



A Helping Hand

Summer
2008

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New Solutions for County Youths

In March, Marion County Health Department's New Solutions launched the Child and Adolescent Mentoring Program. This program serves children and adolescents ages 6 to 18 years by providing them with a mentor who meets with the youth for a minimum of 1 to 3 hours a week for about six months.

Mentors in this program are viewed as a natural support for youth. The mentor and youth share in the joy of activities such as going to the Boy's and Girl's Club, board games, outdoor sports, arts and crafts activities or going to the movies. The mentor will also provide support, encouragement

and praise to the youth he or she is mentoring.

New Solutions provides gas vouchers, monies for activities, a car if available, bus passes if needed, ongoing communication, and training when the need arises to ensure the success of the mentoring relationship.



New Solutions is currently recruiting 15 volunteer

mentors to be paired with one of the 80 children and families served by the program in Marion County. The program works in Woodburn, Silverton, Scotts Mills, Turner, Aumsville, Salem, Keizer, Woodburn, and Stayton; mentors are needed in all of these areas! Volunteers spend at least one hour per week

with the youth and one hour per week with the child's assigned Care Coordinator.

Mentoring is crucial for the success of the children in our community. The community can direct much financial support and donations toward youth – but nothing will make as large of an impact as the human-to-human support and connection created in a mentoring relationship.

Consider becoming a mentor for New Solutions – or one of many other local mentoring programs – and sharing your life experiences and love with a youth in need.

For more information, please contact Child and Adolescent Mentoring Program Leah Mangis at lmangis@co.marion.or.us or 503-585-4916.

Volunteers Honored for Service to the County Valued at More Than \$2 Million in 2007

Volunteer service was honored in April at Marion County's Board of Commissioners meeting. Recognizing Volunteer Appreciation Week, the commissioners issued a proclamation thanking and commending more than 2,900 volunteers in Marion County.

These volunteers provided service to the county valued at more than \$2 million dollars in 2007, devoting more than 145,000 hours of service.

"It's really about more than just money," said Sam Brentano, board chair. "County volunteers contribute commitment and dedicated service that you cannot put a price tag on. It would be very difficult to run Marion County without them," he said.

Examples of Marion County Volunteer Service in 2007:

- Weed District Advisory Committee members applied their expertise to determining priority weeds for the county and helping educate the public about weed identification and control,
- A volunteer performed data collection for the Assessor's office, including farm checks and new subdivision inventory,
- Budget Committee members reviewed the county's budget process and made recommendations for changes and paperwork reduction,
- Victim advocates served 2,938 victims of crime during the year,

ing the year,

- Volunteers at the Psychiatric Crisis Center helped assist crisis associates with extra work, answering phones and comforting clients in the waiting area,
- A volunteer at the Juvenile Department used her expertise as an OSU Master Gardener to help youth cultivate plants to sell at the Juveniles Fresh Start Market,
- Planning Commission members heard a bounty of Measure 37-related subdivision cases involving unusual and technical issues,

The entire annual volunteer report for 2007 is available online at: www.co.marion.or.us/bs/vol

Mary Pearmine Outstanding Volunteer Group Award:

Clerk's Office, Board of Property Tax Appeals -

Trevor Jacobson, Salem
Sue Thompson, Salem
Donald Miller, Salem
Jerry Apple, Salem

Other groups nominated for the award include

Sheriff's Office, Cold Case Squad -

Don McMullen, Amity
Jeffrey Zens, Salem
Jack Janssen, Salem
Larry McCloskey, The Dalles

Health Department, Creative Community Partnerships -

Joanne Atchison, Salem
Ri Kovak Britton, Salem
Bill Byrne, Salem
Jonathan Carver, Salem
NaLean Clinton, Salem
Cynthia Ann Daniels, Salem
Karen K Gibson, Salem
David Lichtenberger, Salem
Christine Leona Pierce, Salem
Lois Powell, Salem
Linda Prestenbach, Salem
Miguel Saavedra, Salem
Bonita Schnelle, Stayton
Nancy A Snider, Salem

