

# Marie Mills Center, Inc.

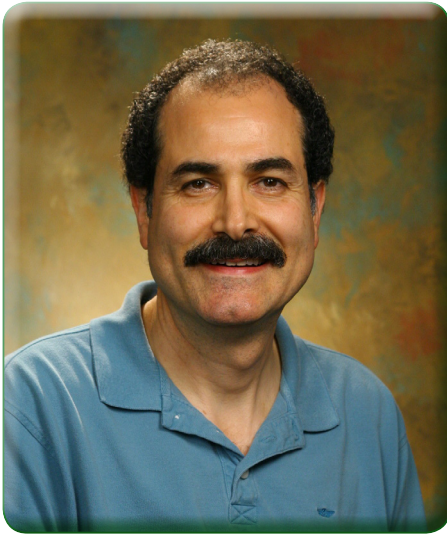


1800 Front Street, Tillamook, OR 97141

Spring 2016

## Residential Program Transitions

Our longtime Residential Program Director, **Bob Ouzounian**, retired in May. Bob worked tirelessly for



**Bob Ouzounian**

**Marie Mills Center for 32 years** guiding our residential services. His leadership, personal approach and caring attitude towards those served and residential staff will be greatly missed. Bob was instrumental in the development of our Madrona House group home which opened 15 years ago and

has provided an important voice to the Marie Mills Center management team. While Bob will be greatly missed, his influence on Marie Mills Center services will be ever present.

Bob now has more time to enjoy some of his passions; photography, playing guitar, and bird watching.



He and his wife Carol, a retired school teacher, will be able to go on many adventures together!

*Thank you Bob for all that you have done for us!*

Our new Residential Program Director will be

**Barb McDonald**. Barb has worked for Marie Mills Center for 33 years in a

number of different capacities. In the early 80's Barb was the first House Manager of our Small Care group home, later transitioning to our Supported Living Program, and a few years ago she transitioned again to House Manager for our Nestucca House group home. Barb has extensive



**Barb McDonald**

knowledge and experience with our residential services and we look forward to her leading this program forward into the future.

**Filling the House Manager position at our Nestucca House group home will be**

**Rebecca Babb**. "Becca" has served as a Direct Care staff person at the Nestucca House for the past 4 years and has a good working knowledge of the home and of the individuals that live there. We look forward to her growing into her position and carrying this home forward into its future.



**Becca Babb**

## May We Help You?

**Marie Mills Center has a willing and able work force.** 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!

We will discuss how Marie Mills Center can 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.**



## Client Spot Light - Kenny Randall

**Kenny recently got a job working at Tillamook Family Counseling Center as a daytime janitor.** Janitorial skills are nothing new to Kenny who has worked on Marie Mills Center janitorial crews for many years. While a quiet person by nature, he always has a smile on his face and is a very hard worker who puts his best foot forward when doing any job. Marie Mills Center and Kenny give a big thank you to Tillamook Family Counseling Center for this opportunity.

*Keep up the good work Kenny!*



## Employment Video

Production is scheduled to start on a **video focusing on employment for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.** This video will be produced by **Jane Scott Video Productions** and will be used to reach out to local employers; encouraging employment of individuals with disabilities. The video will highlight the ongoing support that the Marie Mills Center Employment Program provides to both the disabled worker and the employer to assure success. It will feature individuals

with disabilities and their success stories working at various local businesses, as well as the local business' experiences with disabled workers. **It's our hope that this video will encourage local employers to consider hiring individuals with disabilities.** Once complete, a link to this will be on our Facebook page as well as our website ([www.mariemillscenter.com](http://www.mariemillscenter.com)).

**We would like to thank the Marie Mills Foundation for their support in funding this project.**

## Salute to Our Local Employers

We would like to salute the following businesses who have given individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities an opportunity to work in our community. We truly are fortunate in Tillamook to have a supportive business community providing these work opportunities.

