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WE ROCKED THE CASBAH!

Thanks to the extraordinary generosity of many, One Night in Casablanca was a wildly successful evening for the children.

The vision of chairs **Megan** and **Matt Dompe** transported us to a colorful and festive souk (marketplace) accented with authentic imports from Eugene's own **Moroccan Buzz**. The Dompes described their experience as better than they could have even imagined – "You have built this amazing family of staff, board members, volunteers and donors all working toward this common goal. We're proud to be part of this family." And Relief Nursery is grateful to them for the countless hours and creative passion they brought to Main Event.

Dr. Glenn Keiper Jr., with Presenting Sponsor **KeiperSpine**, spoke to Relief Nursery's compelling outcomes for children and families and noted that such success should be acknowledged and celebrated.

Guests were treated to a special musical selection, "No One is Alone" performed by **Ellie Williams**. Ellie selected this song because she "knows the staff and teachers at Relief Nursery truly help both kids and parents feel like they are not alone." Ellie embodies what we all want for children – the opportunity to meet their full potential and the chance to achieve their wildest dreams.

We are forever grateful to the incomparable auction team of **Hank and Sid Voorhees.** This was their 27th auction on behalf of Relief Nursery. The value of their expertise cannot be understated.

Main Event is our largest fundraiser of the year – the monies generated directly fund our programs that help strengthen families and keep children safe. Your support is essential to our mission!

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FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

It's been a busy spring at Relief Nursery with an unexpected loss, a visit from our United States Senator, and – of course – Main Event (see p. 10)

Sadly, we lost one of our beautiful, towering Heritage Oaks on the Eugene property. Literally, it has taken a community to clean-up and remove this tree. But leave it to the incredible Relief Nursery staff to make it an adventure for our children and families with nature walks and work parties. Spending time outdoors is a real treat for our children, many of whom live in small apartments with limited light and limited access to playgrounds or yards.

Recently, we were honored to host **U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden** at the **Relief Nursery Robin Jaqua Child and Family Center** in Springfield. Sen. Wyden convened a roundtable discussion with Relief Nursery and many of our community partners to discuss how federal cuts to safety net programs will affect children and families that depend upon them. Relief Nursery was represented by a parent, Adrianna, who shared her story of difficulties with finding affordable housing and childcare, financial stress, and the challenge of raising two children with developmental disabilities on limited resources.

Scott Williams, president of **Hamilton Construction** and member of Relief Nursery Board of Stewards, represented the business community and stressed the importance of maintaining safety net services. "Making cuts in programs which are clearly helping to stabilize and sustain families today may seem penny-wise, but it is pound-foolish. Basic services programs are one of the best economic investments we can make in our communities," he said.

While many Relief Nursery families are coping with the help of extensive community supports, removing any of those supports could -- and likely will -- make the difference between success and failure.

When a family fails -- loses their home, loses their child to foster care, falls out of recovery, or any of a dozen other scenarios – the financial burden on the community increases significantly. The costs of putting a family back together -- if it can be done at all -- are enormously higher than helping a family stay together and build on their strengths to improve their lot.

We thank Sen. Wyden for his passionate efforts to protect Oregon children and families, and thank you for your generous support of Relief Nursery which is meaningful and truly makes a difference.

With gratitude,

Kelly Sutherland

Jean Vinson, Kelly Sutherland, Sen. Ron Wyden, Scott Williams

HUGH HILLER, YOU WILL BE MISSED

This past Spring Relief Nursery lost a dear friend, **Hugh Hiller**. Hugh was on our first **Board of Directors** in the late 1970's. When the board decided to host a Santa's breakfast for the children and families, Hugh jumped in to play Santa. His sister made the costume from red felt flannel and he had a cotton beard. Needless to say, he was a sweaty mess after 4 hours of visiting and listening to children's wishes. He recalled one year, he literally wrang out his costume after the event. "Hugh played Santa for 8 years and truly loved it," said his son-in-law **Rob Laney,** also a board member. Just last fall, Hugh, well into his 80's, attended our 40th Anniversary celebration. He is truly missed.

