



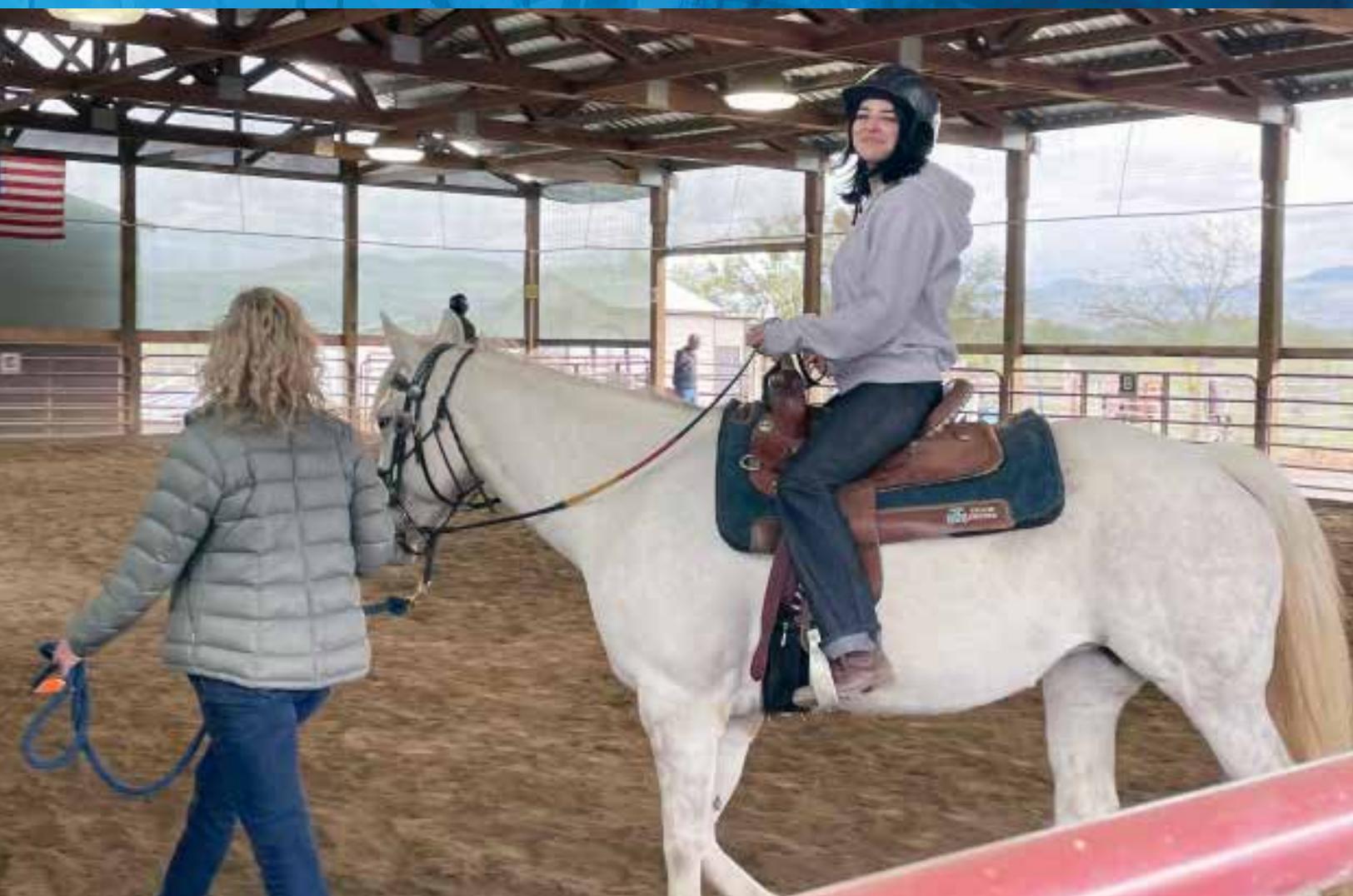
2022 - 2023

ANNUAL REPORT



HEARTS
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MISSION

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On a mission to support our communities



As we reflect on this year, we're excited to share how your support has made a real impact. Working together, we've achieved important goals and started new projects that bring hope to our communities.

Thanks to our amazing team of board members, staff, volunteers, community partners, and donors like you, we've made a big difference. Since opening our doors in 2009 we've provided shelter for over 3,200 young people, giving them nearly 95,000 safe nights. Your belief in us from the beginning has brought us to where we are today.



