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AN EVENING IN MONTE CARLO

It certainly was "la belle vie," wasn't it? Thanks to your generous support, this year's Main Event, ***An Evening in Monte Carlo***, was a grand success for the children.

Main Event chairs **Juli DeWalt** and **Tony Bloom** brought their vision to life inside Lane Events Center, delighting guests with their own Monte Carlo right here in Eugene, including a lively casino to enjoy after the auction. Juli and Tony poured their hearts and souls into creating this special evening. Working with Juli and Tony toward the shared goal of loving, capable parents and happy, healthy children was nothing short of a joy. We are deeply grateful.

Mark Rodewald, a longtime Relief Nursery supporter, spoke on behalf of Presenting Sponsor, **Wells Fargo**. We thank Mark for his deep commitment to bolstering our partnership with Wells Fargo, and thank Wells Fargo for their support of children and families in our community.

Guests joined us in celebrating this year's Honorary Chairs, **Marta** & **Ed Barclay** and **Julie** & **Stan Pickett**. Few individuals have given of themselves so fully – in countless ways over countless years. We thank our lucky stars for these selfless, generous, and tender-hearted friends.

Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to **Lynn Frohnmayer** for sharing her early and determined efforts to start Relief Nursery, a program to support parents which flourished into the comprehensive, state-of-the art child abuse prevention program it is today.

Tom Hoyt, on behalf of the entire Hoyt family, thanked the audience for their continuous and unwavering support of the Relief Nursery concept initially introduced to the Junior League of Eugene in 1976 by **Peggy Hoyt**. Peggy's legacy is a beautiful history of collaboration, cooperation, kindness and success.

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From left: John Weaber, Kayli DeWalt, Britanny DeWalt, Jacob DeWalt, Event Chair Tony Bloom, Event Chair Juli DeWalt, Shaylee Harmon, Garrett Craig

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THE ORIGINS OF RELIEF NURSERY

The Relief Nursery we started some 43 years ago bears little resemblance to the comprehensive, sophisticated, state-of-the-art child abuse prevention program that exists today. It's amazing to see just how far this effort has come, given its very humble beginnings.

In the early 1970s, I was a caseworker for Children's Services Division (CSD), investigating cases of child abuse and neglect. I was deeply concerned about the huge gap that existed between the needs of the families we tried to help and our resources. We were chronically understaffed, and child abuse prevention was not a priority.

Tom Hoyt and Lynn Frohnmayer

In 1973 I became a **Junior League** volunteer. I joined an impressive group of around 200 energetic, dedicated women, who were required to give four hours a week to a community project approved by Junior League membership. It occurred to me that the parents we worked with at CSD could benefit enormously from all this women power. I envisioned a "Parent Aide" project, where volunteers were paired one-on-one with a parent in need. Many abusive parents are isolated, lonely, and depressed. Often, they lack an effective support system and can suffer from feelings of low self-esteem. These dynamics can lead to child abuse. Could we turn this around by providing a caring, empathetic, supportive, helpful friend? Maybe.

I discussed this idea with my supervisor, **Mary Ellen Eiler**, who responded with great enthusiasm. I am convinced that we would not have a Relief Nursery today had it not been for Mary Ellen's dynamic leadership and determination. While strongly endorsing the concept of parent aides, Mary Ellen was equally intrigued by a "Crisis Nursery" project in Denver, Colorado. This program, available 24 hours a day, provided emergency care for children at risk of being abused. It operated out of a hospital and was professionally staffed. I didn't see how the Denver Crisis Nursery could be a model for a Junior League volunteer program, and Mary Ellen agreed. She believed, nonetheless, that we might be able to find a local church willing to offer drop-in day care several hours a week, to give parents a short-term break from child care.

Mary Ellen and I consulted with Junior League volunteer **Peggy Hoyt**. Peggy loved the overall concept, but objected to the words "Crisis Nursery." That title sounded too negative, as though only parents in a very desperate situation could use this service.

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RESILIENCE AND GRATITUDE

The Gibson Family

"When the nurse told us we could take our daughter home, I burst into tears and asked her how they could trust us with another human life? I knew from my childhood what I didn't want to do but had no idea what to do. That is exactly what Relief Nursery helped us learn."

