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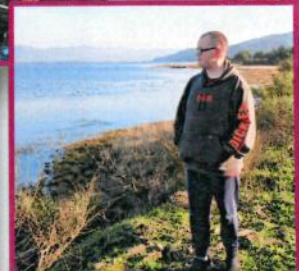
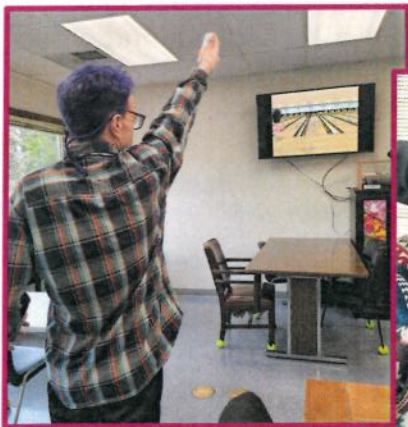
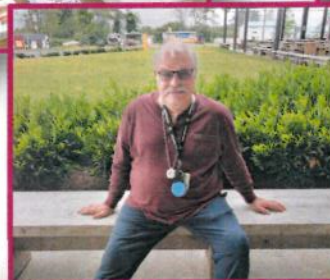
Marie Mills Center, Inc.



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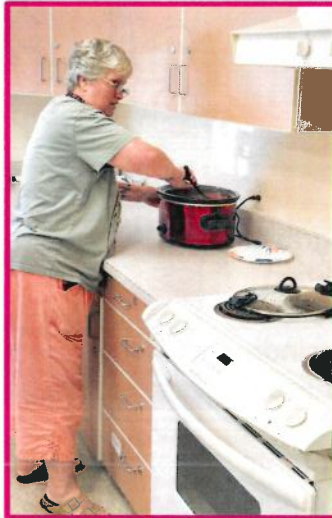
DSA Growing

Our Day Support Activities (DSA) program is growing exponentially, currently supporting 33 individuals throughout the week. In the last several months we have had several new individuals decide they want to join us at our Front Street DSA site during our Monday – Friday day services. We also have quite a few others who are excited to take part in the newest part of our program that provides community outings of their choice. This service consists of a staff member picking up an individual and heading off on an adventure! These outings consist of things like going to the beach, a walk at Kilchis Park, going out for lunch or just an ice cream at their favorite spot. This service will soon involve venturing out on weekend days as well! We look forward to all the new possibilities and opportunities this is offering to everyone!



Staff Spotlight—Mary Boquist

Mary was hired in 2018 as a flex staff, serving as supervisor on our enclave crew and also as a DSP floor staff for our day program. She enjoyed working as a DSP as she was able to get to know individuals on a more personal basis, learning what they like to do for fun and what kinds of activities they preferred to occupy their time. For the summer season of 2019 she was our Cape Lookout Maintenance Crew supervisor, where we providing restroom maintenance services. In 2021, during the pandemic, with group employment on hold, Mary was offered positions as a Residential DSP at our Madrona House group home as well as job coach for individuals working in the community. She expressed that she was impressed with these workers, they



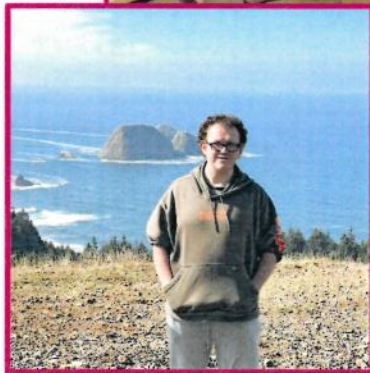
work hard. She liked witnessing how they were able to develop work relationships with the other employees. However, Mary found her niche at the Madrona House. She loves working in the home where she is able to develop relationships with the residents. Mary enjoys her coworkers and knows that they are there to help each other out when needed.

The Madrona House Manager, Debbie Reynolds, says Mary is a very kind and sweet to all staff & resident. She will go above and beyond if anybody needs help, not expecting anything in return. Mary is a very hard worker and puts her all into what she does. Cindy Green, Executive Director, shared that "Whatever part of our agency that she works in we are lucky to have her on board!"

Client Spotlight—Andrew Weston

After Andrew and his family moved here from the Rogue Valley, he started working on our crew at the "Smoker" in 2011. Andrew recently started a job at the Upstairs Bar & Grill where he likes working for his boss Evelyn.

Andrew moved into our Madrona House group home in 2013, then to our Nestucca House group home in 2017. He says he loves living there, visiting with his housemates and helping out the



staff. Andrew sets the table for meals, helps wash his laundry, then puts it away. He is helpful when it is time to recycle cans & bottles, he is the official "spider getter" of the house, and he likes to take the trash out to the dumpster.

