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### **Youth Impact Hosts 'It's A Manly Bash' to Seek Male Mentors**

Youth Impact, a local non-profit mentoring agency is in need of male mentors and is hosting *It's a Manly Bash*, a male mentor recruitment evening. The evening, May 17 at 5:30 p.m. will be a time of food, door prizes and information at the IKE Box, 299 Cottage St NE, Salem.

Youth Impact provides mentoring to youth, ages 4-18 years old, in Marion, Polk and Yamhill counties. According to Melissa Wilson, outreach coordinator for Youth Impact, male mentors are often difficult to recruit. "Men often feel they have less free time; they are unclear of the definition of a mentor and are intimidated by what activities to do with the youth," she said.

"The evening is to provide information about mentoring, which is just being a friend to someone who needs a friend. No degree, special education or superhuman powers are required. We give them the training they need to be a great mentor and it all starts with them stating interest in our program," Wilson said.

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