

Fall
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Marie Mills Center, Inc.



We Build Abilities

Janitorial Services

Marie Mills Center, Inc. has been providing janitorial services to Tillamook County businesses for over four decades. Not only does this service satisfy the needs of each business, but it also achieves skill building while providing employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities that desire work experience.

We have three teams which are led by dedicated supervisors. Hallie McCormick is the Janitorial Manager, overseeing contracts, janitorial supervisors and quality assurance and has been with us for 20 years! Janitorial supervisors work alongside their team cleaning, checking quality and teaching new skills. Ellie Robertson became a janitorial supervisor in 2022 but has been with Marie Mills Center since 2000- that's a whopping 25 years! Elaine Baucom rounds out the team with an accumulative seven years as a supervisor. Our team leaders have a lot of experience and provide excellent guidance to their crew members.

Each team consists of 4-5 individuals including the supervisor and a

production worker. On average, each team has a minimum overall janitorial work experience of 10 years. All of them have a desire to work, learn new skills and be on the team. Most of our teams work the evening shift, which can be difficult, but they work together, staying positive, helping each other and creating an atmosphere filled with camaraderie. These guys are superheroes fighting 'grime' - no capes, just dusters and vacuums!

We are proud of the work they do and honored to be able to serve so many community partners!



Staff Spotlight—Tia Harrison, Works of Heart Winner

Oregon Resource Association announced the winners of the 2025 Works of Heart winners.

20 individuals were chosen from many nominees throughout the state of Oregon to receive this special award. Managers and coworkers could nominate people that exhibited exceptional abilities, such as fostering inclusiveness or greater independence with individuals with disabilities, supporting people to advocate for themselves, having leadership capabilities and serving as a role model, plus assisting others they serve to be involved in activities that help lead more meaningful lives. Nominations were not limited to just these abilities but were considered along with highlights from their work and the relationship they have with people served within each organization.

Tia Harrison, Vocational Direct Support Professional (DSP), will be receiving this prestigious award on October 22, 2025. Tia is an artistic person that loves to share her enthusiasm for art projects with the individuals served by Marie Mills Center, Inc. She is creative, bringing ideas to life, concepts she knows she can implement that are all inclusive for the individuals we serve. Many of their creations are hanging throughout our building, bringing our walls to life.

Tia is a highly dedicated person that chooses to work with in-

dividuals that require more support. She has been a DSP for eight and half years. During this time, she worked with our enclave group at the Tillamook Country Smoker, provided support to individuals working at Cape Lookout State Park and now, supporting individuals on community outings or at Marie Mills Center during Day Service Activities. Tia is very patient, compassionate, and knowledgeable. She serves as a role model for her coworkers and provides thorough training to each new Vocational DSP. Congratulations Tia and thank you for being an integral part of our program!



Client Spotlight—Amon “Eddie” Kelly

Eddie joined Marie Mills Center in January 2024. In the short time that he has been attending he has shown, by his actions and words, his caring personality. He is perceptive of others sharing his space (opening doors, asking if he can help, and offering supportive comments). He likes to laugh and get others to join him. He has many stories of his past experiences such as living in Alaska’s deep snow, helping wash trucks at the Fire Department, and talking about his son and how much he misses him.

Eddie enjoys participating in craft making- he’s

quite an artist! He loves exploring the community; the light house, the museum and beaches. He is an outdoors man with many stories to keep you intrigued!

Eddie loves to be a part of Tillamook County Developmental Disability Advisory Council. Recently, he stepped up to be a co-chair for this group. He is happy to advocate for himself and encourages others to participate in the group. He leads by example. Thank you, Eddie, for always wanting to participate!



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: **Bryan & Catherine Avey, Ron & Muriel Beeler In Memory of Loretta Landolt, Dr. Helen Benscheidt, Mark & Susan Benscheidt, David & Elise Bergeron In Honor of Grandmother Helen Ben-**

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Annual Picnic at Carnahan Park

Marie Mills Center's Annual Picnic was held on July 26th at Carnahan Park on 5th Street in Tillamook. This year we looked for a better location that was more centralized and had better parking available. Everyone agreed that this was a great choice!

This year's picnic included facepainting, a scavenger hunt and prizes for every one of the 151 attendees thanks to all items and funds donated by 28 local community partners and individuals.



Upcoming Events

**Halloween Party
Dance & Karaoke**

Tillamook Swiss Hall

October 25, 2025

2:30-5:30 pm

December 12, 2025

**Christmas Luncheon
with Santa**

Tillamook Swiss Hall

Noon-1:30 pm



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