KENDALL SUBARU - *Share the love*

On April 4, **Kendall Subaru** of Eugene presented a check for $35,000 to Relief Nursery as part of Subaru's **Share the Love** campaign. During that time Kendall donated $250 for every new Subaru that was either purchased or leased to a charity of the customer's choosing.

"We could not be more grateful. We could not be more thankful, for the support of Kendall and for the support of the community," said **Kelly Sutherland**, Relief Nursery executive director. "We want to take this and we want to build on it and continue to provide the excellent and really effective services that we do to the children and families."

Kendall's **Amy Newport** said this check is the largest they have ever given to a charity.

"I know firsthand, the impact that this money is going to make to the Nursery and the ripple effect it's going to have for the families they serve." Amy said.

PARENT SUCCESS STORY

One of the programs that parents have access to at Relief Nursery is Peer Support, where specialists perform home visits, provide them with court support, telephone contacts, transportation, referrals and advocacy.

Josh Gotlib is Peer Support in the Addictions Recovery Team at Relief Nursery and shared this success story with us:

"I met Joe at court, he shared that he had been sober from his drug of choice, methamphetamines, and all other substances for a couple months. Joe was in his mid-twenties, from rural Lane County, and had dreams of graduating college and becoming a professional. He shared about being addicted to methamphetamine and living out of his car for months while attending college and achieving straight A's. Joe struggled with a significant intellectual disability but nevertheless persisted and did not let it stop him from pushing forward in his recovery and in school. Joe had many ups and downs while working with Peer Support at Relief Nursery but has continued to stay sober for multiple years, continues attending college, has integrated into a recovery community and is an active part of his family."

- Josh Gotlib

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PRESCHOOL PROMISE - *Recognizing our extraordinary staff*

Visit Relief Nursery's **Robin Jaqua Child and Family Center** in Springfield any day of the week at 10:30 AM, rain or shine and you will see smiling faces making their way down the path for their daily walk. Listen closely and you will hear teachers, volunteers and children alike speaking both English and Spanish. Watch and you can see this is a class of children and teachers who have a daily routine and delight in their time together. Welcome to Preschool Promise classroom at Relief Nursery.

In a state-wide effort to increase the availability of publicly funded preschool opportunities for low-income children in Oregon, Preschool Promise or House Bill 3380, was passed by the Oregon Legislature in 2015 with the goal of providing high-quality preschool in a variety of settings. Preschool Promise expands the types and number of providers that can receive funding for high-quality preschool programs in the state and increases the number of families and children that are able to access the services.

Nine of the 16 early learning regions in Oregon (called HUBS) were selected to implement the Preschool Promise Program. The Early Learning Alliance and the Lane County HUB then selected 13 sites to implement Preschool Promise and Relief Nursery is one of those selected.

Relief Nursery's Preschool Promise classroom offers a robust daily classroom schedule (4 hrs./ day, 5 days/week) but otherwise follows Relief Nursery's Therapeutic Early Childhood Program model.

Each family has access to the full array of Relief Nursery programs which include: monthly home visiting, individualized or group based parenting education, alcohol and drug recovery support services, peer support, child and family counseling, family events, transportation, emergency food and clothing.

All Relief Nursery services are bilingual and culturally diverse.

Lizeth Padilla is a Preschool Promise coordinator/ teacher/ home visitor. Lizeth has been with Relief Nursery for five years, first as a volunteer intern and then a teacher assistant. She was promoted to teacher/home visitor and just this month became the Preschool Promise coordinator.

Lizeth connects with each child in a way that makes them feel safe and valued. There is genuine joy on her face as she giggles with the children over a game of Candy Land or a pretend trip to the doctor's office. Because the children trust her and know that she cares about them, she is able to set firm limits when needed and follow through in a way that helps the children learn new skills. Lizeth's ability to connect with parents is also a huge asset. Parents feel comfortable sharing both their triumphs and their struggles with her and she always responds with compassion and empathy.

Some of the things parents have said about Lizeth are:

"She is very caring about the children."

"She brings lots of good info on the home visits."

"She is very helpful and child-centered."

