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Advocacy Quarterly

New Year's Edition

Jack, the
Therapy Dog
says.....

Keep our kids safe in 2011!
Learn the signs of abuse!
Take Darkness to Light!
Attend our Charity Ball!
& Bid on one of my relatives!
A real Jack puppy!



You are cordially invited to attend the
Children's Advocacy Center
21st Annual Charity Ball

Saturday, January 22, 2011

at the
Rogue Valley Country Club
2660 Hillcrest Road
Medford, Oregon

"Fly me to the Moon"

5:30 P.M. Social Hour and Silent Auction
6:30 P.M. Dinner
8:00 P.M. Oral Auction

Followed by Dancing to
Sights & Sounds Unlimited

Complimentary Wines
\$100 per person

Payment Must
Accompany Reservation
RSVP Enclosed
Black-Tie Optional

Save the Date

From the Desk of the Director

Southern Lady Conference, Car Crashes, and Martin Luther King, Jr. or Rediscovering Purpose

We had just left the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial and were talking avidly about his life and how it changed ours, when the first impact of iron against iron was felt. My mind was unable to interpret what had happened; I did not realize yet that our car had been broad sided in an Atlanta, Georgia intersection. There was no time to think when our car was spinning into a truck which became the second impact, catapulting us then into a major traffic signal and knocking it down! Even after the car came to a stop, I had no idea what had happened. My only recollection is the three words my mind uttered during the event: "God help us."

When four of us emerged from a demolished car, I remember thinking: "Well, God must have some big plans for *someone* in this car, and I am just happy I was in the car too; otherwise I'd be dead." My mind played this scene over and over for the next three days as the four of us learned how to fold linen napkins, appreciate real pearls and antique lace and fathom what it means to be a "Southern Lady." Coming home and walking over jobs in the house that needed to be done, I realized a couple of things: 1) I will never be able to stay home and arrange beautiful flowers or decorate my table; 2) I will never be the woman who brings beauty to her home as my only job; and 3) I will never be a genteel Southern Lady.

I also realized that there was something I did bring home and that was a quote that I found at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. memorial: "Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'" I also realized that it wasn't that destiny had a plan for one of us in that car, but for all of us. And ultimately I realized in a poignant and tearful awareness that life has a purpose for all of us: for those who help save the children and for the children themselves as they deal with their own near misses with life and death situations. Once this lesson sank in, I felt a profound renewal about what we are doing at the Children's Advocacy Center of Jackson. I



share this personal experience with you because I always share my heart with you and I think I was meant to come home to my family and my CAC family of staff and friends to remind us that we are born to give meaning to our lives through service to others.

I am often annoyed (actually, I have been annoyed with this phrase since the 60s) with the sentence: "I need to find myself." That really struck home with the quote from Henry David Thoreau; "Many men go fishing all their lives without knowing it is not fish they are after." I am not anti-fishing. It's my sons' favorite sport. My point is that as a human race we tend to be on some eternal quest of searching, often without understanding what we are searching for.

Maybe life isn't that complicated at all. Maybe we are just here to love one another, and find ways to do things for others. As we begin a new year, we are all faced with harsh fiscal realities and that creates fear. But it is exactly in those troubled times that we should be saying "Yes" to the future, "Yes" to helping stop child abuse, and "Yes" to every deed that will make this world a better place for our most vulnerable - the children. Now that is a great life purpose, but it takes a fearless, intentional, commitment to change if we are truly serious. And it takes faith to make it happen. All is possible when you are doing the right thing.

As Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said so much better than I: "Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step." Let's take that first step together in 2011.

Marlene Mish

January 2011

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Pedaling Hope

“Pedal for Prevention” brings Darkness to Light

Cyclists Tyler Gilliam, 25, Landon Phillips, 22, and Mike Allen, 23, were welcomed with open arms as they rode into the Children’s Advocacy Center of Jackson County on October 8, 2010. They were met by CAC staff (with lots of food for the starving young men), District Attorney Mark Huddleston, who MC’d the event, and Medford City Councilman Dick Gordon, who read a proclamation to the boys, proclaiming October 8th “Pedal for Prevention Day” in Jackson County.

Dozens of supporters of the work against child abuse were on hand to listen to the three as they explained why they had begun their cross-country trek on July 31st in Charleston, SC with a goal of bringing awareness about the epidemic of child sex abuse to a nation that finds it hard to talk about this taboo subject.

Also on hand were students from South Medford High School and Phoenix High School who had given grant monies through Community 101 grants so that the CAC could purchase training materials to give teachers the tools to recognize child abuse. The students were thrilled to meet the three young men and hear their inspiring words of commitment to a cause greater than themselves. It helped bring East and West together and to show that no matter what age you are, you can be part of the solution.

“This is an effort towards prevention, not a reaction after the fact,” stressed Huddleston. The young men made only two stops in Oregon and Medford was one of them. They received gifts from the center and shared the hospitality of Dr. Hecox’s guesthouse to rest up before their final leg of the trip: Los Angeles, California.

We were honored to meet Tyler, Landon and Mike and recognize the power of people working together.