Andrew is a social guy who loves to talk to new people, especially about football, specifically the Packers and video games. He takes frequent walks outside in the fresh air. He regularly goes into the community where he is learning to do his own self-checkout and ordering his meal at a restaurant. This independence is something that Andrew is enjoying and looks forward to on his outings. Andrew really enjoys his annual trip with Making Magic Tours. This last summer he went to the Emerald Queen Casino and to a wild life park. He also enjoys going to visit his family in Idaho a couple times a year.



The Nestucca House Manager, Maria Benedict, says that Andrew is very in tune to what is going on in the home, that his helpfulness is appreciated, and that he loves to have a set routine to follow.

Marie Mills Foundation Update

The Foundation is continuing to gain strides on their goal of providing on going support to the Marie Mills Center. The Board Officers for this fiscal year are Judy Gollon, Chairperson; Ken Bell, Vice Chairperson; Bob Weitman, Treasurer; Linda Kay Widmer, Secretary.

Both the Foundation and the Marie Mills Center would like to extend many thanks to the following individuals for their kindness over the past year.

If you would like more information about the Marie Mills Foundation please **contact Cindy Green at 503-842-2539 x 1400 or visit www.mariemillscenter.com**. Also, by remembering the Foundation in your estate planning you can help assure the services provided to intellectually and developmentally disabled in Tillamook County continues. The Foundation and Marie Mills Center would like to express a heartfelt thank you to the following supporters: **Jo & Don Averill; Linda & Harry Backeberg in Memory of Jill Carter; Dr. Helen Benschmidt in Memory of Helen Gienger & Rusty Bell; Sue & Jeff Carr in Memory of Jeffery Carr Jr.; Dick Crossley in Memory of Helen Gienger; Mel Faughender; Ruth Fenk; Daloris & David Flaming in Memory of Helen Gienger; David & Freynie in Memory of Hel-**

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~Thank You All~

Foundation Donations Made Easy

If you are interested in donating to the Marie Mills Foundation we have made it really simple. If you have a PayPal account and a smart phone or tablet, this link will take you directly to our donation page and we will be notified of your kindness.



New MMCI Board Member—Melissa McLoughlin

Melissa joined the Marie Mills Center Board in July of 2024. She currently works at Tillamook PUD and's State Farm Insurance, in both these jobs she worked with Marie Mills Center Board Members past and current.

Having a child with I/DD made her very aware of the importance of understanding Developmental Disability Services and how that evolved as her child grew. Melissa wanted to not only



understand these services but be a part of helping other parents have a voice in what the needs and barriers are. Getting to know about Marie Mills Center as her coworkers shared what our mission is, made her very motivated to get involved. When she was referred as a Board Member, the Board was very happy to have another person who is a family advocate on the Board.

Trask House Group Home—Upgraded

We are in the process of completing the licensing process for our newest group home. With the current housing shortage that our area is experiencing we are excited to be able to find a home that will replace the current apartment that we are renting

serving as a 2 individual group home. With the purchase of this 3 bedroom home we will be able to serve another individual in our Trask House. We have targeted November 1st as our move in date!



Meet Our Board

We are currently working on a display wall in our Front office of our Board Members to let the community and families know who is involved and supporting our agency. Top Row: Linda Walker- Chairperson, Linda Beyer -Vice Chairperson, Bob Weit-

man—Treasurer, Susan Pulliam—Secretary, Melissa McLaughlin, Suzanne Weber, Kyra Williams, Kim Lyon, Jim Huffman, Patsy Weber, Marilyn Diego, Luke Stahle, Mike Hanback, Valerie Hill.



Annual Picnic at Kilchis Park

Marie Mills Center's Annual Picnic was held on August 24th at Kilchis Park. Even with the threat of rain, we had over 150 individuals attend from all over the county. Picnic goodies including hamburgers and hotdogs were served. With the great efforts made by our event committee, those attending were all able to participate in shooting hoops, face painting, and a craft project. Each person received their welcome bag and were entered into our raffle. We had a total of 123 raffle prizes to handout this year thanks to our community partners who donated items: Carson Oil, Tillamook Chamber of Commerce, Downie's Café, Papa Murphy's,

Rosenberg's, Salty Raven, Tillamook Moose Lodge, Werner Meats, Naveen's Bayside Market, Amy Dennis, Integrated Services Network, Dana Urrey, Heather Hurliman, Holly Rico, Aaron Zimmerman, Darilyn Tuiotemotu, Tillamook Special Olympics, & Kim Webb. The generosity of these individuals and all who helped out are what make our picnic a huge success. Please feel free to thank them and support them with your patronage. The park host came down and helped serve and make our day a success along with Tillamook County Special Olympics who was there handing out information about their program.



Upcoming Events

Halloween Carnival

Wonka Land

Tillamook Swiss Hall

October 26, 2024

1-4 pm

December 13, 2024

**Christmas Luncheon with
Santa**

Tillamook Swiss Hall

Noon-2 pm



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