-Melissa Gibson, Former Relief Nursery Parent

Melissa and **Joe Gibson** are spending this particular Sunday afternoon painting their living room in their new house in Oklahoma but take a break to share their memory of Relief Nursery. Melissa excitedly shares her experience with Relief Nursery 13 years ago and passion chimes through. Relief Nursery truly inspired a love for helping families, planting the seeds for Melissa's future career.

Melissa and Joe grew up in unstable homes. Joe's mother struggled with drug addiction and was in and out of prison. Joe didn't meet his father until he was 18 years old. Melissa's mother struggled with mental health issues, which made it hard for her to care for three children. Her father was an alcoholic who abused her mother, which often prevented Melissa's mother from getting healthy.

Melissa and Joe moved in together when they were only 16 years old. 2 years later they became pregnant with their first daughter Amaya. When the nurse told them they could take Amaya home, Melissa opened up about her hesitations and the fact that they had no support system. "We felt alone with no experience," Melissa recalls. She expressed that they really wanted to get this right for their daughter and the nurse referred them to Relief Nursery.

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Upcoming Relief Nursery Events: Save the Date

Wham Bam Kendall Jam	Sunday, August 18th
Taste of Oakway	Thursday, August 22nd
Golf Tournament	Monday, October 7th
Lip Sync Battle 4.0	Late Fall 2019

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THE ORIGINS OF RELIEF NURSERY CONT.

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Peggy suggested "Relief Nursery," because all parents need relief from time to time. We agreed, and the title of this two-pronged project became "Relief Nursery."

I presented this concept to the Junior League membership for approval —and the League turned it down. I was utterly devastated. In fairness to Junior League, my proposal was a far cry from a typical League project in the 1970s: working with potentially abusive parents surely sounded scary and intimidating. Still, I was terribly disappointed, and doubt I would have had the courage to bring this up again with Junior League for later consideration. This entire effort risked being abandoned following that dismaying vote.

Peggy Hoyt was not to be discouraged. She visited her sister, a member of Junior League in San Rafael, California, and learned that her sister's League was, in fact, involved in a successful child abuse prevention project. Peggy was determined that if San Rafael could do this, so could we. At my urging, Peggy agreed to present our Relief Nursery proposal when it was time the following year for Junior League to consider additional projects.

Present it she did. Peggy was brimming with enthusiasm as she described the California effort, and her strong conviction that we could make a similar program a huge success as well. When it came time to vote, the League voted overwhelmingly to adopt this project! We should have started with Peggy! I seriously doubt that we would have our Relief Nursery today had it not been for Peggy Hoyt.

Mary Ellen and I interviewed League volunteers and selected 15 who were willing and able to work with potentially abusive parents. We developed and presented an eight-week training program, assigned volunteers to parents, and supervised our parent aides for the next five years. Mary Ellen found a church, Central Presbyterian, which volunteered space for our Relief Nursery for several hours two afternoons a week. We considered our humble effort a huge success. In the years we supervised this project, we knew of no case of child abuse among the participating families!

I want to emphasize that ours was a very small, limited, mostly volunteer program. Not one of us who helped start this effort in those early days had a vision for what our Relief Nursery could become — that vision came from some amazing dynamos (think Jean Phelps) who came later. But it helped enormously that, thanks to Peggy Hoyt, this project began with the strong support of community leaders from Junior League. As the need to build a home for Relief Nursery, hire professional staff and greatly expand services became apparent, it was crucial to have the Eugene community enthusiastically and financially behind this idea. Many of you reading this have given generously to Relief Nursery for many years. It is truly because of your generosity that this program has become the huge success it is today.

-Lynn Frohnmayer

Thank you **Sherwin Williams** for painting the inside of our counseling room.

Thank you **University of Oregon Division of Equity and Inclusion** for gifting Relief Nursery families and staff 75 tickets for the Higher Heights, Deeper Love Gospel Concert at Matt Knight in honor of Martin Luther King Jr.

YOUR INVESTMENT MAKES THE DIFFERENCE

"Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does."
-William James

We couldn't have said it better. Your generosity absolutely makes a difference to the children and families living in crisis that we serve here at Relief Nursery.

In fact, donations from individuals and local businesses make up 35 percent of our budget! Your donations are a valuable investment in Relief Nursery, and in our community. The return on your investment? Healthy, stable and engaged families that are rewriting their futures. Families that are no longer involved with DHS. Safe children. Children with social and emotional skills that enable them to successfully transition to kindergarten.