Another great teacher/home visitor is Lydia Egts who will join the Preschool Promise classroom next month when she transitions from her current role in the toddler classroom. Like Lizeth, Lydia started as a volunteer intern at Relief Nursery almost 5 years ago and moved her way up to the teacher/home visitor position. Lydia is eager to work with preschool-aged children and the opportunity for in-depth exploration of children's interests the extended schedule brings. Lydia's priority in supporting families is to get to know them, to understand their priorities and then work collaboratively to support the healthy growth and development of their child.

What do parents have to say about Lydia?

"She is flexible and friendly."

"She never shows up in a bad mood."

"She helps with our family's needs like food boxes, clothing and books."

Lydia Egts and Lizeth Padilla

CAN YOU MATCH PITCH? - *Lip Sync Battle in September*

Relief Nursery's **Leadership Board** announced the return of its epic Lip Sync Battle. The highly anticipated event returns Thursday September 28th, 2017 and it will be bigger, badder and louder.

Veteran teams and new challengers are excited to audition for the performance spots, as space is limited and enthusiasm is high. If your business, organization, knitting group, or tribe of friends is interested in participating, please contact Pau Millan at paumi@reliefnursery.org.

Follow Relief Nursery on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for instant updates regarding Lip Sync Battle!

CONGRATULATIONS! - *Graduating Interns*

Kelsey Crabbe and Kristin Eslick

"The skills I have learned at Relief Nursery, and the bonds I have created with the students and staff have better prepared me for my future career. I am truly grateful."

- KELSEY CRABBE-DESOTO Family and Human Services, University of Oregon

"The educated, caring, and heartwarming staff at Relief Nursery have helped guide me to a professional and therapeutic level of working with children. It is truly a wonderful place to volunteer and I hope one day to say it's a wonderful place to be employed."

- KRISTIN ESLICK Human Services, Lane Community College

- FELICIA HUANG, Family and Human Services, University of Oregon

- SYDNEY KRANTZ, Psychology and Business, University of Oregon

- MEGHAN HILDEN, Family and Human Services, University of Oregon

- HANNAH SPOMER, Family and Human Services, University of Oregon

DONOR LOVE - *Shoes from Hope for Lane County*

Great things happen when we work together for a greater good.

Our friends from **Hope for Lane County** donated 25 pairs of Adidas tennis shoes to our Clothes Closet.

Ken Brown, director of Hope for Lane County visited Relief Nursery in Springfield and met Christian at the front desk who shared with him details about the many special ways we help the children and families from our community.

Ken later told us he had a great time delivering the shoes and that more would be on the way for the children.

Thank you Ken Brown and Hope for Lane County for keeping Relief Nursery in your thoughts and for such a meaningful donation.

Christian Castro and Ken Brown

BE A PART OF THE CHANGE - 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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TAKE A SWING FOR A CAUSE - *Relief Nursery Golf Tournament*

Put together a team of four and plan for fun on Monday, October 9th.

Be one of the first to enjoy the much anticipated, newly remodeled **Eugene Country Club Clubhouse.**

Pick your format: best ball or shamble. Whether you are an avid golfer with an impeccable handicap or enjoy a more relaxed game, there is a style of play for everyone. Registration begins at 10:30 am; tee off at 12:00 noon.

Also, try your luck at the Rexius bark chip contest, longest drive and KP contests and the silent auction and raffle. Win a car at the Hole In One sponsored by **Sheppard Motors**.

Register your team today by contacting Michelle Sunia, Director of Events at michesu@reliefnursery.org or 541.343.9706.

MAKE IT A NIGHT! - *The Great Taste coming August 24*

THE GREAT TASTE
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Please join us **Thursday, August 24** under the majestic oaks of **Heritage Courtyard at Oakway Center** to celebrate end of summer and support the children and families of Relief Nursery.

The 22nd annual The Great Taste, presented by **Market of Choice**, promises to delight with wines and bites specially selected by Market of Choice stewards.

Picture yourself surrounded by the impeccably landscaped patios while listening to the smooth Latin rhythms of **Luis y Pryo**. Add fine wines along with creative and delicious bites and you have an evening to savour. All you'll need is to invite your friends.

The Private Tasting Room, sponsored by **Kendall Auto Group**, will return with premium wines and exclusive appetizers.

General admission tickets are $50 per person. Private Tasting Room tickets are $100 per person. The event is from 6-9 pm.

