Marie Mills Center, Inc.



1800 Front Street, Tillamook, OR 97141

Spring 2019



Recent Job Placements

Since our fall newsletter, our Employment Services Program continues to be very busy placing and support-

ing five additional individuals in competitive jobs.

Juan Reyes-Avalos
is working at the Pizza
Garden. Juan's favorite
part of his job is vacuuming. He also fills "to go"
condiment cups, and he
keeps the outside dining
area clean and ready for
customers. He likes this
part as he really enjoys
the view!

Ray Ireton and one other individual started working at Fred Meyer. Ray LOVES his job. He is very polite and welcoming to all of the customers. He goes out of his way to help anyone. Ray takes care of carts and cleans restrooms. He enjoys being called in to work to cover for others when they are out. Ray loves to be told he is doing a good job.





Wristyn Ireton now works at Tillamook Family Counseling Center in the CDDP office. Kristyn is the Receptionist while everyone is at lunch. During this time her duties consist of greeting customers, making copies, and alphabetizing filing. She also sorts and stamps timecards.

Sophie Noa is now employed at All Star

Appliance. Sophie keeps this store in tip top shape for customers. She is a self motivated cleaner who does tasks without being asked or directed.

Congratulations to all and a big thank you to these businesses! In the last several years Marie Mills Center has placed and provides support to 30 individuals in competitive employment. If you or your business would like to consider hiring an individual with developmental disabilities contact Sue Sanderson 503-842-2539 ext. 1600.



How Can MMCI Help You?

Marie Mills Center has a willing and able work force. We provide janitorial services, subcontract labor, and individual job placements as seen above.

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 Spring 2019 Page 2

Fall & Winter Excitement

It was another busy fall and winter season for us. We held our annual Open House in late October and recognized our valued employees: Barbara McDonald for 35 years, Debbie Flood 20 years, Steve Byrd, Ann Cunningham & Dan McFarland for 10 years.



The following evening, we held our 32nd Annual Community Halloween Party at the Swiss Hall with 250 people in attendance, good music, and good food for all. Admittance to this event was 2 cans of food and we received 300 lbs. of canned food which we gave to the



The holiday season was just as busy with a Christmas dinner and a visit from Santa. This event had a packed house and was also held at the Swiss Hall. As they do every year, individuals from Tillamook and Nestucca High schools joined our group as well as others from the community who want to get to know us. Everyone had a great time. Christmas gifts were given to all because of

the generosity of donors in our wonderful community.





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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: In Memory Of Ron Rymer: ARC of Tillamook County, Mel Faughender, Kevin & Susan Pulliam; In Memory Of Norm Lehman: Dr. Helen Benscheidt, Ken & Norma Bongers; Helen Gienger. Laurie Gienger. Colleen Grosz, John & Julie Hansen, Jason Kehr, Gretchen Peterson, Marian Simmons, Carol Thompson, Martha Walker, Tom & Betty Waud; In Memory of Tom Thompson: Tanya Hobbs (monthly), Laureen Lamb; Dr. Helen Benscheidt, Vic Affolter, Chris & Dave Alteneder In Memory Of Ray & Evie Milner, Gary & Janet Beckerman In Honor of Ron & Charity Rawe, Ron & Muriel Beeler, Charles Benscheidt In Memory Of Carl Benscheidt, Dr. Helen Benscheidt In Memory Of Mel Dean, John and Diane Bruce, Burden's Muffler & Towing In Memory Of Mollie Nuppenau, Coast Printing & Stationary, Columbia Bank, David & Corrine Dumas In Memory Of Tyler Dumas, Cecilia Dwigans, Ruth & Rudy Fenk, Ted Fowlks, Bryan Gibson, Helen Gienger, Judy & Hank Gollon, Nick Hahn, Phyllis Holmes, Pat & Pearl Ireton, Wayne & Kathy Jacobsen In Honor of Kristine Jacobsen, Tim Josi, Sharon Kaszycki, Debbie Kelly (monthly), William Mah, Jim Martin, Pam & Ted Mendenhall In Honor of Gregg Carter, Judy Mohr In Memory Of her Daughter Joelle, Eddie & Judy Murray In Memory Of Joe, Ethyl, & Ronnie, Nehalem Bay United Methodist Women, North Tillamook County Women's Association, Estate of Mollie Nuppenau, Pastega Family, Carlo & Roger Raymond In Honor of Helen Benscheidt, Walt & Marilyn Rigterink, Rob Trost Realty, Dr. Brian & Sheryl Seaholm, Anne Seeger, Dick & Leanne Spence, Carol & John Steele In Honor of Jill, Darryl & Gregg Carter, Jack & Elaine Streeter, THS Charity Drive, Tillamook County United Way, Tillamook F.O.E. Ladies Auxiliary #2144, Tillamook Veterinary Hospital, Michelle Trent, Brenda Wallace & Mark Wittwer In Memory Of David Coon, John Wassmer, Tom & Betty Waud, Waud's Funeral Home, Bob & Elva Weeks, Bob & Cindy Weitman, Jeanette Werner, Bryan & Julie White In Memory Of Marcus Balmer, Linda Kay Widmer In Memory Of Steve McDonald, Mahlon & Pat Wirfs

