



# Strengthening FAMILIES and keeping CHILDREN SAFE

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## DISRUPTING THE PRESCHOOL TO PRISON

*By: Terrence Killian, Mental Health Program Manager*

Each year in this country, approximately 50,000 children are expelled from preschool. It is disproportionately children of working class parents and children of color who experience these disciplinary actions, and it's often the first step on what's being referred to as the "Preschool to Prison Pipeline."

Early childhood is the time for children to develop the essential social-emotional skills they need in order to succeed in school and life. Children who are expelled from preschool classrooms are often simply lagging in the development of skills such as emotion regulation and effective communication. The preschools expelling these children lack the resources and/or training to meet their needs. A frequent contributing factor to a child's delay in developing social-emotional skills is trauma. Children who have experienced trauma often struggle more than their peers. Not all preschool programs are equipped to meet the needs of children with a trauma history. Families may also experience "soft" suspensions, where their preschool frequently calls a parent to pick their child up due to behavior problems, or suggests they take some "time off" from school. Such actions, rather than solving the problem by nurturing the lagging skills, simply deepen the problem, further stress the child and the family, and set a negative tone for the child's future education experiences.



Recently, Relief Nursery, Early Childhood CARES, and others from the local early childhood community saw that children such as these didn't have a program available that could meet their level of need. They collaborated with Trillium Behavioral Health to find a means of funding a specialized classroom for preschool-aged children who were identified as very high-risk, and qualified for Early

Intervention services. These children would be placed in a specialized Relief Nursery classroom, with a unique blend of the Relief Nursery's Therapeutic Classroom model and intensive, embedded Special Education and Therapy services.

Thanks to Relief Nursery's strong partnership with the **OHSU Child Development and Rehabilitation Center**, each child in the Social-Emotional classroom receives a developmental behavioral assessment with

**Dr. Randall Phelps, MD, PhD.** Just in the first two years, this has led to the life-altering diagnosis of significant medical conditions in several children that had gone previously undiagnosed. Dr. Phelps, in turn, uses this opportunity to provide a unique hands-on experience to the residents and fellows he is training in behavioral developmental pediatrics.

In Oregon, preschool classrooms are required to have a ratio of just one adult for every ten children, and there may be 20 children in a classroom.

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SAVE THE DATE FOR LIP SYNC BATTLE

# Lip Sync Battle Reloaded

Friday, Oct. 26, 6:30 pm @McDonald Theatre



COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS FOR RELIEF

# KENDALL

## AUTO GROUP

We are proud to be a recipient of the Kendall Gives Back \$30K Giveaway. Thank you **Kendall Auto Group** for generously contributing \$5K to Relief Nursery programs. **Thank you to EVERYONE who voted** for Relief Nursery.



*Amy Newport and the Kendall Auto Group team*



*Thomas and Heather Smyth*

Meet Heather Smyth and her 3-year-old son, Thomas. They've just emerged from a long journey against all odds, and they are forever grateful to Relief Nursery for the amazing support they have received.

Heather arrived in Eugene from Portland, having just been released from federal prison. She was first directed to Willamette Family, a substance abuse treatment center, where she stayed for three months in a residential program. From there she spent six months at Oxford House in an outpatient setting. She spent two years clean and sober but relapsed when she visited friends and family back in Portland. She wasn't able

to deal with the wounds of the past and the fractured relationships.

Soon after, Heather discovered she was pregnant. By the time she was six months along she stopped communicating with her probation officer. Soon after she was detained by the authorities and begged for help. "I couldn't stop using," Heather recalls. "I became the person I didn't want to be. It was a really terrible time."

Because she had demonstrated that she could be sober, Heather was given one more chance and was assigned to Eugene Reentry Court, an innovative and collaborative intervention program. At that point, her newborn son, Thomas, was a few months old and they were living at the Eugene Mission. At Reentry Court, Heather met Judge Ann Aiken who directed her to Relief Nursery so that she could learn to safely care for herself and Thomas.

"I called Relief Nursery and immediately felt welcomed," Heather says. "My Peer Support worker, Shawna, was so helpful! She connected me not only to Relief Nursery programs, but other resources in the area as well."

"Respite, Parents for Recovery, Peer Support, Parenting Classes, and the Therapeutic Early Childhood Preschool – there isn't a program at Relief Nursery we haven't used," Heather says.