We're happy to let you know that we've expanded our Safe Families for Children (SFFC) program to Douglas County. This program, already running in Jackson, Josephine, Klamath, and Lincoln counties, supports families in crisis, keeping kids safe and families together. Through SFFC, we've served over 1,500 youth and their families.

This year, we introduced Hearts For Seniors (HFS), a service that helps elderly adults living in isolation. With the help of more than 50 new volunteers, we've assisted over 50 seniors, providing companionship and help with everyday tasks. Thanks to a generous grant from AllCare Health, we're able to do even more for isolated seniors.

We want to thank you, our supporters, for making all this possible. Hearts With A Mission relies on your support. With every child, family, and senior we assist, we're bringing hope to those who need it, thanks to you.

Together with you,




Kevin Lamson, Executive Director

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All things are possible

Bryan Wenzel, Youth Shelter Manager

Working at HWAM has been profoundly fulfilling for me. This organization's dedication to embodying Christ's love for

those in need resonates deeply, as I was an at-risk youth benefiting from its support myself. You see, in HWAM's early years, I was one of the kids who received help when my family needed support. They helped me through a rough teenage patch. Through the years, I've witnessed HWAM's vast ongoing impact, locally and statewide, which has been truly heartening.

I returned to HWAM as staff in 2015, thinking it was a temporary step while pursuing my Juvenile Corrections education. But the organization became a vessel for my desire to contribute. In 2017, while grappling with personal challenges and potential career changes, a conversation with Kevin and subsequent reflection affirmed that HWAM was where I belonged. Our unparalleled care and commitment to the youth distinguished us from other entities.

God's direction led to my professional evolution within HWAM. From a Case Manager role to Lead Case Manager at the Medford Youth Shelter, each phase enriched my experience. Now, in 2023, I'm thrilled to step into the Shelter Manager

position. While this advancement brings its set of challenges, I am fortified by faith in God's guidance to execute my role effectively.

My tenure at HWAM has granted me rich learning experiences. Guidance from previous seasoned Shelter Managers and insights from my Case Manager role, including audits and funding intricacies, have equipped me for this new responsibility. Ready to support our team wholeheartedly, I'm anchored in the belief that with God, anything is achievable.

I am deeply grateful to my HWAM family and to you, our supporters, for your unyielding support and trust in me. It's a privilege to be part of an organization that profoundly impacted my life and continues to do so for our community's most vulnerable youth and families.

QUOTE FROM A FORMER YOUTH

"All I have to say is this: I lived at Hearts with A Mission when I was 16-yr old.

They helped me in more ways than I could even put into words.

They found me a perfect Safe Family, and still to this day, almost 10-years later, even though I have moved out of my Safe Families home, I still have a connection with them and I still call them my family.

Thank you HWAM for giving me and many other teens throughout the years HOPE.

You do AMAZING things."

YOUTH SHELTER

122 SERVED THIS PAST YEAR

YOUTH SHELTER

1285 SERVED SINCE OPENING

OUR MISSION

Hearts With A Mission serves at-risk youth and families, by providing shelter, educational support, counseling, family reunification, transition planning, and elder companion care all with a faith-based approach.

OUR VISION

Rooted in unwavering love and compassion, our vision is to nurture God's grace by providing hope to the most vulnerable. We strive to offer a lifeline of care to at-risk children, youth, families, and seniors, providing the promise of a more hopeful tomorrow."



SAFE FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN

Standing in the gap

Marisa Hayner, SFFC Director, Lincoln County

At Safe Families for Children, our goal is to try to keep families together and provide support to those in need. I wanted to share a recent case we have been working on and the impact our volunteers have made.

We received a referral from our local school district to support Jeff and his three children, Hannah (14), Will (13), and Sophie (12). Unfortunately, Jeff struggles with addiction and actively uses meth, which has led to instability in their living situation. Despite multiple calls to Child Protective Services, there has been no intervention due to drug decriminalization laws in Oregon.

Recognizing the need for intervention, Safe Families stepped in to support this struggling family. Hannah, who has taken on the role of a caregiver for her younger siblings, has been particularly affected by the situation. She has struggled with depression and even had to be hospitalized due to suicide attempts. That's when we connected her with an amazing mentor named Sara.

Sara, who works at Columbia Bank, had chosen Safe Families as the recipient of a donation from her workplace. When she learned about our mentoring program, she eagerly signed up, knowing firsthand the impact mentorship can have on a young person's life. Sara and Hannah enjoy engaging in healthy activities

together and simply having someone to talk to. Despite the challenges posed by Jeff's constant moving, Sara has remained a consistent presence in Hannah's life.