There are still families on our waiting list we want to serve. They need your help. Will you please consider a gift today to put these families on a life changing course? Thank you for your generosity and compassion for our vulnerable children and families.

If you haven't yet toured Relief Nursery, I would love to show you your gifts at work. Please email me at jennifso@reliefnursery.org to schedule a visit.

-**Jennifer Solomon**, Director of Philanthropy

LANEKIDS PARTNERS WITH RELIEF NURSERY

Relief Nursery is pleased to announce a grant we recently received from **LaneKids**. LaneKids, Lane County's Parenting Education Hub, is a network of parenting education providers and stakeholders convened by **United Way of Lane County** to strengthen and coordinate our community's parenting education system. LaneKids is committed to improving access to an array of evidence-based parenting education opportunities and activities for all families.

Relief Nursery was awarded $10,000 to enhance our Parenting Education programs. With this grant we are able to provide 12 additional parenting groups over the year, in both Spanish and English.

Parenting Education is an essential part of Relief Nursery programs and provides critical skills to parents. In addition to receiving access to a specialized parenting curriculum, our families build healthy support systems with other parents who are working to accomplish the same goals through our parenting groups. The combination of skills and the opportunity to build positive support systems helps our families succeed in the long run.

Barbara Santiago, Relief Nursery Parent Education Coordinator shared, "I've worked with a family from Guatemala for the past year in our Parenting Education program. The mother was raised in an authoritative home, with little communication and lots of punishment; as she raises her four kids she knows that she wants to change the parenting skills she learned by example from her family. She is always looking for tools and ways to raise her children using positive discipline and love. Our families make teaching Parenting Education a pleasure."

TOO MANY REASONS TO BE THERE

Relief Nursery's Annual Celebration of Food and Wine

presented by

OAKWAY CENTER KENDALL AUTO GROUP

Thursday, August 22, 2019
6:00-8:00 PM
Heritage Courtyard at Oakway Center

Join us for an end of summer celebration!
Sip wines from The Broadway Wine Merchants and sample beers from Sunriver Brewing.
Taste delicious bites from Oakway Center restaurants.
Complimentary welcome glass of wine.
Live music by Ritmo y Romance
$50 General Admission

Premier Wine Tasting Experience
4:30-5:30 PM
at The Broadway Wine Merchants

Don't miss this exclusive, hour-long tasting!
Sample unique, fine wines and light appetizers selected by owner and wine expert, Angus James.
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Get your tickets today at reliefnursery.org/events

VOLUNTEERS MAKE OUR WORLD GO ROUND

Torae Lewis, University of Oregon Relief Nursery Intern

Each week, Relief Nursery utilizes approximately 250 volunteer hours. This includes volunteers who assist teachers in our Therapeutic Early Childhood Program, work alongside the Outreach team to provide respite care, ride the buses, prepare meals for the children in the kitchen, assist the development team at special events, sort our donations, and much more. When we find an intern who is adept in all of these areas we count ourselves incredibly lucky.

Over the 2018-2019 school year, we had the help of **Torae Lewis**, a senior University of Oregon student. During her time at Relief Nursery, Torae volunteered well over the required 200 hours. Regardless of the task, she was willing to help. She spent countless Friday mornings helping in respite and riding the bus, and many evenings assisting staff with childcare. She helped with community outreach by tabling events and helped prepare meals in the kitchen for the Book Fiesta. Torae even created wonderful sensory boards for each of the classrooms as her senior project. On one occasion she volunteered for 12 total hours in one day to help make Main Event 2019 a success.

Torae graduated in the Spring with a degree in Family and Human Services. We wish Torae the very best in her future endeavors and thank her for her important work with the children.

Do you know someone who might be interested in volunteering at Relief Nursery?
Contact Volunteer Coordinator, Maggie Dorris, maggido@reliefnursery.org to sign up for a fall internship or volunteer position.

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Sharon was the Outreach worker who first visited Melissa and Joe at home. Both remember Sharon fondly and say she was one of the first adults who genuinely cared about them. "She was a constant source of encouragement and cared about our successes," Melissa says. Sharon helped them learn what to expect and took the time to explain things. She helped them learn how to set goals and more than anything she was always available. Melissa was excited to have someone she could ask about developmental benchmarks. Was a certain behavior normal? They finally felt like they had a support system they could count on.