Heather has since married – she met her husband Benjamin early in her recovery. "I was very committed to my recovery so I explained to him that I needed to wait until I had one year clean before I could be ready for a relationship. He waited for me, respected my boundaries and we've been together ever since," Heather recalls.

In fact, Judge Aiken performed the ceremony. "He, too, loves Relief Nursery. When his work schedule changed and he couldn't attend classes, Jenny, the Parenting Class teacher came to our house and watched the videos with him. That was above and beyond but we are really grateful," says Heather.

Heather says Thomas has just blossomed in the Therapeutic Early Childhood Preschool. "He's talking, he's made friends, he just adores Scott the bus driver," she says.

"I am so truly blessed by Relief Nursery," Heather says with a big smile. "I am ready to give back to this community that has supported me. In fact, I regularly go back to Re-Entry Court to support others and be supported myself."

Another silver lining for Heather is that she has been reunited with her 12-year-old daughter, Lilly. "I damaged that relationship. I can't change what I did, but I can do my best to turn it around. We are slowly healing and I'm grateful for each new moment I get with her."

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The Relief Nursery model is at least one adult per every four preschool children, with no more than 11 children in a classroom. In this new Social-Emotional Classroom, we have just eight children in the classroom, and a minimum of three adults. Those adults are an Early Childhood Special Education teacher (Cat Wright), a Therapist (Kyra Montgomery), and a Qualified Mental Health Associate (Emily Johnson). The children attend class three hours per day, four days per week. Transportation is provided by their school district, and by Relief Nursery when their district isn't in session. The three hours in class each day are spent, as in other Relief Nursery classrooms, with adults who, first and foremost, are nurturers and caregivers with a sensitivity to possible trauma the children may have experienced. The Social-Emotional Classroom focuses intensively on building the skills of each individual child to self-regulate and interact well with their peers. Through practice, role play, storytelling, outdoor experiences and a myriad of other tools, the Social-Emotional Classroom team works together to bring about the changes children need to make in order to succeed in less supported environments.

In 1943, psychology theorist Abraham Maslow developed what he called a "Hierarchy of Needs." A core takeaway from the Hierarchy is that, unless the most basic needs are met, humans will be incapable of higher levels of functioning. In this case, that means the children in this classroom can't develop those essential social and emotional skills if their basic needs aren't met. Relief Nursery's overall model is, concretely,

intervention that includes the base of Maslow's Hierarchy. Thus, all families at Relief Nursery are given access to our supplemental food pantry, clothing closet, transportation, parenting education classes that offer meals and childcare, as well as support connecting with other community resources and if relevant, alcohol and drug recovery support. By meeting these basic needs, we help parents provide a solid

foundation for their children to further their development.

In addition, all families in the classroom participate in family therapy with Kyra Montgomery. In therapy, Kyra works with parents to utilize their own expertise and knowledge of their children, develop their strengths, and strengthen their attachment. Therapy sessions also serve to educate parents on appropriate expectations for their children, and how to reinforce at home the Social-Emotional skills nurtured

in therapy sessions and in the classroom. When relevant, Kyra works with the child and parent to understand how previous trauma can impact children's functioning in the classroom, and develop techniques for coping with those impacts.

Early intervention is an incredibly effective method to positively impact children's lives. By addressing root cause issues for these children's families, the Relief Nursery's Social Emotional Classroom is helping Lane County's most vulnerable children build resilience and develop the skills they and their families need for a successful future.



*Emily Johnson, Kyra Montgomery and Cat Wright*



## FAMILY STORY



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## NURSERY GRADUATION



Relief Nursery's annual graduation ceremony celebrated the children who worked so hard to prepare for kindergarten. We are excited to see these children move on and we wish them success in their future classrooms, and lives! We also celebrated Relief Nursery's dedicated teachers work so hard throughout the year to meet each student and family right where they are and build a custom plan to help them be successful as a team. Thank you teachers for all your hard work!



## SPECIAL ACTS OF KINDNESS



**Hope Project of Lane County** responded to our call when a Relief Nursery family desperately needed three toddler beds. The children were sleeping on a pull out couch but quickly outgrowing it. There wasn't much room in the house so it was decided toddler beds would work best. Our friends at Hope Project of Lane County delivered utter joy and happiness when they presented each child with their own bed and mattress.



Thank you, **Jack Dietz** for making playdough for the therapeutic classrooms!

Thank you for donating classroom supplies, **Elizabeth Radke!**  
And congratulations on your retirement!



Thank you, **Oregon Bach Festival** for donating 38 tickets to shows for Relief Nursery families!

