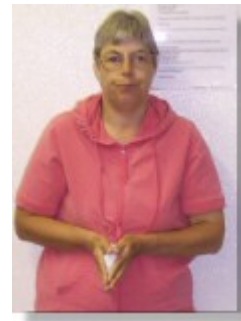
Employees of the Month for 2005



Steve E. - March



Sandy H. - April



Linda M. - May



Lynne H. - June



Loretta L. - July



Dawn B. - August

Long time Direct Care Staff, Sandie Reeves was chosen as Marie Mills Center's new Alternatives To Employment Program Staff. Welcome to the flip side Sandie!



Congratulations to Shaun and Sonja Richardson on the birth of their son Billy. Shaun is a Job Coach for our janitorial program.

We invite you to tour Marie Mills Center. You will meet our clients at work and see our programs in action. Call Ron Rush at (503) 842-2539 ext. 12 for more information!