The Gibson Family

At that point, Joe was working full time and Melissa was going to school at LCC. Melissa said Sharon made her feel confident enough to continue on to the University of Oregon to get her bachelor's degree and even helped her get an Auxiliary Board scholarship to pay for her books. During the holidays they were sponsored by Relief Nursery and this was the first time anyone had ever given them gifts. To this day, Joe and Melissa are still overcome with emotion by what a huge difference this simple act made in their lives at the time.

Amaya was in the Therapeutic Early Childhood Program and thriving. Melissa said that Relief Nursery gave Amaya a foundation to love learning and being creative. To this day she loves exploring new creative outlets. Joe and Melissa were also taking part in the parenting education program and attending play groups. They both said this was instrumental in expanding their support system to include other parents going through similar experiences. They began feeling confident they were doing a good job raising their young family and for the first time they no longer felt alone.

Amaya is now 13 and on the honor roll at school. She plays basketball, softball and archery. Melissa graduated with her degree in Early Childhood Education from the University of Oregon and became a teacher at Early Head Start of Lane County. Melissa is now a parent support specialist for the Community Development Support Association (CDSA), an early childhood nonprofit in Oklahoma. Her goal is to build resiliency in the children and families she works with because of how her own personal experiences have changed the course of her life. Melissa said she still uses many of the assessment tools she learned from her time with Relief Nursery.

The Gibson family has come so far and they attribute that success to the start Relief Nursery gave them. Not only are they thriving but they've dedicated their lives to empowering other families with the information they've learned. This is truly a beautiful story of resiliency.

Doak Creek

Camas Swale Farm
Coburg, OR.

Our Kitchen and Garden program would like to thank **Doak Creek Nursery** of Lorane and **Camas Swale Farm** of Coburg for their generous contributions to our meal program and gardens. This last spring, **Cynthia Lafferty** of Doak Creek Nursery provided plants and design support for our Native Plant Hedgerow. Farmers **Amber** and **Jonah** at Camas Swale Farm have been donating organic locally grown vegetables and vegetable starts to the Relief Nursery for the past 3 years. Last year, they donated 535 pounds of vegetables throughout the harvest season! Their generous donations allow our kitchen to serve high quality meals to children, parents, staff, and volunteers. Thank you!

ALL IN FOR RELIEF NURSERY- AN EVENING IN MONTE CARLO

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To our steadfast auctioneer, **Sid Voorhees**, you are our rock. And thanks, **Tracy Berry**, for lending your voice and skill to the auction.

Main Event is made possible by the efforts of dozens of volunteers who donate hundreds of hours. To our tireless, creative and passionate volunteers, we can't thank you enough. Whether you joined a committee, helped us set up, or volunteered during Main Event, you made the difference.

Sid Voorhees and Tracy Berry

Many thanks to **Dave Hall** and the rest of the crew at **Zion Ideas Productions**– you go above and beyond every time; **Borzi Marashi, Jessica Bellah** and the staff at **Oakway Catering** for an exceptional dinner; **Steve Ward, Jim Walsh** and **Jack Kauble** for creating and assembling a much-needed large guest table; **Patsy** and **Bob Moser** for hosting the Chairman's Club and Past Presidents gathering; and **Kendall Auto Group** for hosting a lovely preview party and providing the beautiful Porsche during Main Event.

Thank you for going "all in" for Relief Nursery!

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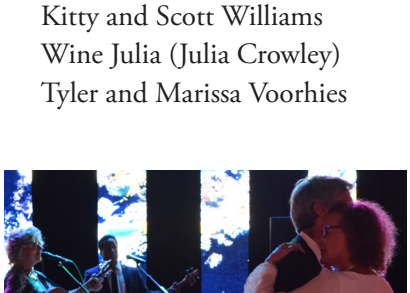


A Message From Our Honorary Chairs

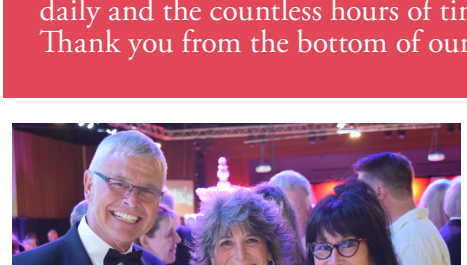
We feel honored and humbled to be part of an amazing group of generous Relief Nursery supporters who have made children and families of our community a priority. Relief Nursery means so much to us; it provides much needed stability, security and education to vulnerable children and families.

