



HEARTS —WITH-A— MISSION

A Community With Heart

SPRING 2025





A Big Shout Out to



Southern Oregon Subaru Operation Warm makes a real impact donating shoes and socks for our youth!



A huge thank you to the **Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation** for a generous grant that will help us expand our Family First project, enabling us to provide essential services to over 100 youth and families in 2025.



Thank you **Junior League of Jackson County** members for cooking dinner and gathering with our teens and employees at the Hearts With A Mission youth shelter!



Thank you Harry and David! We received a wonderful and generous donation of pears that benefited all of our programs!



Rising to the challenge

Dear Friends,

One of my favorite baseball quotes is: "If it's gotta be, it starts with me." I have a reminder in my office that says, "Let your faith be bigger than your fear." Over the years, I've learned to trust God's plan, knowing His vision is always greater than mine. Every challenge has reminded me to step back and let Him lead.

Over fifteen years ago, Hearts With A Mission opened a youth shelter. What began as one home has grown into a support network across six counties, providing shelter, crisis intervention, companion care for the elderly, and community support. None of this would be possible without the generosity of people like you who step up when the need is great.

Because of you, in 2024 we provided:

- **94 youth** with safety at our Medford Youth Shelter.
- **25 young adults** with stability through our Transitional Living Program.
- **120+ young people** with skills in our Independent Living Program.
- **641 families** with support through Safe Families for Children.
- **135 seniors** with companionship and care in our Hearts For Seniors Program.

These numbers represent real lives changed. A senior who once felt isolated found joy in a simple visit. A young person in our shelter graduated early, found a job, and secured a stable home. A mother in crisis asked for help, and within hours, our community found her family a house, furnished it, and provided them with a fresh start. These stories and so many more tell the story of how your support brings hope and transformation.

Since day one, our friends and neighbors have poured love into this ministry. Our vision remains the same: Every child deserves a safe place to call home, and no senior should live in isolation. It has been hard work, but it has been worth it. Whenever we face obstacles, God continues to remind us He is in control.

We remain committed to meeting urgent needs while maintaining fiscal responsibility. With an outstanding Board of Directors and a community that continues to step up, we will continue to say yes to those who need hope for a better future.

Thank you for your unwavering support. Together, we are making a difference, one life at a time.

With gratitude,



Kevin Lamson,
Executive Director

A huge thank you to all!

That's a wrap

A HUGE thank-you to everyone who contributed to our Giving Tree and helped wrap presents this holiday season! Your generosity brought so much joy to our program participants and made the season truly special.

We recently received a thank you letter from one of our seniors, it read:

"Please accept my thank you's for the gifts I received. The pair of shoes I wear daily. A gift certificate from Kelly's Automotive shop enabled me to have the oil changed in my car recently. I also received a generous gift certificate from Fred Meyer. All the generosity from Hearts For Seniors showered my life with a tremendous boost!

As I close, it is my genuine prayer for you and all your hard working staff members and volunteers... that there is a boom-a-rang effect of blessings for all the special work you all put forth... on behalf of this hurting world." ~ Bel

Shout out to U.S. Bank, Lithia Motors, North Valley High School's Leadership Class, our amazing Board Members, and all the phenomenal volunteers who joined us for the wrap party!

We want to echo Bel's thank you to every individual, business, club, and organization that donated—your kindness and support created a lasting impact. Thank you for helping make the holidays brighter for so many!



Galentine's event crafts positive impact

Our 2025 Galentine's event was an absolute success. We had an amazing time exchanging success stories from our Safe Families Program and Hearts For Seniors Program, sharing the positive impact we make together. We also had a blast crafting, eating delicious treats, and just enjoying being with friends!

A huge thank you to Full Leaf Tea for sponsoring our event and Karyn Adams for organizing the most creative fabric wreath craft.

Make sure to keep your eyes peeled for details about our 2026 Galentine's event. We're already looking forward to it!



A couple of volunteers rocked the photo booth



A fruitful transformation reaps joy

Carolyn is one of our dedicated volunteers who has a deep passion for cooking. There's something about feeding people that fills her with joy, and that joy shines through in every dish she prepares. At **Hearts For Seniors (HFS)**, we're lucky to be able to harness the unique talents of our volunteers, using them to meet the needs of our community. Carolyn is a perfect example of this. Whenever possible, she loves to cook meals for our seniors and deliver them personally. It's not just about the food – it's about the connection, the chance to remind our seniors that they are valued, cared for, and never forgotten.



