



A Helping Hand

Winter
2010

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Marion County Sheriff offers Citizen Academy

Ever wonder what happens on the other side of the yellow crime tape? Here is your chance. Registration is open for the **Sheriff's 2010 Citizen Academy**. The community is invited to come experience the world through the eyes of the deputy on duty.

Participants in the academy will get a close-up view of the functions of the Sheriff's Office and witness the inside workings of the **Marion County Jail** through the eyes of both the deputy and the inmate. It is a chance to get an intimate view of **Parole & Probation** client reporting and interview process and learn the philosophy with which deputies manage their caseloads. Get a behind the scenes look at the role of the **Judicial Security** deputy and what the duties

involve.

Participants will learn about the duties of the

Gain a better understanding and deeper appreciation of the challenges facing the Sheriff's Office and the community.

Enforcement deputy that extend well beyond the traditional traffic stop. In

the academy participants will receive multi-faceted exposure to the duties of patrol deputies and detectives. Find out how deputies handle street crimes, SWAT duties, tactical negotiations, meth labs, child abuse, domestic violence, marine patrol, search and rescue, and traffic investigations.

Applications are available through the Marion County Sheriff's Office, 503-588-7981 or <http://www.co.marion.or.us/SO>

Citizen Academy class schedule:

Friday, April 9, 8 a.m.— 5 p.m.

Saturday, April 10, 8 a.m. — 5 p.m.

Saturday, April 17, 8 a.m. — 5 p.m.

Saturday, April 24, 8 a.m. — noon

Volunteer awards nominations out soon

Anyone can nominate a county volunteer for an award. Marion County hosts several volunteer awards that are given out by the commissioners during National Volunteer Week, April 18-24 this year.

Marion County's volunteer awards are given to:

- An Outstanding Youth
- An Advisory Board Volunteer
- An Outstanding Volunteer Group
- A Volunteer of the Year

Each volunteer's service is considered for the value of the contribution, benefit to the community, commitment to the program or project, and quality of

the volunteer work.

The nominees are invited to the commissioners' board session during National Volunteer Week for the award ceremony. For more information about county volunteer awards, contact Glenis Chapin, volunteer services coordinator, at gchapin@co.marion.or.us or 503-588-7990.

New Solutions Mentor Program recognizes its volunteers

On January 29, 2010, New Solutions recognized its volunteer mentors in honor of National Mentoring month. The mentors are an incredible asset to New Solutions by providing one on one community-based mentoring for a minimum of one hour a week for six months. "Our mentors are committed to the youth by providing their time, energy and creative ideas to the teams," states Volunteer Mentor Coordinator, Leah Mangis.

In 2009, 193 hours were provided by volunteer youth mentors. At the celebration, several mentors attended and brought other community members who may have an interest in becoming mentors too. Program mentors shared what they like best about mentoring and what they have learned from the youth they mentor. "I have raised three children of my own and when I met my youth I felt the choices she made were not what I felt she needed to make. In time I have learned that by standing by her side and providing her insight, we can make it through tough circumstances together," says mentor Traci Sharp.

Program staff cannot say thank you enough to all the mentors who provide encouragement and support for the youths and insight to the youth's care team members. They always go the extra mile in working with the youth and make a huge difference in the lives of the youth and their families.



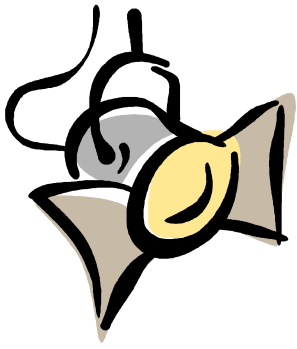
Mentor Joe Meeker and friend, Amber



Mentor Tracy Sharp receiving her award



Artist Lynnette Miller receives an award



Spotlight on a volunteer

New Solutions is a team-based program for children with severe mental health issues. New Solutions is strength-based and works with families to develop crisis/safety plans and individualized treatment plans based on the child and family's needs and strengths. Mentors help by mentoring a youth served through New Solutions.

Meet Joe Meeker

By Leah Mangis

Joe first became a mentor for New Solutions September 2008. Since then he has mentored two youth. He started mentoring his current youth August 2009. Joe and his youth have enjoyed playing video games, board games and have made a trip to Subway together. When Joe was younger his church leaders and school teachers made an impact on him. Joe first started mentoring because he wanted to build confidence in himself, but this has grown into a much greater experience. Mentoring, for Joe, has confirmed the fact that it only takes one person to change the life of another.

Joe attends Chemeketa Community College and is involved with his student government. For a service leadership class he organized a toy drive for Doernbecher Children's Hospital and gave toys to the children personally. Joe also invited New Solutions to come and present the mentoring program to a "Pizza and Politics" event at Chemeketa which is through student life. Joe is an outgoing leader, personable and friendly!

Joe spends about 2 hours with his youth each week. He enjoys getting to know his youth and family. He says his youth "reminds me of when I was his age" and he wants to be able to make a difference in his youth's life. "I want to see their experience through their eyes and then

If you are interested in becoming a Child and Adolescent Mentor for New Solutions, please email Leah Mangis at lmangis@co.marion.or.us or call 503-585-4916.

Oregon Volunteers

2010 Governor's Volunteer Awards

**Friday, October 22, 2010,
in Salem, OR**

Nominations are now being accepted

Award Categories:

- Outstanding Youth Volunteer (age 18 or younger)
- Outstanding Adult Volunteer (age 19-54)
- Outstanding Senior Volunteer (age 55 or better)
- Outstanding Statewide Volunteer Program
- Outstanding Youth Volunteer Program or Group
- Outstanding Employee Volunteer Program
- Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer Achievement (at least 10 years of service)

All Nominations are due

Monday, May 10th

- Postmarked by May 10th Send to: Oregon Volunteers/GVAPO BOX 751-CSC Portland, OR 97207
- E-mailed to info@oregonvolunteers.org by 4:00pm on May 10th
- Delivered to the Oregon Volunteers office by 4:00pm on May 10th

Have questions or need forms?

www.oregonvolunteers.org
toll-free 888-353-4483
503-725-5903

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Marion County volunteers—
connecting the county to
the community.



Announcements

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

- **Solid Waste Management Advisory Council** has an opening for a representative from public health to serve on the 16-member council. Members are appointed for four-year terms. The council discusses and recommends on solid waste matters and recycling education and opportunities. The council also contributes to the county's solid waste management master plan. Applications available online: <http://www.co.marion.or.us/BS/VOL/forms.htm>.
- **Children's Activities Coordinator** to provide enriching children's activities in the Children's Behavioral Health reception area by reading to children, modeling nurturing behavior for parents, and providing activities during parenting classes, sibling appointments or meetings that do not include the child.
- **Weed Advisory Committee** is looking for an individual for an at large position. The Marion County Weed Advisory Committee was created to assist the Marion County Board of Commissioners in gathering information and making recommendations concerning the operation of the Weed District. It is a four-year appointed position, and the occupant may serve 2 terms.