Special Thanks to the following:

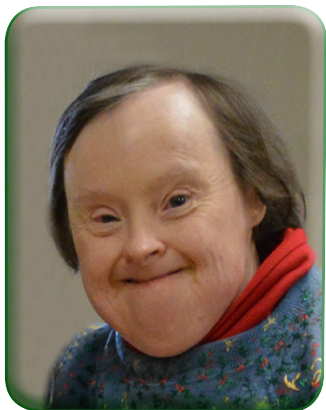
***Tillamook Country Smoker, Tillamook Family Counseling Center, Tillamook Coliseum Theater, P&L Heating, Safeway, Marilyn Phegley CPA, Pelican Tap Room, Five Rivers and the Tillamook Air Museum.***

## Retirement after 36 Years



**Vickie Johnson**, a program participant since 1979 had worked on a Marie Mills Center crew at the Tillamook Country Smoker since 1988 recently retired. A party was held for Vickie where she received a number of gifts, hugs and well wishes. **Vickie will be greatly missed by her**

friends at Marie Mills Center and the "Smoker" but she will still be in Tillamook and will not be far away.





# 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.

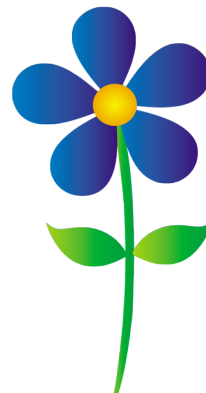
If you would like to find out more about the Marie Mills Foundation please **contact Ron Rush at 503-842-2539 x 12 or visit our web site at [www.mariemillscenter.com](http://www.mariemillscenter.com)**. Also by remembering the Foundation in your estate planning you can help assure the future of Marie Mills Center and its services to the intellectually and developmentally disabled in Tillamook County.

The Marie Mills Foundation and the Marie Mills Center would like to express a heartfelt thank you to those who are helping them to continue to move forward in meeting their goals:

*Albright & Kittell; Jean Bailey; Linda & Larry Beyer in memory of Frank and Lena Landolt; Columbia Bank; Doug & Lynn Holman; Norm & Ruth Lehman; Eddie & Judy Murray in Memory of Ethel Murray; Ms. Sarah Sole in Memory of Alex Hauser; Tillamook Chiropractic Clinic - Dr. Matt Waxter; Vic Affolter; Gary & Janet Beckerman; Katy Cain; Coast Printing & Stationary; Ted Fowlks; Hampton Lumber; Wayne & Kathy Jacobsen; Julianne Johnson; Debbie Kelly; Larry & Debbie Kiser; Laureen Lamb; Eddie & Judy Murray in Memory of Joe & Ronnie Murray; Carolyn Olsen; Mario*

*& Alma Pastega Family Foundation; Carlo & Roger Raymond in Honor of Helen Benscheidt; Anne Seeger; Dick & Leanne Spence in Memory of Dee Wester; Carol & John Steele in Memory of Alex Hauser; Tom & Carol Thompson; Tillamook Motor Company; Waud's Funeral Home; Bob & Elva Weeks; Todd & Billie Weston; Dr. Helen Benscheidt in Memory of Gwen Roemisch-Walker; Boyd's Implement Service LLC; William & Virgie Lorenz; Ed & Wilma Meyers in Memory of Jim Nelson & Tom Weber; Nehalem Bay United Methodist Women; Tom & Betty Waud; Donald & Lue Wilcox in Memory of Gwen Roemisch-Walker; George & Mira Wilson; Loretta McFarland in Memory of Dorothy Wohlgemuth; Linda Walker in Memory of Gwen Roemisch-Walker; Dr. Helen Benscheidt in Memory of Father Ted Rutledge & Phyllis Wustenberg; Elizabeth Britt; Gladys Jacobsen in Memory of Gwen Roemisch-Walker; Tillamook County United Way; Frank Bohannon; Catholic Daughters of America; Charles & Susan Hurliman; Tom & Carol Thompson in Memory of Bob Riggert; Tillamook County Farm Bureau; The Women's Club of Manzanita; THS Charity Drive; Wilson River School - Community 101 Grant*

