MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Board Session Agenda Review Form

Meeting date: 11/04/2026

Department: Human Resources

Title: 2026 Project Joy Fundraiser

Management Update/Work Session Date: 10/20/2026 **Audio/Visual aids** ☐

Time Required: 15 minutes **Contact:** Kathy Bolen **Phone:** x7754

Requested Action:
Presentation for the official kick-off of the 2026 Project Joy fundraiser.

Issue, Description & Background:
Each year, Marion County partners with Project Joy to collect holiday gifts for local children and families involved in the child welfare system. This presentation will officially kick off the 2026 fundraiser and include local foster care statistics, a recap of the 2025 fundraising efforts, and this year's fundraising timeline.

The presentation may also include remarks from Project Joy Coordinator Erin Hampton about the program and its impact on local children and families.

Financial Impacts:
N/A

Impacts to Department & External Agencies:
N/A

List of attachments:
PowerPoint presentation

Presenter:
Kathy Bolen

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2026

Kathy Bolen, Workforce Development Coordinator

Erin Hampton, Project Joy

Marion County Foster Children - 2024

Reasons Children Enter Foster Care by Federal Fiscal Year (includes all types of foster care)

	FFY 2022		FFY 2023		FFY 2024	
Removal Reason	Number	% of Entrants	Number	% of Entrants	Number	% of Entrants
Neglect *(Formerly Neglect Abuse)*	1,490	64.6%	1,449	62.5%	1,222	55.4%
Caregiver's Drug Use *(Formerly Parent Drug Abuse)*	1,112	48.2%	1,191	51.4%	1,072	48.6%
Domestic Violence *(Formerly Domestic Violence)*	366	15.9%	401	17.3%	354	16.0%
Physical Abuse *(Formerly Physical Abuse)*	307	13.3%	331	14.3%	286	13.0%
Caregiver's Alcohol use *(Formerly Parent Alcohol Abuse)*	253	11.0%	247	10.7%	207	9.4%
Inadequate Housing *(Formerly Inadequate Housing)*	318	13.8%	222	9.6%	184	8.3%
Caregiver's Significant Impairment - Physical/Emotional	149	6.5%	143	6.2%	177	8.0%
Houselessness	112	4.9%	205	8.8%	173	7.8%
Child Behavior Problem *(Formerly Child Behavior)*	167	7.2%	144	6.2%	154	7.0%

2024 Child Welfare Data Book
Oregon Department of Human Services

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Project Joy Recap - 2025

Marion County employees were able to help

- *33 families*
- *196 children*
- *440 gifts*
- *$9,980*

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Project Joy - 2026

Campaign

November 16th – December 11th

Gift collection:

December 15th

Donations:

Wish list items, diapers, hygiene items, monetary

Send to:

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

Checks may be made out to:

Oregon Resource Family Alliance

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Project Joy - 2026

Questions:

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"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

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