Carolyn has a passion to give joy through cooking

Recently, we were gifted with a large donation of pears from Harry and David. The pears were beautiful but needed to be used up quickly. We immediately thought of Carolyn, knowing her love for cooking and her ability to turn any gift into something extraordinary. We gave her a call to let her know about the pears, and without hesitation, she gathered some boxes and got to work.



Michael enjoys a birthday cupcake and pears!

In no time, Carolyn had whipped up some of the most delicious pear cakes we've ever tasted. With Valentine's Day approaching, she knew how important it was to bring a little extra joy to our seniors – many of whom were grieving the loss of loved ones. So, Carolyn went the extra mile. She not only made meals, but she gathered a team to help deliver 33 meals to seniors, along with fresh pears. She was able to make pear bread and pear jam to deliver at a later date.

The response from our seniors was overwhelming. Words could hardly capture how deeply they were touched by Carolyn's thoughtfulness and generosity. For many, the meal wasn't just about food; it was a reminder that they were seen and loved, especially during a season that can be particularly difficult.

Carolyn's heart for our seniors is truly inspiring. Through her passion for cooking, she's creating more than just meals – she's creating moments of connection and warmth that mean the world to those who need it most.



A heart for learning

For much of his life, Aldon faced challenges with literacy. Thanks to a generous donation from a volunteer who purchased the Hooked on Phonics program, he is learning how to read. Another dedicated volunteer has been helping him through this process. They have established a great friendship over these past months, and it's been a true joy to witness the impact of this support as Aldon thrives.

Whenever they get together he always asks that they make time to keep practicing and he is continuing to get better!

Aldon specializes in making delicious Louisiana-style sweet potato pies, which we call **Al's Sweet Pies** - Yum!

Make a difference: get involved with Hearts For Seniors!

Join us in supporting our senior community today!

Here's how you can help:

Friendly Visits: Spend an hour a week—or even a month—to chat and offer companionship.

Meal Delivery: Bring them a premade meal they can enjoy.

Transportation: Provide rides to doctor's appointments, grocery stores, or errands.

Home Support: Help with small household tasks—a great way to build friendship.

Pet Care: Walk their pets or assist with vet visits.

Social Outings: Invite a senior out for lunch, coffee, or a movie—it might make their week!

Motivation and support form a powerful combination



Bri has been enjoying working with Mercy Flights

Bri's story with Hearts With A Mission (HWAM) started about a year and a half ago. Bri first entered our Youth Shelter.

Initially, she did well but still struggled with personal challenges and destructive habits. After moving briefly to Texas, Bri realized she wanted more for her life and made the courageous decision to return to

her parents. She has worked on growing into her true self, distinguishing clearly between her own identity and others' expectations. Turning 18, Bri is transitioning into our Transitional Living Program, designed specifically for young adults aged 18-21.

Recently, Bri and her mom were driving past a McDonald's where Bri witnessed a pretty serious car accident that resulted in a rollover. She jumped into action to assist and was the only first responder there until Police arrived. When the officers arrived they provided Bri with gloves so she could continue assisting at the scene.



Bri uses her training to help after witnessing an accident.

work everyday to see their dreams come true. It has been a pleasure to watch her growth."

Bri's journey is a testament to resilience, growth, and the power of support. We are incredibly proud of her and excited to see all that her bright future holds!

Oregon—and back to the support of HWAM.

Upon her return, Bri was determined to be genuinely herself and fully commit to change. With renewed motivation, she tackled family issues head-on. She made remarkable strides, graduating high school early and motivated to engage in her future.

Bri has been busy. Bri is currently doing an internship at Mercy Flights, balancing a rigorous schedule of work and college. She's diligently saving money, working towards buying a car, and with the help of a mentor from our Safe Families for Children program, she's well on her way to earning her driver's license.

Perhaps the greatest transformation has been in her relationships. Bri has cultivated deeper, more authentic connections with both staff and

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Navigating the journey to adulthood in Lincoln County

Safe Families of Lincoln County recently helped a local teen find a stable home where she could confidently complete her high school education.

When Safe Families received calls about Jennifer from both her school and her boyfriend's family, they learned she was experiencing significant challenges at home. Her relationship with her mother had become unbearable, forcing her to couch-surf from place to place in an attempt to stay safe and continue attending school.