*Tyler
Landon
Mike*

*“We
won’t
forget
you.”*

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**CRAIG SMULLIN, PATSY SMULLIN, SCOTT GEE, AND BOB WISE,
WINNER OF THE 2010 CHAMPION FOR CHILDREN AWARD.
KOBI WINS TOP HONORS TWO YEAR'S RUNNING!**



**QUINN NASH, STUDENT AT
THE WALDORF SCHOOL IN
ASHLAND, SURPRISED THE
CROWD - A CHILD'S VOICE
WITH A POWERFUL MESSAGE.**



**DAN MISH FROM THE STUDIO AT
LIVING OPPORTUNITIES, EMILI PAUL
FROM ST. MARY'S AND QUINN NASH
STIR THE AUDIENCE WITH
*WE ARE THE WORLD.***

CHILD 2010

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**MAYOR WHEELER
CONGRATULATES THE AWARD RECIPIENTS!**



**CRAIG SMULLIN
AS A GREAT MC.**



**MARLENE MISH WITH RANDY JONES,
WINNER OF THE *REACH FOR THE STARS* AWARD FOR HIS
SUPPORT OF OUR MENTORING ART PROJECT AND
CELEBRATION AT VERANDA PARK!**

“The future depends on what we do in the present.”

Mahatma Gandhi

Board Member Monica Garvin receives Honor for Service.



Monica Garvin, AVP and Manager of PremierWest Bank's Black Oak branch, is the recipient of an award from the Children's Trust Fund of Oregon for her tireless volunteerism with the Children's Advocacy Center of Jackson County. The Oregon Industry Nurturing Children Awards were presented to four highly deserving statewide individuals at a reception at Portland's Heathman hotel on October 7th. The Children's Trust Fund of Oregon was established by the state legislature in 1985 to combat the cycle of child abuse and neglect to innocent children and serves thousands of Oregon families through local programs, funding, networks, and advocacy.

Ms. Garvin's career spans 20+ years in the financial services industry, but it's her work with the Children's Advocacy Center that defines her. The Children's Advocacy Center of Jackson County was among the first 100 such centers in the US, and is consistently an A+ rated model nationally.

Monica simply raises her hand every time the Center has a need: from serving on the Executive Board as Treasurer, to organizing the Charity Ball and other events, to mentoring abused children, to leading the development committee, she is a "go-to" volunteer, 24/7. Her passion for children does not stop with the CAC: Monica has also been involved with Community Works, Junior Achievement, Children's Miracle Network, and United Way, just to name a few. Monica says: "It's a great

honor to be recognized for something you do from the heart, every day."

Marlene Mish, Executive Director of Jackson County's Children's Advocacy Center stated: "It rare that an organization gets a Board member that brings so much energy, perseverance and dedication to its mission. Monica backs up her belief in the Children's Advocacy Center with hard work, tenaciousness and caring for the children we serve. We count ourselves blessed to have her on our team."

The award is the first of its kind presented by the Children's Trust Fund of Oregon. Brava, Monica! You make us proud.

Many Thanks to Musician's Friend

We want to express our sincere thanks to **Musician's Friend** who wanted to contribute to the CAC and thought of a creative way to do it. Both employees and clients donated auction items for an auction event. All proceeds came to the CAC and will go for direct services at the Center.

We thought that was such a creative way to make money for the kids and hope that other businesses will find creative ways to help that don't place an undue burden on any one person.

Hopefully, 2011 will bring lots of new ideas to support the work we do. We welcome businesses who think out of the box! We have a myriad of ideas for 2011 and hope that the business community as well as the private sector will join us with our most ambitious year ever! It's **BIG DREAMS** year at the Children's Advocacy Center of Jackson County. **Join us!**

CAC Welcomes Two New Board Members



Laura A. Horton, ABR Broker
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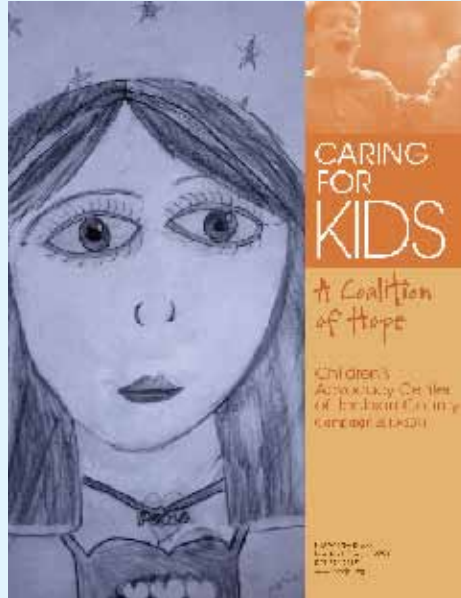


Michael R. Bond, MBA, CEO
PrimeCare

Coming in April Caring for Kids

A Coalition of Hope

*A Chance to Maintain Medical and
Therapeutic Services for our Children!*



darkness to light

What people say after taking Darkness to Light!

“This is a great advocacy tool for the community. If only there was something like this when I was abused. When I was abused, my abuser never served time even though his DNA was inside me. I was only 8 years old and was afraid to go to trial by myself.” RCC student

“What a wonderful amount of information! I only wish every person that came into contact with a child could experience this training. Why can't you bring this to a community event, or to churches? People need to know.”

RCC student

To sign up for
the next
Darkness
to Light -
Stewards of
Children
training, go to
www.cacjc.org
or call Alexis
at
734-5437

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