Thank you **Oregon Wine Lab** for hosting a fundraiser on our behalf!



Thank you, **Janice Eberly** for donating vintage **Burger King** cups for family night!



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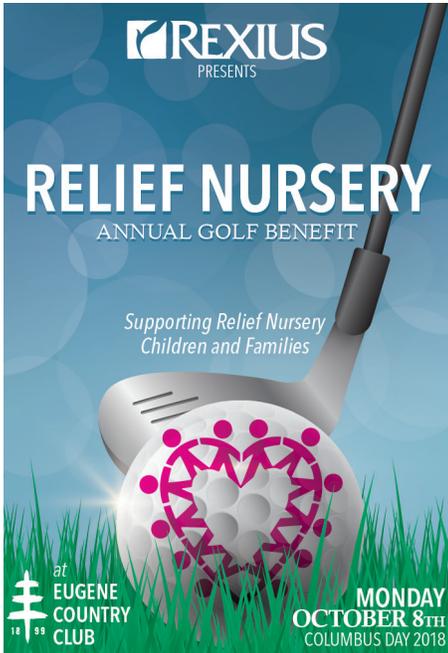
Multifamily NW - Second Annual Diaper Drive Sponsored by



Thank you **BiMart and MultFamily NW** for coordinating this year's diaper drive. Collecting more than 2,000 diapers for Relief Nursery children.



TEE IT UP!



## Rexius presents Relief Nursery's Annual Golf Benefit Monday, October 8th at Eugene Country Club

Welcoming teams to this year's tournament. Pick your format: best ball or scramble. Whether you are an avid golfer with an impeccable handicap or enjoy a more relaxed game, there is a style of play for everyone.

Players will try their luck at the **Rexius** bark chip contest, longest drive and KP contests. Hopefully someone will even win a new car at the Hole In One sponsored by **Sheppard Motors**.

Thank you to our tournament chairs, Jason Giles and John Erving.



## GARDENING GURU AND NURSERY CHEF, ANGELA!



**Angela Petty** is Eugene Relief Nursery's chef and gardening guru who grows this beautiful garden, with the help of the children, each year. Angela makes two meals for all of the Eugene nursery students each and every day. She incorporates ingredients grown both in the garden and donated locally into meals to help give the children and staff delicious and nutritious food.

Thank you for all your hard work, Angela.



## THE EUGENE SYMPHONY AND STEPHEN REDFIELD PLAY



Each year members of the **Eugene Symphony** and **Steven Redfield** play for Relief Nursery children and families. Families arrive for dinner and anxiously await the concert. This year more than 70 people attended the Eugene Symphony concert.

After the concert the children went outside to experiment in the “Instrument Petting Zoo,” hopefully sparking an interest in pursuing music in their lifetime.

Stephen Redfield played for a smaller group at the Relief Nursery Robin Jaqua Child and Family Center in Springfield and allowed each of the kids to take a turn playing his violin. This was met with tremendous laughter and smiles by the children and was truly touching to watch.

Thank you to everyone who works so hard to bring music to lives of Relief Nursery children each year.



*The crowd listens to the symphony concert; Stephen Redfield Plays for the children; the children experience the “instrument petting zoo”*

## RELIEF NURSERY FAMILY BBQ



This past July, Relief Nursery’s Board of Directors organized and hosted one of our favorite yearly traditions- the Board, Staff and Family BBQ. The event’s purpose is to thank Relief Nursery’s staff for their work and to celebrate the children and families we serve. It was evening full of bubbles and face painting, burgers and dogs, live music, and lots of fun in the sun!

Thank you to our **Board of Directors** for continuing such a wonderfully fun tradition that Relief Nursery families and staff can enjoy together.



*Nori Hemphill from our Board of Directors as “Bubbles the Clown”*





## RELIEF NURSERY'S NEW RIDE



Thank you to Burley for donating our new bus  
And thank you Image King Signs  
for donating and installing the logos.

*Left: The Burley Team*

*Below: Image King Signs*



Did you know that each week Relief Nursery's new  
Burley Bus drives 150 miles to pick up children?



## PLEASE GIVE TO RELIEF NURSERY THIS FALL

Invest in Relief Nursery. Your financial gifts to Relief Nursery are essential to the programs we offer children and families living in crisis. You make it possible for them to access our innovative and effective services like therapeutic early childhood classes, parent education programs, outreach and crisis response, mental health counseling, alcohol and drug recovery support and transportation services. Each year, we serve more than 1,000 children and families and we couldn't do it without your generosity.