Recognizing the instability Jennifer faced, Safe Families quickly stepped in and matched her with a welcoming host family. Understanding how daunting it could be for a 17-year-old to enter the home of strangers, the host family thoughtfully arranged their first meeting on the beach, providing Jennifer with an immediate sense of comfort and belonging. They followed this warm welcome with a pizza party featuring her favorite pizza, further demonstrating their care and attention.

With her own room and a consistent place to call home, Jennifer no longer had to worry about where she'd sleep each night. To express her gratitude for their



generosity, Jennifer cooked dinner for the entire family, marking the beginning of a nurturing bond.

This newfound stability allowed Jennifer to truly flourish. She began excelling academically and confidently planned to attend community college after graduation. Now, as Jennifer approaches her graduation day, she does so knowing she has a supportive family cheering her on every step of the way.

Local partnership shines in Klamath County

When local organization, Citizens for Safe Schools, first approached Safe Families of Klamath County about hosting an 8-week class for their clients, no one anticipated just how impactful this partnership would become.

The class, called "Family Circle," was thoughtfully designed to support parents and their children aged 10-18. Recognizing the primary sources of conflict within families—communication and mutual respect—the curriculum aimed directly

at nurturing healthier dialogue and deeper connections. Each Tuesday evening, participating families gathered to enjoy dinner together, followed by sessions led by experts dedicated to fostering understanding and improving family dynamics.

Five families participated in the initial offering, many of whom had never before experienced such focused guidance. The transformation they experienced was remarkable. One family, consisting of a mom, dad, and two sons, found that Tuesday evenings quickly became their cherished family night—a time eagerly anticipated each week to reconnect, share a meal, and learn together.

Inspired by the success and positive feedback, Citizens for Safe Schools is now organizing another round of classes to accommodate additional families. The experience vividly demonstrated that simple yet intentional education and skill-building can profoundly transform relationships, strengthening family bonds. It also highlighted the extraordinary possibilities when community organizations collaborate for the common good.



Safe Families for Children (SFFC) surrounds families facing a crisis with a caring, compassionate community of volunteers.



Community helps mom during critical time

A mom facing surgery contacted Safe Families for Children in Jackson County to help find care for her twins, giving her the time she needed to recover from the surgery.

Host Home volunteers stepped up to host the kids. Wonderful Resource Friends were also able to provide her with dinner, ensuring she felt supported during this critical time.

This was a team effort, and we couldn't have done it without your generosity. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of this sweet family!

Transforming a family's future in Josephine County

We've had the joy of walking alongside Eliza and her brother, Britt over the past few years. With a little help and a lot of hard work, these two inspiring siblings have made incredible strides toward a brighter future!

Eliza joined us in October 2022 after couch surfing for a few months, looking for a safe place to land. She stayed with a Safe Families for Children Host Family for a bit before moving into our Transitional Living Home, where she has truly blossomed. She's rebuilt relationships, bought a car, secured a full-time job, found housing support for her parents, and is paying her way through beauty school.

But that's not all! Thanks to the connections made through her journey, her brother also joined our Transitional Living Program. In just a year, he's earned his GED, got a welding certificate from 71Five VoTech, secured a job working in a management position, and bought a car too!

"Being at Hearts With A Mission helped me and my brother have a nice bed to sleep in, a good place to shower, eat, and focus on our personal growth. Without HWAM, it would have been so hard to move forward, considering my situation."

Before staying with HWAM, I used my time and resources to survive. But because of HWAM, I could work on myself to become independent, instead of trying to figure out where to sleep.

My whole family was saved by Hearts With A Mission—HWAM helped my parents get into rehab, and they're now celebrating one year of sobriety. It felt like Christmas when they went to rehab. My heart is so happy knowing they are safe and healthy.

Thank you so much, HWAM team! You are forever a part of our story."

Supporting young people means offering more than just a safe place; it means cheering them on every step of the way, sharing in their wins, and helping them thrive. As a supporter, you have become a part of their story—a story of transformation, hope, and bright new beginnings.



Our SFFC Coos County team hosts a biweekly playgroup for children aged 0-5 and their parents. It has been a blessing to witness parents who have been isolated or lonely come to our group and find community.



Congratulations and thanks for your support Nash! Nash Singleton, who took first place in 2025 Pac 12 Championships, took time out from his busy schedule to support Douglas County Safe Families.



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