

Strengthening Families and Keeping Children Safe



Relief Nursery

NOVEMBER 2006

It's Time to Help a Child

Winter is approaching and with this change of season comes more desperate needs from Relief Nursery families. The stresses in their life—poverty, homelessness—are amplified by the cold and rain. Their needs are more immediate, more evident this time of year. It's crucial that the Relief Nursery be able to respond, to continue to help these children and their families. In order to do that, **we need your help.**

We can all agree that no child should ever be neglected or abused. But the stark reality is that innocent children in our community are victims of abuse. Nearly half of the children we serve have at least one documented case of abuse or neglect.

These children are in danger, these families in crisis. Very plainly, their circumstances are dire. The reality of their life may be hard to imagine. But we don't have to imagine; when the children and parents are here they provide a painfully clear view of their life:

- ♥ *Teresa, a single mom, discussed her stress and concern with her daughter's behaviors with a Relief Nursery teacher. "The eight-year-old and the eleven-year-old are fighting a lot, and the two-year-old is trying to hit the baby." Teresa has a history of being tortured by her children's father, which she recounted with tears streaming down her face.*
- ♥ *Jayden ran from his teacher yelling. He tried to kick and bite her when she caught him. After three minutes, his yelling changed to crying and when the teacher leaned down he hugged her and said yes when asked, "Do you want me to pick you up?" He cried softly for a few more minutes and was comforted by the calm he felt around him.*
- ♥ *When asked by her teacher, "What makes you sad?," three-year-old Sarah said, "When daddy hurts me."*

These children need our help now, right this very moment and for the future. The Relief Nursery provides critical support and services needed to keep children safe—to protect Jayden and Sarah from further harm. Your support inspires us and your commitment does a world of good.



Photo by Jon Meyers

Your generous contributions keep our classrooms open, our kitchen filled with nutritious food, our building warm and welcoming. Every day at the Relief Nursery a child's life is better:

- ♥ *Jayden was able to complete the school day today without a tantrum or crying. When his friend was crying, Jayden hugged him, saying, "I be your best friend," singing and rubbing his back.*

The Relief Nursery is making a difference, changing lives. Be a part of that. **This year our annual campaign needs to raise \$100,000 to help these children. Every donation makes a difference.**

You can change a life. ♥

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Passing the Bear 2006



Deborah Herron, 2005–2006 president of the Relief Nursery Board of Directors passed the Relief Nursery Bear on to our new Board president, Rodger Terrall.

Deborah loved the Relief Nursery bear so much that the Relief Nursery staff presented her with a bear of her very own, made with pride by a Relief Nursery child, to thank her for her year of service.

Thank you, Deborah and a warm welcome to our incoming Executive Board: Rodger Terrall, President; Tom McMahon, President-Elect; Suzanne Arlie, Vice President; Mitch Hagstrom, Treasurer; Susan Roberts, Secretary; and Jim Anderson, Member-at-Large.

Relief Nursery Events Calendar — *Save the Date!*

Tuesday, November 14	Midsummer Night's Dream Fashion Show 6 p.m.–9 p.m. • Opus 6ix Galleries <i>Sponsored by Chikara • Tickets \$25 per person</i> <i>Benefits the Relief Nursery and Food for Lane County</i>
Thursday, November 16	The Children's Hour Advocacy Luncheon Noon–1:00 p.m. • Valley River Inn
Thursday, November 30	The Great Taste 5 p.m.–9 p.m. • Valley River Inn
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For more information about upcoming Relief Nursery events or to learn how you can volunteer, contact the Relief Nursery at 343-9706.

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Comcast Partners with the Relief Nursery for Comcast Cares Day

Comcast employees from Eugene volunteered at the Relief Nursery as part of Comcast's sixth annual company-wide day of service on October 7, 2006. **Comcast Cares Day** is one of the largest single-day corporate volunteer efforts in the United States.

Comcast families spent the day at the Relief Nursery building a play cover structure, cleaning, landscaping, bus washing and interior detailing.

Once again, **Jerry's Home Improvement Center** joined with Comcast to create a play structure for the Relief Nursery children. This year's generous donation of \$1,500 of building materials needed for the play cover structure in the toddler playground area ensures that Relief Nursery children can play outside year around.