~Thank You All For Your Kindness~

Karaoke at the Eagles Lodge #2144





Retirement Parties



Steve Everett has been involved with Marie Mills Center programs since 1978. In 1992 he started working at the Tillamook Country Smoker on a Marie Mills Center Crew. After 27 years, Steve has decided that it was time to retire. In recognition of Steve's years of hard work, a retirement party was held for him at The Smoker. Steve lives in his own apartment with a roommate assisted by the Marie Mills Center Supported Living Program. When asked about his plans for retirement Steve smiles and says "I 'm going to take it easy and have some fun".

We held a **retirement party in January for Mike Early**, the Marie Mills Center transportation Coordinator. Mike served us very well over the years and was loved and respected by all. In typical Marie Mills Center fashion, we made his retirement an event, having a party for him where all could wish him the best and thank him for all that he has done for us.



Congratulations to you both on your well-deserved retirements!

Front Street Parking Update

No doubt that many are relieved to know that city construction projects on Front Street have been completed. Part of these projects included the remodel of the

city parking lot on the east side of our front Street Facility. Visitors to Marie Mills Center now have a convenient parking area that they can use when visiting us.

Wall Mural



During the month of May two of our staff volunteered over 40 hours of time to create this very colorful wall mural in our Multi Purpose Room. This was a fun project to watch come to completion. They painted a couple of times a week and it was always a delight the next morning for all of the program participants to see the progress and comment on what they liked and what colors they wanted to see come to life on the wall. Thank you Kim Armitage and Tia Harrison for all of your hard work and for making this beatiful piece of art!

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Employees of the Month



September 2018 Andrew Weston



October 2018
David Anderson



November 2018 Shauna Harrison



December 2018 Michael Otto



January 2019 Gabe Welch



February 2019 Dale Otto



March 2019 Matt Adcock



April 2019 Tara Bench



May 2019 Mary Armstrong



New Service



We will soon be starting a new service called "Community-Based Day Support Activity Services". We currently provide Facility-Based Day Support Activity Services and will continue to do so. Community-Based Day Support Activity Services will solely focus on activities occurring in community settings for individuals not wanting to be in a facility-based setting. The goal of this service is to provide safe, structured, and supervised community outings for an individual based upon personal choice and desire. Not all individuals served desire facility-based services, and this will provide an opportunity for them. See the back page for some pictures of individuals enjoying this type of service already!



Mark Your Calendar

MMCI Picnic Kilchis Park August 17th Noon - 2 pm

Open House Marie Mills Center October 18th 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Halloween Party & Dance Location: Swiss Hall October 26th 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

> Christmas Dinner Swiss Hall December 13th 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

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