*~Thank You All For Your Kindness~*



## Annual "Kit & Caboodle" Volunteer Dinner

The **ARC of Tillamook County** (formerly TARC) held its **annual dinner for volunteers of the Kit and Caboodle** thrift store on April 19th. The "Kit" (as it is affectionately called) has been in Tillamook for 46 years and is manned by wonderful volunteers (the "Ladies of the Kit"). Proceeds from sales allow the ARC of Tillamook County to support programs serving the intellectually and developmentally disabled, as well as meet emergency needs that arise for these individuals. **Over the years, emergency medical and dental needs, housing**

**assistance, and other emergency needs have been met because of the purchases made at the Kit.** In addition to this, individuals at Marie Mills Center often volunteer to help out. Next time you are on First Street, stop in and check out what the Kit has to offer and help support their efforts.

**The Kit and Caboodle could use your help, they are looking for a few more volunteers.** If you think you might be interested in volunteering at the Kit, we encourage you to contact them at 503-842-8875.



## A Wild Winter for All!

Anyone that lives in Tillamook County can tell you it was a **wild winter**. In November, heavy rainfall caused local rivers to exceed their banks and flood. Because of this heavy rainfall a city storm drain adjacent to our Front Street facility collapsed creating a **sinkhole next to our building**. If that was not bad enough, drainage from our Front Street facility roof that drains into that storm drain was blocked because of the sinkhole causing drainage to back up out of our downspout drainage, collecting water in our 30 foot planter, and blowing out its brick retaining wall. The picture on the right provides a good visual on this. If you look close enough you can see water shooting out of the drainage intakes close to our building.

Not to be outdone, that storm was soon followed by a bigger storm and flood event in December which completely surrounded our Front Street facility with flood water. Fortunately, this event caused no damage to our facility.



## Remembering Gwen Roemisch-Walker



Several months ago we were all **saddened by the loss of Gwen Roemisch-Walker**. Gwen was a tireless advocate and supporter of programs for the intellectually and developmentally disabled in Tillamook County. Gwen was instrumental in development of local Special Olympic programs and was long time chairperson of the TARC Board of Directors. **Gwen was very influential with the development of the Kit and Caboodle** thrift store volunteering many hours there after she retired from the Tillamook ESD early intervention program. Gwen was often the first to step forward when there was a need involving an individual with disabilities or a program that served these individuals. **Gwen will be sorely missed**, but will be a part of all of us because of the legacy she left.



# Christmas 2015



## Employees of the Month



December 2015  
Gabe Welch



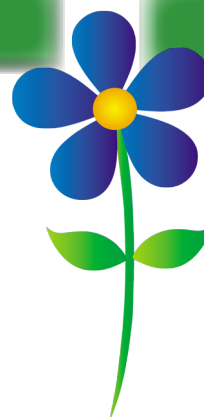
January 2016  
Dale Otto



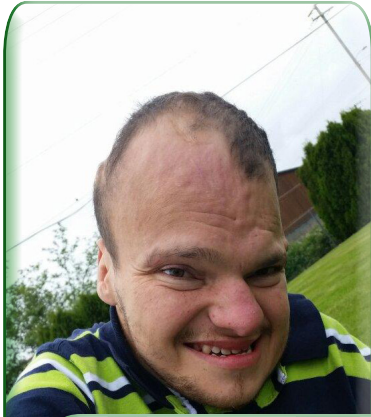
February 2016  
Candy Taylor



March 2016  
Tara Bench



# Fun In The Sun!



# Wish List

\* Funding for a whole house Generator System for the Nestucca House Group Home!



## Mark Your Calendar

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Summer Time Fun Picnic  
August 27, 2016  
12:00 - 2:00 PM  
Kilchis Park

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Open House  
October 28th, 2016  
5 pm - 7 pm  
1800 Front St.

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Halloween Party  
October 29th, 2016  
6 pm - 9 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**  
Barb McDonald

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