The following sponsors also helped ensure a successful Comcast Cares Day: **Big Town Hero, Starbucks, and Sanipac.** ♥



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Fall Pamper Me Day 2006



Photo by Rosemary Duffy

Pamper Me Day, sponsored by the **Relief Nursery Auxiliary**, was a day of special treatment for our parents that they would otherwise not be able to get. This included a free haircut and style from **Reflections Salon**, hand

and lip treatment from **Mary Kay**, nail painting, dinner and childcare. This Pamper Me Day for the first time each parent received a door prize thanks to the help of **Marion McCormack**, as well as other Auxiliary members who donated different items and made up close to 50 prizes. The parents left that night smiling, feeling good about themselves which is what the event is all about. Thank you to the countless generous members of our community who donated their time and goodies to make this special evening possible. ♥



Marion McCormack

Mother's Story

A Relief Nursery mother of four was so grateful for the break in her busy life! She got her hair cut, her nails painted, a Mary Kay treatment, a goody bag and was able to eat and just relax for a couple of hours. "I am so lucky to be here and feel really pretty, which I haven't felt in a long time!" She loved the gift bag she received and plans to use it as a diaper bag for her newborn baby boy. She was overwhelmed with joy and wanted to personally thank each and everyone involved in making Pamper Me Day a huge success.

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Board Picnic

Picnic Chairman **Jim Anderson** and the **Relief Nursery Board of Directors** once again rang in the new school year with the Relief Nursery Family Picnic. The picnic was the perfect opportunity for Relief Nursery children, families, and staff to relax and enjoy wonderful food, face-painting, bubbles, and a great time playing on the Emerald Park Playground. Special thanks to **Jeff Lang** and his dog **Gracie**, for performing

a fabulous show of tricks for the children and families of the Relief Nursery.

We are so grateful to the generous donors who made this event possible: **Franz Family Bakeries, Parties to Go, River Road Park and Recreation District, Van Vleet Meat Company, Willamette Beverage, Jackie Conway, and the Relief Nursery Board of Directors.** ♥



Fight Crime: Invest in Kids Director Visits the Relief Nursery



Sheriff Russ Burger and Martha Brooks, State Director of Fight Crime: Invest in Kids

The Relief Nursery hosted **Ms. Martha Brooks, State Director of Fight Crime: Invest in Kids**, on tour of the Relief Nursery at the invitation of Lane County Sheriff, Russ Burger.

police chiefs, sheriffs, prosecutors, other police leaders, and violence survivors. As leaders on the front line in the battle against crime, our mission is to take a hard-nosed look at the

research about what works to keep kids from becoming criminals. Research and experience show that certain targeted investments in programs that give kids a good start in life will prevent children from engaging in later crime and violence. These investments include quality early education and care, child abuse and neglect prevention, after-school programs, and programs that help troubled kids get back on track.

“It was a pleasure hosting Martha Brooks and sharing the work of the Relief Nursery with her. We look forward to working with Fight Crime: Invest in Kids in breaking the cycle of child abuse in Oregon communities,” said Executive Director, Irene Alltucker. ♥



Fall 2006 Volunteers & Interns

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Special Acts of Kindness

♥ Thank you **Jennifer Solomon** and **Terri Moffet** for hosting the *Arbonne Charity Pampering Event*, October 26, 2006, where 35 percent of proceeds were donated directly to the Relief Nursery.



♥ Thank you to **Build-A-Bear, Inc.**, for inviting over 20 Relief Nursery children to build their very own bear in celebration of the Build-A-Bear grand opening at Valley River Center.

♥ Thank you to **Chico's** for donating sale proceeds from *Chico's Charity Shopping Day*, October 19, 2006.

♥ Thank you **Gottschalks Department Store** for donating proceeds from their charity shopping day to the Relief Nursery.

♥ Thank you **Elise Willingham** for donating free passes to Minds in Motion for the Relief Nursery children.

A special thank you to **Katie Marcus-Brown, Sara Willis, and El Vaquero** for hosting *Tapas N'Tinis*, an exclusive event where all proceeds were donated directly to the children and families of the Relief Nursery. Katie thanked the guests for attending and asked that they all keep an open mind and an open heart about the hard times Relief Nursery families have fallen upon, "This is a place they have ended up, not a place they have chosen. It is up to all of us to make sure that these families are fed, clothed and cared for."
Thank you also to **Long's Meat Market, Newman's Fish Market, Provista Speciality Foods, Red Onion Produce.**

Relief Nursery Auxiliary Kicks Off the 2006-2007 Year with Fall Luncheon.

Thank you to all the members of the **Relief Nursery Auxiliary** who helped inaugurate the season at the **Auxiliary Fall Luncheon**, held at **El Vaquero Restaurant**. Special thanks to **Julie Chown, Becky Lamoureux, Marion McCormack, Michelle Meador, Jean Phelps, and Jami Sterling** for taking the time to share about important Relief Nursery programs, services and fund-raising activities. ♥



♥ Thank you to **Valerie Steele, ClearChannel Worldwide, McKenzie-Willamette, and KDUK 104.7** for donating \$500 in proceeds from the **KDUK Baby Shower**.