The nursery's success is predicated on its innovation, education, and outreach to community members to form partnerships, and secure long term on-going financial resources for its various programs.

Please join us in securing a better future for the children and families of Lane County by giving generously. Your support is vital to the success of Relief Nursery's mission.

- Marta, Ed, Julie and Stan

Thank you **Marta** and **Ed Barclay** and **Julie** and **Stan Pickett** for your tireless dedication and generosity to the children and families of Relief Nursery. Your investments are changing lives for the better daily and the countless hours of time you've given have helped chart the course of our organization. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.



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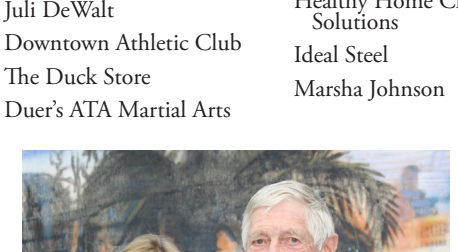
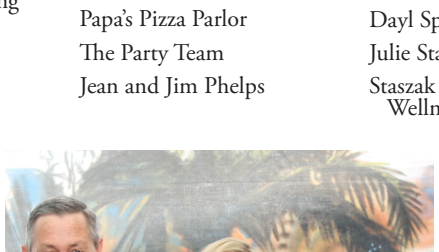

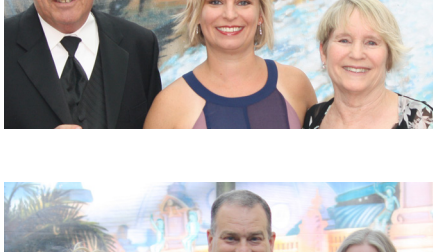
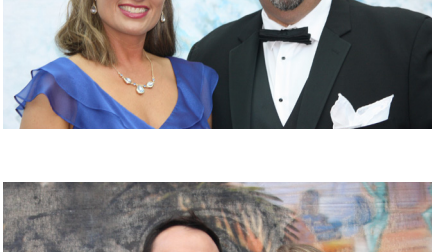

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THANK YOU FOR HELPING PREVENT CHILD ABUSE IN APRIL

Thank you for supporting Relief Nursery's **National Child Abuse Prevention Month, Blue Ribbon Campaign**.

Each year, Relief Nursery partners with local businesses to raise awareness in creative ways and to invite our community to become involved with our mission.

We are deeply grateful to the businesses that took part in this year's campaign, and to all the individuals who gave of their time and resources.

Here at Relief Nursery, child abuse prevention is a year round effort, and it's your generous support that makes our work supporting parents and keeping children safe possible.

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A special thank you to Leadership Board member **Bryon Crosby** for his generous donation to our Blue Ribbon Month efforts.

Would your business like to partner with Relief Nursery on a fundraiser throughout the year to raise awareness for child abuse and neglect prevention? Please contact Kristen Bartels at kristen@reliefnursery.org or at (541) 343-9706 ext.106

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I RUN FOR THE CHILDREN- EUGENE MARATHON

As part of our Blue Ribbon Campaign, we partnered with the **Eugene Marathon** through its **Eugene Has Heart** program.

As charity partners we volunteered at a water station during the marathon and it was a great experience to be able to give back to our community and supporters.

I RUN FOR THE CHILDREN
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Thank you to the Eugene Marathon, our amazing team of runners, everyone who donated to our runners' fundraising efforts, and our volunteers. You make it all possible!

A special thank you to **Chambers Construction (left)** for sponsoring the team and **Vitality Bowls (right)** for bringing smoothies to our volunteers.

Volunteer with us!

DID YOU KNOW THAT 200 HOURS OF VOLUNTEER WORK ARE NEEDED EACH WEEK?

VOLUNTEERS ARE VITAL TO THE SUCCESS OF RELIEF NURSERY

WOULD YOU LIKE TO VOLUNTEER WITH US?