While we continue to support the children with their basic needs, such as food and clothing, during the summer, we are now actively searching for mentors for the younger siblings to provide them with individualized support.

Jeff continues to struggle with addiction, and although

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the children love their dad, they are aware of his bad decisions. We are grateful for volunteers like Sara who step up to fill the gap and provide support to families in need.

As mentors, we are blessed and privileged to share God's goodness with others. Volunteering through Safe Families as a mentor allows us to proclaim God's power on earth and share His goodness with future generations.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our mission. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of struggling families.



IMPLEMENTED IN FIVE COUNTIES!

A positive shift

Bethany Holmes, SFFC Director, Klamath County

When we first met Jessy, she was a 17-year-old mom facing various challenges in completing her education and finding employment. However, thanks to the support of our community partner, Klamath Works, and the assistance of Safe Families for Children (SFFC), Jessy has made significant progress.

Klamath Works' WOIA program has been instrumental in helping Jessy complete her education requirements and secure an internship at a local restaurant. Additionally, SFFC has provided her with reliable childcare options, including my own daughter who has been caring for her 2-year-old son. Our SFFC team also volunteers to transport her son to and from childcare.

Furthermore, Jessy has successfully applied for a HUD

voucher with the help of another partner agency. SFFC has connected her with a volunteer who is assisting her in finding a suitable home based on her voucher amount and family needs.

We are thrilled to see the positive changes in Jessy's motivation and determination. She has set a plan to finish her GED when school starts in the Fall and is actively working towards self-sufficiency. We are confident that with continued support, she will achieve her goals.

Thank you for your ongoing support in making a difference in the lives of young mothers like Jessy.



Mentorship is a beautiful partnership

Crystal Stiles, SFFC Case Manager, Jackson County



For the past three years, we have been serving a wonderful family who has shown tremendous growth and resilience. The mother, through her dedication and hard work, has made significant progress in providing for herself and her family. However, there is still a need for ongoing support.

One particular area of need was a positive male role model for her son, John. We reached out to our network, specifically mentioning the school John attends, and little did we know that one of our volunteers, who happens to work at the same school, had already interacted with John and recognized the need. Our volunteer, who deeply cares about making a difference in young lives, expressed his desire to become a mentor for John. Not only does he spend time with John at school, but he also dedicates his personal time to strengthen their bond and provide guidance outside of the school environment.

John and his mentor have been enjoying various activities together, with woodworking being one of their favorites. Through this shared interest, John is not only learning new skills but also experiencing the joy of having someone who genuinely cares about his character and well-being. Being a mentor is a simple yet powerful way to invest in our community. It adds another stable adult to the circle of support for a parent and brings immense joy to a child through genuine love and friendship.



YOUTH SERVED IN SAFE FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM			
JACKSON	JOSEPHINE	LINCOLN	KLAMATH
150 Past year	38 Past year	127 Past year	91 Past year
379 Since 2014	133 Since 2016	534 Since 2019	114 Since 2021



CHILDREN SAFE | FAMILIES TOGETHER

Sharing the moments that matter

By Mariah Brennan, SFFC Director, Josephine County



I wanted to take a moment to share with you the incredible impact that mentoring has had on the lives of young adults in our community.

At Safe Families for Children Josephine County, we believe that mentorship is about making connections, building relationships, and

encouraging personal growth. Contrary to popular belief, mentors do not have to be experts in a specific field. Instead, mentoring is about walking alongside one another, providing guidance, and showing love, wisdom, and grace. Over the past year, our focus has been on supporting young adults transitioning into adulthood. We have witnessed the positive influence of mentors in various aspects of

their lives, from encouraging them during graduation to teaching them essential life skills. One particular mentor/mentee match stands out as an inspiring example. Madison, one of our mentees, recently obtained her GED. Throughout her journey, her mentor, Tay, was there to support and encourage her. Tay provided guidance, offered help when needed, and celebrated Madison's achievements. When Madison attended her GED Graduation in June, Tay was there, cheering her on as she walked across the stage. This moment not only marked a significant milestone in Madison's life but also strengthened the bond between mentor and mentee. Additionally, Tay had the opportunity to connect with Madison's family, further demonstrating the power of being present in someone else's life.

This story highlights the compassion and impact that mentoring can have. With your support we are able to connect youth with mentors that make a difference in their lives and help them thrive.