New this year – Make It A Night! If you purchase your tickets by Tuesday August 22nd, you will be entered to win one night at the new **Hyatt Place Hotel at Oakway Center** which includes breakfast, a $50 Oakway Center gift certificate and a bottle of wine. The winner will be drawn at The Great Taste and you must be present to win.

Purchase your tickets today by visiting **www.reliefnursery.org** and clicking on The Great Taste icon.

Thank you for supporting Relief Nursery in this special and unique way. See you August 24.

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CELEBRATING LIFE - *Lane County Treatment Court graduation day*

Ray Brown, **Program Director** at Relief Nursery spoke at **Lane County Treatment Court** graduation in January where nine clean and sober Lane County citizens graduated. These are his remarks:

Thank you for the invitation to speak here today and congratulations to all the graduates and to those who are still in the program! The fact that you are here today, means that you have been able to surmount some difficult hurdles in your life and it's a very big accomplishment to graduate from Treatment Court.

Today I want to share my story with you: I was addicted to drugs and alcohol for many years and the lifestyle that it gave me. I was addicted to the pain, loneliness, terror, bewilderment and all the suffering that this disease brings. I hit rock bottom several times before I was ready to stop.

Looking at me right now you might not know that I have been one of the Program Directors at Relief Nursery for more than 22 years. But just like some of you, a few years ago I found myself at 30 years old, chemically dependent and having lost my kids to DHS; going to jail many times and burning my bridges with all my family members. Not many people wanted much to do with me, except for my Probation Officer, who seemed to help me by arresting me and tearing my little phone books up when I saw him in the office. I remember having to go there every day to pee in a cup and what a hassle it was. He was one person I didn't like at the time because he made me face consequences. I went to several treatment programs in Oregon and over time I became willing to listen and follow some simple directions.

After a while, I started taking suggestions and got many people to support me in recovery. Within the first year, I was a single dad parenting my three kids, working, doing counseling and riding the bus everywhere. My DHS case got closed, I got off supervision for the first time in many years and got my driver's license back.

After being clean for more than two years, Relief Nursery offered me a job as a Peer Support worker. They wanted me to show other dads how to get through what I had.

Relief Nursery still hires former consumers to help people who are entering this journey of recovery. I get to do a job that I really love and work with the best staff ever.

When I completed all my mandates, about a year later, I had lunch with my old PO, and we talked and laughed about how I thought he used to punish me and some of the stuff I used to do. Today, I still consider him to be an important support person in my life.

Recovery is not about LUCK, it's about a lifetime of choices that don't involve picking up any drugs, alcohol or any other mind altering chemicals and living it one day a time.

Recovery isn't about what I did last week or last year. It's about a daily journey.

Even though I've been substance free for more than 24 years, I still need help from others and gratefully offer my help to those who need it.

I hope that in my experience you hear a message of hope and that recovery is possible for anyone who is willing to try.

Einstein once said: you can't solve a problem in which state it was created. I learned in treatment how to ask for help and I have had lots of help with my thinking, which fortunately has helped me with my behaviors.

Congratulations to all the graduates and to the Treatment Court team that helps so many in our community and thank you for letting me share my story today. - Ray

Shawna Crowley, Joseph Vigil, Danielle Hanson, Jenelle Wilburn, Ray Brown and Josh Gotlib

Patty W. Perlow, Lane County District Attorney, and member of **Relief Nursery Board of Directors** shared her thoughts about the event:

Attending Treatment Court Graduation is my favorite part of my job. It is always an inspiring event, but today's graduation was made even more special by the beautiful remarks from Ray and Shawna. I want to thank Relief Nursery and all of you for the commitment to our treatment courts and I want to recognize Ray and Shawna for their incredible support.

Sincerely, Patty

Relief Nursery Wish List

- New infant/toddler car seats
- Sand bucket/shovel sets
- Diapers size 5 and 6
- Children's toothbrushes/toothpaste
- Bubbles and wands
- Shaving cream
- CD players
- Outdoor durable plastic kitchen play set
- Rain boots
- Lice kits

BLUE RIBBON MONTH RECAP - *Thank you for your support*

As you know, April is **National Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention** month, and it is globally known as **Blue Ribbon Month**. During this time, Relief Nursery collaborates with local businesses in many creative ways to help raise awareness about this matter and to invite our community to become involved with our mission. We want to thank all of the businesses and individuals who participated in this year's campaign; you have a very special place in our hearts.