Did you know that nearly one-third of our budget depends on individual donors and local businesses? We are truly grateful for the many donors, businesses and organizations that support us each year. We carefully steward your gifts and are constantly looking for efficiencies, partnerships, and new funding opportunities that will make our programs stronger and sustainable.

This fall, please consider a gift to Relief Nursery. Your gifts are an investment in our community's best asset – families. Thank you for your generous support!

Thank you Lane Leaders Association for donating the mulligan sales at your golf tournament to Relief Nursery.





Bus Driver. Classroom Assistant. Grant Writer. Joke teller. What can't **Scott MacWilliams** do? Scott joined our staff three years ago, filling a desperately needed bus driver position. As time went by, Scott helped train other drivers, arranged bus maintenance and worked with volunteer bus riders.

Scott also assisted the teachers in the therapeutic classroom, delighting children with his silliness and innate ability to teach by playing. Scott could almost always bring a smile to a child's face, no matter what mood they may have been in at the time. Shifting gears to Relief Nursery's fundraising side, Scott also helped research and write small grants, a blessing to our very busy grant writing team.

Above all, Scott very clearly cared about the experience and outcome for every child he encountered at Relief Nursery. We will miss his positive, friendly demeanor, sense of humor, and contagious silliness.

*Scott MacWilliams pictured fifth from the left.*



**Just Another Morning Note From Scott...** "Good Morning Fabulous RN Staff!

So it's another day, another bus tour for volunteer Sara and I this morning. I start out on the wrong day route, have to swing back by the RN Spfd. to give Emily the book for her route, and I'm starting late. Cloudy skies, etc. etc.!!

So it's time for a miracle, in other words. My miracle is waiting for me at the third stop, in the little blond being we know as Hailey.

As she's getting on the bus, she says, and I quote: "I'm gonna be a fwashight!"

What's that Hailey? "I'm gonna shine light in all the dark places!" This is completely of the blue, mom is as puzzled as the rest of us. "I'm gonna shine light where it's dark!"

Now in the grand scheme of things, we are all, in fact, essentially composed of stardust and light. But how often do you think of giving out light? In case you didn't know, you've been doing it all along. It's why you're here.

You all have a shiny day!!"

- Scott M.



Thank you to **Yogi Tea** for picking us as recipients for the Eugene Emeralds' "Good Karma Monday." Thanks too, for painting the well loved Relief Nursery clothing closet. You guys rock.



Thank you to the **Eugene Emeralds** and **Hope Project of Lane County** for having us out to PK Park for a day of fun with the team, food and backpacks filled with school supplies.



Thank you **Human Bean** for having a fundraiser on our behalf.



# YOU YACHT TO HAVE BEEN THERE - FAMILY SAIL DAY



On Labor Day weekend the **Eugene Yacht Club** organized its second annual Family Sail Day to benefit Relief Nursery.

The smoke faded away for a wonderfully sunny event this year and members of the community joined us for a fun day of live music, delicious food and ice cream, face painting, kayaking, paddle boarding, and sail boat rides with Eugene Yacht Club members.

A huge THANK YOU to our event chairs, Marty Parisien, Darcey Howard, and Evie Poole and to all of our sponsors who made this event such a blast!

**Eugene Yacht Club, Singing Dog Vanilla, Coconut Bliss, Franz Bakery, DocuTrak, Oregon Paddle Sports, YMCA, Laurelwood Golf Course, Papa Murphies, and Grocery Outlet.**

Also, thank you to everyone who joined us in attending the event to support the mission of Relief Nursery. We are already looking forward to next year's event.



*Event Chairs, Evie Poole, Darcey Howard and Marty Parisien*

## Auxillary Board's Terrific Trifecta



Welcome, 2018-19 Auxiliary Board officers: Secretary Megan Post, President Shelly Fretwell, and Vice President Kate Enyeart

## Leadership Board's New Fearless Leader



Thank you Mark Rodewald, shown here with his wife Angela, for volunteering your time and talent as Leadership Board's President for the 2018-19 term.



*Jim Anderson and his father Jim Anderson Sr. at a recent Rotary meeting where Jim Sr. was honored for his extraordinary lifetime of philanthropy. That apple didn't fall far from the tree!*

**Jim Anderson** took a leap of faith when he joined the Board of Directors in 2004. We're glad he did! "I was vaguely aware of Relief Nursery at the time. Ed Barclay and I were in the same Rotary club and one day he asked if I would serve on the Relief Nursery Board of Directors. I said yes," Jim recalls. Since then, he's done a little bit of everything.