This program helped save my life By Liberty Dryden, SFFC Director, Douglas County

Your support is the driving force behind incredible stories of transformation, exemplified by individuals like Jazmine Lance. Through the Safe Families program in Douglas County, your generosity has made a profound impact. Here's what Jazmine had to say about the support she received:

"My name is Jazmine Lance. Safe Families has been such a huge support. Without Safe Families, I would not have my daughter. They have been such a big part of my



recovery. Since the day I got out of inpatient treatment, they have helped with rides, food boxes, picking up prescriptions, and general moral support. I've really bonded with Liberty. This program helped save my life."

Jazmine's experience is a living testament to the transformative power of your generosity. Each success story we create is made possible by your commitment. With heartfelt gratitude, thank you for being the driving force behind positive change in people's lives.



HEARTS FOR SENIORS

Building connections, touching hearts

By Stephanie Miller, Hearts for Seniors, Program Manager



Launched earlier this year, Hearts For Seniors, an initiative by Hearts With A Mission, has made significant strides, thanks in large part to our generous donors who've made this program a reality.

In just a few months, with over 60 dedicated volunteers, we've reached over 88 seniors. We have many seniors looking for companionship and we are working to meet the need. We recently welcomed Lesley Fargason

as our Care Coordinator, and her expertise has been invaluable. The overwhelming need has been both a blessing to address and a stark revelation. Alarming, 35% of our seniors lack an emergency contact, leading to instances where hospitals have reached out to us in emergencies. These interactions underscore the profound loneliness some seniors feel. Once, while assisting a senior at the hospital, she poignantly asked if this was what having a family felt like. Moments like these emphasize the impact and significance of our work.

Our incredible volunteers are the heart of this program, passionately

supporting the elderly and forging crucial connections. With the program's growth and an increasing number of seniors, we're constantly seeking more volunteers passionate about providing companionship. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our donors whose support has been instrumental in bringing hope and companionship to our seniors.



Small gestures, making big impacts



Our monthly birthday cupcake initiative has been a heartwarming success. One senior, for whom birthdays were always tinged with sadness due to the anniversary of her father's passing, shared her story with us. This year, her matched volunteer decided to go an extra mile and invited her for a birthday dinner with his family. To our joy, she expressed excitement for her birthday, the first time in 50 years! It's truly rewarding to see the profound impact our dedicated volunteers have on the lives they touch.

One of our seniors faced a fine due to her overgrown yard. She reached out to us, having tried to maintain it herself but found she no longer had the physical capability. Within a week, one of our volunteers took care of her garden. She was deeply touched, wondering, "Why would someone help a stranger without expecting anything in return?" His act of kindness inspired her and reaffirmed that even small gestures can profoundly transform hearts and viewpoints.

**HEARTS FOR SENIORS SERVED
PAST YEAR: 88**

**HEARTS FOR SENIORS VOLUNTEERS
PAST YEAR: 60**

Thank You For Your Generous Support!

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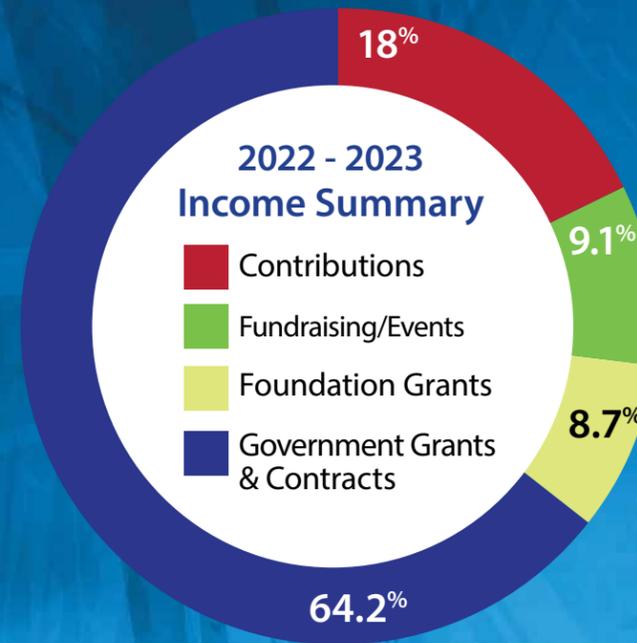
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 Living
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HWAM 2022-2023 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW



Total Revenue
 \$3,460,210



Total Expenditures
 \$2,834,624

Life Community Church
 Mtn Church
 Refuge City Church
 River Valley Church
 Rogue Valley Christian Church
 Sacred Heart Baptist Church
 Sacred Heart Catholic Church
 Sams Valley Community Church
 South Beach Church
 St. Paul's Lutheran Church
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 The Journey Church
 Westminster Presbyterian Church
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COMMUNITY & CIVIC GROUPS

Fraternal Order of Eagles Club
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Your support create the ripples that span throughout our communities.