♥ **Missy Koke** from **Planet Zoo** donated four large boxes of arts and crafts for the children at the Relief Nursery. Some of these items are being saved for the holidays to give away to our families. Other items were used to make up the gifts given away at Pamper Me Day.

♥ Thank you **Macy's** for supporting the Relief Nursery through their *Shop For A Cause* charity fund-raiser.

♥ **Sacred Heart** donated over 60 new backpacks with back-to-school supplies. The donations were made up by the entire staff at Sacred Heart. There were also donations contributed from **Bi-Mart, Rite Aid, and Office Depot**.

♥ Thank you to **Mike Bothman** of **Super Suppers**, for donating ten percent of sales to their Relief Nursery fund-raiser, raising over \$300 for our children and families.

♥ Thank You **Guarantee Dealerships** and **Eugene Fire and EMS**, for the hard work and time you dedicated to *United Way Day of Caring*, September 28, 2006. Thank you for volunteering your time, and for accomplishing much-needed tasks in support of our staff, children, and families.

♥ Thank you to **Willamette Court No. 2 Order of the Amaranth** for their generous donation of gifts for the children as part of their 85th birthday celebration. Happy Birthday!

♥ Thank you **Willamette Stationers** for helping provide invitations to the 2007 Main Event Kick-Off party.



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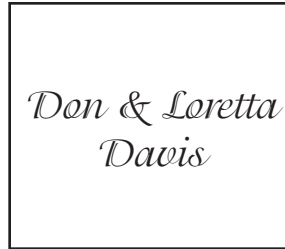


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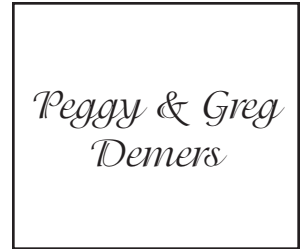
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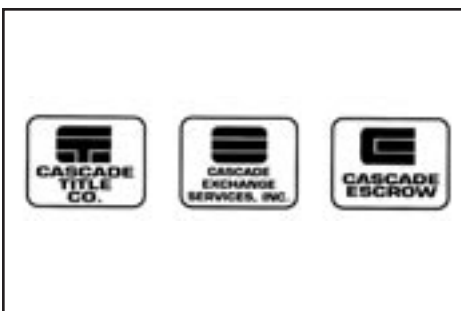
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Market of Choice is title sponsor for **The Great Taste**. For the third year in a row, "Expect the Unexpected" is the motto that captures the diversity in the wine sampling and cheese pairing. Guests will enjoy a wide variety of wines, beers, and cheeses from around the world paired by Market of Choice Wine Stewards.

Moonstruck Chocolates and **Lillie Belle Farms** are providing samples and, for the first time this year, chocolates to purchase. A coffee bar will be offered by **Full City Coffee**.

The Silent Auction will include wine baskets and a hot air balloon trip for two! Light jazz entertainment will be provided by **Charley Snellings**. Hope to see you there! Your support of the Great Taste will help children like Angel.

Sondra was 16 years old when she called the Relief Nursery for help with her young son Angel. He was withdrawn, did not speak and

cried most of the time. Sondra felt that she was not able to leave his side, ever. She was at a breaking point.

Angel started in respite, giving Sondra the break she desperately needed and, eventually he was permanently enrolled in a Relief Nursery classroom. There he found the quiet, nurturing stability to begin to trust adults other than his mother.

Progress was slow at first. Angel's behavior presented a challenge to Relief Nursery teachers as well as the Relief Nursery mental health counselor, who said, "Every day, we applied the consistency of time, one-to-one attention, and TLC to show Angel he was going to be okay." By year's end, Angel transformed into a social and verbal child.

Next year, Angel will be attending preschool, and his future looks bright. With the help that he received early in his life Angel won't require special services. The biggest miracle for Angel is that he is on a different path. His teacher is confident that Angel was given the chance to succeed.

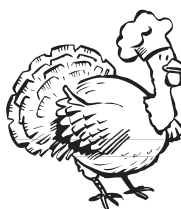
Please join us as we celebrate the holidays at the Great Taste, all while helping to create miracles in the lives of children just like Angel. ♥



Congress Passes IRA Charitable Rollover

This past August, Congress passed the long talked about charitable giving tax incentive, the IRA Charitable Rollover. Individuals over the age of 70-1/2 are now able to contribute up to \$100,000 to nonprofit organizations directly from their IRAs without having to count the IRA withdrawal as taxable income. The provision expires at the end of 2007. *See your tax advisor for more information.* ♥

Holiday Giving



Families at the Relief Nursery have a limited budget and it is very difficult, if not impossible, for them to buy holiday dinners and gifts for their children—any of the extras this time of year. If you are interested in sponsoring a family or helping supply holiday food baskets, please call or stop by the Relief Nursery and the volunteer coordinator will assist you.♥



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