Please contact our Volunteer Coordinator Maggie Dorris at (541) 343-9706 ext. 104 or maggido@reliefnursery.org

SPECIAL ACTS OF KINDNESS

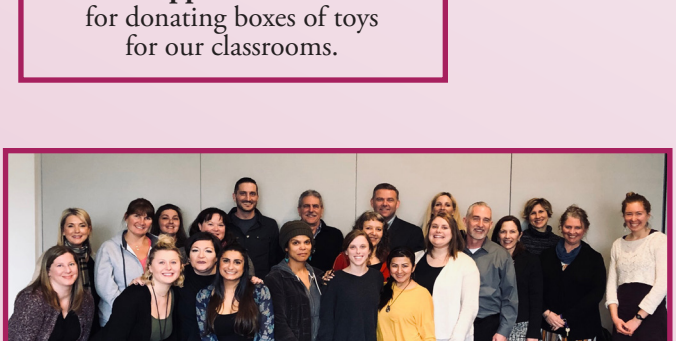
Thank you
Hope Project of Lane County
for the many items you have provided for our families, including the tickets to the U of O Women's Basketball game for our staff and families. Such a fun night!

Thank you **Rob Cohen** and **Falling Sky Brewing** for partnering with us for "Weekend of Sky."

Thank you
Navy Operational Support Center
for donating boxes of toys for our classrooms.

Thank you to **O'Hara's 6th Grade Class** for cleaning our classrooms, organizing donations and using your amazing art skills to draw thank you cards. The time you spend with us every year makes a huge difference!

Thank you **Hard Core Yoga** for partnering with us for Blue Ribbon Month and providing in house yoga classes for our staff. What a special experience!



It was nice for our staff and Board of Directors to have lunch together and an opportunity to share the things that keep us passionate about our work. We all left feeling inspired. Thank you for all you do Relief Nursery **Board of Directors**.

Thank you **Alice Blankenship** and **The Shedd Institute** for donating tickets for our staff and families to attend the microphilharmonic.

On a cold January afternoon, spirits were warmed during Relief Nursery's Auxiliary winter Pamper Me Day. Relief Nursery parents were invited to have their hair cut and styled, their nails painted, receive a relaxing chair massage, and to enjoy a delicious dinner prepared just for them.

The Auxiliary Board would like to thank **Vicki** & **Daniel Bell**, **Reflections Salon, Kara** & **Daniel Larios, LCC's LMT Program,** and all of the volunteers and staff that worked hard to make Pamper Me Day a success.

Do you know a service provider who could donate their time and talents to our next Pamper Me Day? Please contact Amy Beauchamp, amybe@reliefnursery.org.

Are you interested in volunteering with Relief Nursery, but can't commit to a weekly classroom shift? Relief Nursery has two excellent ongoing opportunities, Leadership Board and Auxiliary Board. Both of these volunteer boards work toward increasing services to Relief Nursery parents through advocacy and fundraising. For more information about either board, please contact Kristen Bartels, kristen@reliefnursery.org, or Amy Beauchamp, amybe@reliefnursery.org.

Thank you to everyone who donated crockpots for our family cooking class!
A special thank you to our very own **Chef Angela Petty** and **Dana Baxter** from **Food For Lane County** for organizing and teaching it. We were so grateful to be able to send all of the families home with their own crockpots thanks to your generous donations.

Many thanks and much gratitude to Relief Nursery board member, **Nori Hemphill**, 4J's **Jaimee Massie** and **Gretta Sagolla** for their investment of time and creative thinking to benefit Relief Nursery children and families as they transition to kindergarten.

CONNECT WITH US!

Join the conversation. Be in-the-know for special and fun ways you can get involved with Relief Nursery and learn more about what we do to help the children and families of our community.

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SPECIAL ACTS OF KINDNESS

Thank you **Planktown Brewing** for hosting Pints For Prevention.

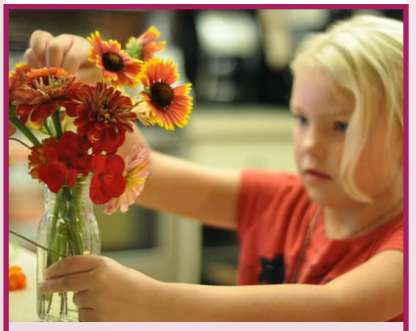
Thank you **Rosie Milton** for donating Easter Baskets for the children.

Thank you to **5th Street Public Market, The Velvet Edge Boutique, Freudian Slip, Rhythm and Blooms** and **gilt+gossamer** for selecting us as your partner for "Ladies Shopping Night" in May.

Thank you **Insomnia Cookies** for bringing cookies to our staff and children. You really sweetened our day!

Thank you **Eugene Masonic Lodge No. 11** for donating the proceeds from your car show to Relief Nursery's Peer Support program.

Thank you **Eugene Country Club** for inviting us to your Member Connections Expo.