Providing hope in God through practical, loving care for our vulnerable populations.

ADVENTURE THERAPY



Lessons from the Alps April Hubbard, Youth & Family Counselor

I'm excited to share our recent backpacking trip in the Trinity Alps with you. The journey, which began with anticipation, soon evolved into an adventure that pushed our limits and unveiled profound lessons.

As we embarked, the weather turned challenging with persistent

rain, soaking us and affecting our morale. Yet, in nature's unpredictability, after the rain, we witnessed a breathtaking rainbow illuminating the snow-covered lake. This mesmerizing sight uplifted our spirits. That evening, around a warm fire, we bonded over dinner and s'mores, rejuvenating our connections. The next morning, our reflection session revealed valuable insights. We discussed our challenges and how they exposed our core characters. It brought to mind a passage from James: 'Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you

face trials... for the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete.'

The beauty after the storm not only gifted us with a spectacular rainbow but also deepened our personal growth. We discovered the importance of embracing challenges and letting them mold us into stronger beings.

I'd like to extend heartfelt gratitude to our donors. Your support makes adventure experiences like these possible, shaping us and reinforcing our resilience. Thank you for being a vital part of our journey.



Independent Living Program in Jackson & Josephine counties

FOR TEENS AND YOUNG ADULTS

SERVING AGE 16 - 24

With monthly trainings and get togethers, ILP served 89 youth this past year.

Independent Living Program (ILP) helps youth and young adults from Josephine and Jackson Counties who have been in foster care to transition into adulthood.

ILP's approach is to build relationships with the youth while teaching essential life skills that prepare the youth to live on their own, with their own community supports.

ILP SERVICES: Educational / Vocational Services • Employment Coaching • Life Skills Training • Peer Support



HWAM ILP Team:
Janelle Tefteller, Chelsea Flood, Jeanna Bobo, and Josh Crider

TRANSITIONAL LIVING PROGRAM

Guiding young adults to their potential

At the critical age between 18 and 21, young adults often grapple with newfound freedom and its accompanying responsibilities. Unfortunately, many come from backgrounds that haven't equipped them for this challenging phase.

Enter the Transitional Living Program (TLP). Our initiative creates a nurturing environment where these young individuals can reflect, discover their identities, and envision the futures they desire. The transformation from merely surviving to purposeful planning and preparation requires a paradigm shift. After all, every dream requires a dreamer.

Success, we believe, is within reach for every one of our residents. Our Peer Support Specialist (PSS) stands as a testament to this belief. Having faced and overcome similar challenges, the PSS not only inspires but also empathizes, guiding our youth through obstacles, whether they're as straightforward as obtaining a driver's license or as intangible as battling self-doubt. It's natural to face setbacks and feel disheartened, but our dedicated

team is relentless in ensuring these young adults find their way.

With a hands-on approach, our staff engages with them, tailoring solutions to their unique needs. The PSS, with their wealth of lived experience, connects the dots from past struggles to future possibilities. Complementing this, our Case Manager designs individualized plans spanning mental health, education, physical wellness, life skills, and employment. As a team, the PSS and Case Manager form a formidable support system.

Our enduring commitment is to foster a serene, compassionate space where our young adults can not only find their footing but truly flourish.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our donors. Your generous support is the cornerstone of our program's success. Because of you, we can continue this transformative work, lighting the path for these young adults. Thank you for making this journey possible.



TLP Jackson County
PAST YEAR: 16 | TO DATE: 59

TLP Josephine County
PAST YEAR: 21 | TO DATE: 42

A big thank you to all of our volunteers!

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated volunteers who have tirelessly delivered meals, assisted with diverse tasks, contributed to our events, imparted essential life skills to our children, and demonstrated their unwavering commitment in countless ways. Your efforts have truly made a difference!

Presently, our primary areas requiring volunteer support are within the Safe Families for Children program, where mentors play a crucial role, and the Hearts For Seniors initiative, which focuses on providing companionship to seniors. If you're interested in making a meaningful impact in these areas, we invite you to get in touch with us.

For further details, please reach out to volunteer@hwam.org.



Long time supporter, and volunteer, Noelle Adams drops off a basket for our benefit auction.



You've been served! Volunteers from Grants Pass Serves have blessed us tremendously. They have above and beyond helping us at our Josephine County Transitional Living Program.



A group from Diode Laser faithfully come by every couple of weeks and help us with every chore under the sun.



Superhero Volunteers, Noah, Emilee, Darcey and Kaitlin celebrate a successful Run.

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