PAMPER ME DAY - *Making Relief Nursery Parents look and feel wonderful.*

"Mommy, Mommy, you look beautiful!"

This was the joyful shout of a Relief Nursery child when she spotted her mom, who had just received a gorgeous new "do," courtesy of **Reflections Salon** staff. In fact, Reflections Salon has donated their services to this event for 23 years!

Relief Nursery Auxiliary's Spring Pamper Me Day allowed parents to relax and be spoiled by pampering services, all while their children were cared for by our highly skilled staff and volunteers. The Auxiliary partners with local professionals to provide haircuts and styling, nail services, chair massage and facial waxing.

Parents experiencing high levels of stress are able to relax for a couple of hours, thanks to the many volunteers who work to make this event perfect.

The Auxiliary would like to extend deepest gratitude to the following service volunteers:

- The staff at Reflections Salon
- Daniel Laros
- Kara Laros
- Mark Lundy
- Catherine Saucedo
- Shannon Bodenstab
- Sarah Crabtree
- Danielle Darcy-Dutton

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS! - *Jan 7, to May 10, 2017*

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Thank you **B Kaseys Appliance Repair** for continually donating your work!

Thank you **Churchill High School National Honor Society** for the Easter Baskets!

Thank you **Marshall's** staff for helping at **Family Food & Fun** night for the 3rd time!

Thank you **McKenzie Mist** for donating water for our staff every month!

Thank you **Apex Property Clearing** for removing wood from the property!

Thank you **Summit Bank** for hosting our Development Retreat!

Thank you **Elmira High School Key Club** for donating Easter Baskets for the children!

Thank you **Stone Works International** for having us at your party and your donations!

The children loved the kiddie rides that **Jim Hallstrom** brought for a couple days of fun!

Thank you **Vino & Vango** for creating a lovely fundraiser for our **Continuing Education Scholarship Fund**!

Volunteer with us!

VOLUNTEERS ARE VITAL TO THE SUCCESS OF RELIEF NURSERY

Would you like to volunteer with us?

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hours of volunteer service are needed each week

Please contact Volunteer & Intern Coordinator Amy Beauchamp at (541) 343-9706 ext. 104

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It was our privilege to celebrate **Carol** and **Marv Berkman** as **Honorary Chairs**. Carol and Marv have taken the hand of Relief Nursery children – and held them in their hearts – from the very beginning. They are true stewards of Relief Nursery and have secured the future of thousands of children.

Special thanks for your generous support

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AUXILIARY BLENDS ART & ACTION

In February, Auxiliary hosted the third annual continuing education scholarship fundraiser at **Vino and Vango**. Guests laughed, sipped, and painted their way to a masterpiece featuring local landmark Heceta Head Lighthouse. All proceeds benefitted the Auxiliary's Scholarship Program, which helps Relief Nursery parents pursue higher education opportunities. Most recently, a scholarship was awarded to a mother who is working toward a master's degree in social work.

Special thanks to our Presenting Sponsor Northwest COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION

Thank you for the wonderful wine: Sweet Cheeks, Noble Estate, Sylvan Ridge, Long's Meat Market, B2 Bar and Grill, Marybeth Sargent and Debbie Achter.

We loved the great door prizes donated by Dr. Lee B. Daniel, Debbie Achter and Erin Matthews.

Kate Reid, Sagen Olson, Karen Prochnau and Jennifer Hartley made sure we had extraordinary food to enjoy and Kate Hillers set the tone with our beautiful invitations design.

Thank you all!

The Auxiliary is currently seeking new members. Please contact Amy Beauchamp at amybe@reliefnursery.org for more information.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HEALTHY SCREEN TIME

The American Academy of Pediatrics is *recommending* the following regarding screen time in general:

• For **children younger than 18 months**, avoid use of screen media other than video-chatting. Parents of children 18 to 24 months of age who want to introduce digital media should choose high-quality programming, and watch it with their children to help them understand what they're seeing.