Thank you **Dandelion Flowers** for donating the proceeds from your "Make It For Mom" Mother's Day event to Relief Nursery Families.

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MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER

Thank you **Tara Reaves** and **Cabela's** for donating craft supplies for our classrooms.

Thank you **O'Hara Preschool** for sponsoring a Relief Nursery family for Easter.

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Thank you **Oregon Wine Lab** for partnering with us on another successful "Grati-Tuesday."

Thank you **Rock Star Residential Services** for sharing your expertise with our staff to help our families stay more organized.

the Bier Stein
BOTTLESHOP & PUB
EUGENE, OREGON

Thank you **Bier Stein** for donating a portion of the proceeds from the special release of "Pliny the Younger" to Relief Nursery.

Rodger Terrall, a member of Relief Nursery's Board of Directors, was first introduced by Peter Carson, his former boss at Oregon Banking Corp. Peter served on the committee which spearheaded the building of Relief Nursery at 25th & Chambers. His wife, Betty, was active in Junior League which helped establish Relief Nursery. "When Betty gave me a tour, she told me Relief Nursery was the best investment of time and money," he recalls.

Fast forward a few years when Rodger met Jean Phelps who was Executive Director of Relief Nursery at that time. Jean joined the Board of Directors at Umpqua Bank where Rodger then worked. "Jean and I got to know each other and eventually I was asked to be on the Relief Nursery Board of Directors. That was in 2002. Kevin Alltucker was the outgoing president of the board and Pam Perkins was the incoming president," recalls Rodger. Not long after, Rodger was elected Treasurer and has been ever since.

Rodger Terrall

Rodger truly has a heart for our children and families. "It breaks my heart to see children taken from their families. Relief Nursery can help stop that. Relief Nursery helps families forge healthy paths for their lives. It brings me joy to do what I can to give these families a leg up in life," he says.

The one thing Rodger enjoys most about being on the Board of Directors is hearing the turnaround stories– "they literally bring tears to my eyes," he says. "There are so many successes! Sometimes, the families actually come and tell us their stories. It's very encouraging and rewarding. But we also hear from staff the stories of parents who give up their children because they can't or won't stop using drugs or endangering the children. That just tells us we can't give up. The families who want help deserve help. They deserve Relief Nursery."

Speaking from his Treasurer post, Rodger appreciates how Relief Nursery is financially well-managed. "When things are tough we have a board that is not afraid to make cuts so as to stay balanced. We also take risks and add programs that are on the cutting edge. Our board supports that and I really appreciate it," he explains.

Rodger recently retired from his 30-year career in banking and is happily spending a lot of time traveling with his wife Lisa. They have three grown children and six grandchildren. In addition, Rodger is an avid basketball player and fan. In fact, he announces at the UO Women's Basketball home games.

Rodger's relationship with Relief Nursery started because someone invited him to learn more. Who will you introduce to Relief Nursery this year?

Thank you to these donors who so generously responded to Relief Nursery's urgent need for a vehicle to transport the children.

Ann and **Jim Anderson, Fast Track Car Wash, Truck 'N Travel, Kristen** and **Eric Forrest, Irene** and **Kevin Alltucker, Lily Storment, John Tokatly, Industrial Source, Evergreen Roofing, Chelsea** and **Dennis Konrady, Kalen Electric, Grain Millers, Wally Graff, Stu Barr, Ron Tyree, Kate** and **Mike Coughlin, Doug McKay, Olsson Industrial, Kitty** and **Scott Williams, Lisa** and **Phil Speers, Linda** and **Dan Montgomery, Jean** and **Jim Phelps,** and **Image King Signs**

Transportation is an essential service provided to support our families and to remove any barriers that would prevent them from accessing our services.

We are truly grateful for their help in quickly resolving the crisis.

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SENATOR JACKIE WINTERS

Senator Jackie Winters and Representative Nancy Nathanson

Relief Nursery was saddened to hear of the passing of **Senator Jackie Winters**. Jackie was a passionate advocate for Oregon children and families and true champion of Relief Nursery. She led an extraordinary life – blazing trails, ignoring obstacles and bringing people together. Her legacy will live on through the families she strengthened and the children she made safer and held so closely to her heart.

The Wedding Gift That Just Keeps Giving
Wedding of Allison Coughlin and Dan Straub

Thank you **Allison** and **Dan**, and to the following donors who gave so generously:

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