Judge Rex Hartley Volunteer of the Year Award -

Public Works, Master Recycler

Rich Clarkson, Stayton

Program Award -

Health Department, Creative Community Partnerships

NaLean Clinton

DA's Office, Victim Advocate

Bill Delema, Salem
Kim Miller, Keizer

Youth Award -

Public Works, Dog Shelter

Lynnette Graves, Aumsville

CONGRATULATIONS, VOLUNTEERS

Department Websites Offer More Information About Services

Many county departments publish program newsletters that contain useful information about services. You may find the information interesting, too. And don't forget to look for featured volunteer accomplishments and opportunities.

Check out some of the following departmental newsletters:

- **Dog Shelter Newsletter**

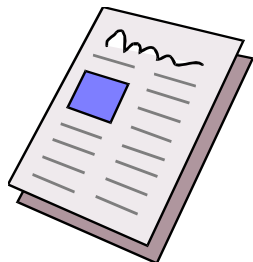
<http://www.co.marion.or.us/PW/DogControl/>

- **Master Recycler Newsletter**

<http://www.co.marion.or.us/PW/ES/>

- **Waste Matters** (Insert to the Statesman Journal)

<http://www.co.marion.or.us/PW/ES/>



Memos and Announcements



Dog Shelter Orientation and Dog Walking Training

Volunteers who are interested in helping with dog walking or community outreach can contact **Debbie West at 503-391-5362.**



Dog Shelter Outreach Schedule

Volunteers are encouraged to help at community events by staffing a table with other volunteers. Upcoming dates:

- **Pet Sense** - Woodburn Company Stores, 1st Saturday of every month, 11:00am - 3:30pm.
- **Salem Saturday Market** - The market runs from May through October and MCDS has a booth on the 3rd Saturday of each month, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- **Dog Fest 2008**- September 20th, Chemeketa Community College.

Contact **Debbie West at 503-391-5362.**

Victim Advocate Training:

Basic Advocacy training for victim advocates will begin September 8. The training is Mon, Wed, Fri for 2 weeks during the day. The requirements are: 1) 18 years or older, 2) no criminal history, 3) reliable transportation (bus is not acceptable), 4) working telephone, 5) interest in the criminal justice system, non-judgmental attitude, and a desire to help others. For sexual assault response advocates commit to one 24-hour shift per month, for day case advocates some flexible weekday availability to attend court with victims is necessary.

An application is available at <http://www.co.marion.or.us/DA/victimassistance> or call 503-588-3571.

Marion County's

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Courthouse Square
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Marion County volunteers—
connecting the county to
the community.

Volunteer Opportunities

Contact Glenis Chapin, 503-588-7990 or
volunteer@co.marion.or.us

Child & Adolescent Mentor

Enhance the life of a child or teen by meeting weekly and sharing activities such as going to the Boys & Girls Club, playing board games, outdoor sports, doing arts and crafts activities, etc.

Dog Fest 2008

Volunteers and their well-behaved dogs are invited to help during a two-hour shift at the Marion County Dog Fest 2008 on September 20 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. at Chemeketa's Salem campus.

Marion County Parks

- 1) Joryville Park in South Salem needs a few worn boards replaced, new coat of paint and spread bark chips in the horse arena at the park.
- 2) A perfect Eagle Scout project with an environmental friendly focus is to assemble and install recycling bins in county parks.

Immunization Nurse

Volunteer nurses to assist at special immunization clinics. These clinics will be held in the summer and fall of 2008. The vaccines will be given to



adolescents and adults. Nurses must have a current Oregon nursing license. Call Kelly at 503-361-2791.

Advisory Board Openings:

- Weed Advisory Committee—layperson position
- Planning Commission—more than one position open
- Board of Property Tax Appeals—members with appraisal/property values needed