



MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Board Session Agenda Review Form

November 8, 2023

Meeting date:

Human Resources

Department:

Title

2023 Project Joy Fundraiser

Agenda Planning Date: 10/26/2023



Management Update/Work Session Date:

10/10/2023

Audio/Visual aids



Time Required 15 minutes

Contact:

Kathy Bolen



Phone:

503-584-7754

Requested Action:

Presentation for the official kick-off of the 2023 Project Joy fundraiser.

Issue, Description & Background:

Each year Marion County coordinates Project Joy, an annual fundraiser benefiting Marion County children and families who are involved in the formal child welfare system. The presentation will mark the official kick-off the 2023 Project Joy, which collects holiday toys and gifts for families who are providing temporary care for children and youth who are unable to live with their biological families.

The presentation will include local foster care statistics, a recap of our 2022 fundraising efforts, and an overview and timeline for this year's project.

Project Joy is coordinated by the Oregon Resource Family Alliance (formerly known as the Oregon Foster Parents Association). The coordinator for Marion County, Erin Hampton, will join Kathy Bolen to share more about this year's project.

Financial Impacts:

None

Impacts to Department & External Agencies:

None

List of attachments:

PPT Presentation

Presenter:

Kathy Bolen, Marion County Human Resources  
Erin Hampton, Project Joy

Department Head Signature:

Lori Klemson



# Project JOY

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2023

Kathy Bolen, Workforce Development Coordinator

Erin Hampton, Project Joy

# Marion County Foster Children

- 698 children in the foster care system
- Majority under 12 years of age
- Average 21-month stay

[Oregon.gov – Welfare Data Set, 2022](https://www.oregon.gov/OCFS/Programs/Child-Care/Child-Care-Data-Set-2022)



**Project JOY**

# Project Joy Recap - 2022

- Marion County employees were able to help

- *67 families*
- *169 children*
- *403 gifts*
- *\$9,735*



**Project JOY**

# Project Joy - 2023

- Campaign
  - November 20<sup>th</sup> – December 8th
- Gift collection:
  - December 12th



**Project JOY**

# Project Joy - 2023

- **Donations:**
  - Wish list items, diapers, hygiene items, monetary
- **Checks may be made out to:**
  - Oregon Resource Family Alliance
- **Send to:**

Marion County  
Human Resources  
555 Court St. NE, Suite 4250  
Salem, OR 97309



**Project JOY**

# Project Joy - 2023



- **Brothers Collection 2nd annual toy drive**
  - World-class muscle car museum
- **When**
  - December 3rd
  - 8am – 4pm
- **Donations**
  - \$10 + 1 unwrapped toy / pp
- **Where**
  - Online tickets







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# Project Joy

**"Thank you all so much for the great opportunity to come and bless our family."  
Alana G**

**"You all are amazing! Thank you for everything you do."  
Chrys F.**

**"Thank you to all who made today possible! What a blessing!!"  
Joshua M**



**Project JOY**