• For **children ages 2 to 5 years**, limit screen use to 1 hour per day of high-quality programs. Parents should co-view media with children to help them understand what they are seeing and apply it to the world around them.

• For **children ages 6 and older**, place consistent limits on the time spent using media, and the types of media, and make sure media does not take the place of adequate sleep, physical activity and other behaviors essential to health.

• Designate media-free times together, such as dinner or driving, as well as media-free locations at home, such as bedrooms.

• Have ongoing communication about online citizenship and safety, including treating others with respect online and offline.

Many more parents are allowing kids to view videos on YouTube. Recommend they use the YouTube Kids' application on their smartphone. It filters out much **(BUT NOT ALL)** inappropriate content kids may find online.

Two particularly problematic games/shows have been mentioned recently: Five Nights with Freddy, and Bendy and the Ink Machine. Both are classified as "horror" games, and are generally aimed more at teens. However, because of the appearance and characters, they're very attractive to young children. It's safe to say that parents (particularly of traumatized children) may want to avoid them.

Another resource for parents is **www.commonsensemedia.org**. This is a great site to determine which shows/movies/video games are appropriate for a particular age. However, it does not review YouTube videos.

A POWERFUL PARTNERSHIP

Prevent Child Abuse America announces its first Oregon Chapter, hosted by Relief Nursery

PCA Oregon will be led by Relief Nursery Executive Director, Kelly Sutherland, and PCA Oregon Executive Committee Co-Chairs, Harold Goldstein and Mickey Lansing-Luehrs.

Relief Nursery, with sites in Eugene and Springfield, provides comprehensive family support programs for low-income parents with children up to six years of age, including the Therapeutic Early Childhood Program, Outreach and Crisis Response and Parent Education. Relief Nursery services include Healthy Families – a Prevent Child Abuse America evidence-based family support program, which has nearly 600 home visiting sites throughout 38 states and six U.S. territories.

Prevent Child Abuse Oregon

"The missions of Prevent Child Abuse Oregon, Prevent Child Abuse America, and Relief Nursery are completely aligned in their dedication to addressing the prevention of child abuse and neglect in all forms. PCA Oregon is particularly excited to be working in partnership with Relief Nursery to create synergy on behalf of the most vulnerable population in our state," said Harold Goldstein.

"The high cost of child abuse, whether measured in terms of human suffering or the financial burden it creates for taxpayers, shows a clear need for our nation, states and communities to make investment in child abuse prevention a priority. Relief Nursery is privileged to join the Prevent Child Abuse America team by hosting the PCA Oregon chapter. Together we will build on the success of our public/private partnerships to strengthen families and keep children safe," said **Kelly Sutherland**.

Child Abuse Prevention Month Kick-Off Event at the Oregon State Capitol, April 5, 2017.

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GOOD KARMA MONDAY IN BENEFIT OF RELIEF NURSERY

Nothing screams summer like a minor league baseball game and our own Eugene Emeralds always deliver!

This summer the **Eugene Emeralds** are partnering with **Yogi Tea** in the popular **Good Karma Mondays** promotion and Relief Nursery is honored to be the beneficiary.

Here's how it works:

On **Monday August 21**, fans who come to the Emeralds Box Office will be able to choose what they pay in dollar increments for their tickets. **Fifty percent** of what the fan chooses to pay will be donated directly to Relief Nursery.

On **Friday August 25**, between innings, we'll be presented a check for the money raised on Good Karma Monday.

Please join us to cheer on the 2016 Northwest League Champion Eugene Emeralds. We are grateful to our friends at Yogi for supporting our children and families in this unique and fun way!

SPECIAL SHOUTOUT!

We want to recognize and give a special shoutout to the **Burley Employee Volunteer Team** for being recognized at the **United Way Volunteer** of the year ceremony. Thet put together 30,000 dental kits for Lane County children. Congratulations!

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It is in these circumstances that Relief Nursery shines. Our staff takes these families by the hand and walks with them on a journey to success and stability.

Relief Nursery is people helping people. We help families find strength and safety and joy. Your gifts make this possible for us.

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