When asked what he likes best about being on the Board, Jim says there isn't any one thing in particular. "I like being part of a group that has such success helping children and families. Even though I don't work with the families, I can support them in my work on the board," he explains. "Plus I have such great respect for the staff and their utter passion for these children and families. And of course, my fellow board members also are all in and they bring their respective expertise to the group. Put all that together and there is a genuine sense of family and success which is rewarding."

Jim so clearly remembers his first board meeting "like it was yesterday. Kevin Alltucker was President and he needed someone to take on organizing the annual Board/Staff/Family picnic. I wanted to be a useful board member so I raised my hand. Honestly, it was a great experience and felt good to contribute in this way," he recalls. Now, 14 years later, Jim still enthusiastically organizes all the food and board participation at this special event for staff, their families and the families we serve. Jim also served as Board President in 2010-2011.

Rotary is a common bond among our board members and a significant part of Relief Nursery's history. More than half our Board members are also Rotarians.

Jim began his Rotary career around 1994. "I really joined just to have lunch with dad. When the Rotary Duck Race came around, I was given a book of tickets to sell and then dad gave me his book of tickets to sell. I gave the ticket books to the fuel desk here at Truck & Travel and halfway through the selling season, I'd sold 11 books. They thought I was awesome but it really was the fuel desk."

Later, Jim took on the Prize Committee for the Duck Race and after four or five years, handed it off to Dale Hartley who took it to a whole new level, according to Jim. He then got involved with several Community Relations projects like cleaning up Skinner Butte.

Jim and his wife Ann, who has also volunteered her time on many occasions to the Relief Nursery, have three grown children – Will, Holly and Peter. Thank you Jim for all you do to support the children and families of Relief Nursery.

Board of Directors: The Passing Of The Bear



Each Fall, the outgoing President of the Board of Directors presents the Relief Nursery President's Bear to the incoming president. Welcome, President Jim Walsh.

Thank you to the **Nobel Peace Laureate Project** for having us at this year's Family Peace Park Festival.





## DEVELOPMENTS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT TEAM



*Kristen Bartels and Cortney Roy*

This summer brought many changes to Relief Nursery’s Development Team!

**Cortney Roy** joined Relief Nursery earlier this year as Events Coordinator- just in time to assist with Main Event. Immediately after, Cortney went straight to work on a very busy events schedule, including the Board, Staff and Family BBQ, Great Taste, Family Sail Day, and the Golf Tournament. Cortney was previously employed at The Eugene Mission, where she filled many roles, including direct client service, event planning and administrative duties.

A familiar face has been spotted around the office this year; **Denise Beban** is back, coordinating Relief Nursery’s largest fundraiser, Main Event. Denise previously worked in the Development office for 6 years. We appreciate her depth of experience and steady hand in planning our largest fundraiser. Welcome back Denise.

The team welcomed new Community Engagement Coordinator **Kristen Bartels** in June. Kristen has been developing new relationships with local businesses and organizations, as well as meeting with current supporters. Kristen also coordinates our newsletter, website and social media, and is the owner of a small business, Team Recycle LLC.

Also new to the team this summer is **Mimi Raiter**, Development Assistant. Mimi has worn many career hats, including business owner and bookkeeper. She will head up the process of thank you letters for Relief Nursery.

New Volunteer and Intern Coordinator **Maggie Dorris** began her position in August. She is getting to know our current volunteers and preparing to welcome our new interns for fall. Maggie is a recent graduate of Southern Oregon University, with a degree in Hospitality and Tourism Management and a certificate in Nonprofit Management.

**Amy Beauchamp**, former Volunteer Manager at Relief Nursery, is now Development and Volunteer Director. **Jennifer Solomon** will continue her in-depth donor relationship efforts as Director of Philanthropy, focusing on Relief Nursery’s Children’s Legacy Fund.

The Development Team looks forward to serving all donors, volunteers and supporters this coming year.



## SPECIAL ACTS OF KINDNESS



A BIG thank you to **Krista Christiansen** (Right) for all her hard work as our most recent Relief Nursery Intern from the University of Oregon. Krista is studying Public Relations and Sociology. She was a huge asset to our team. We wish her all the best.

Thank you **Hi-Tech Green Cleaners** for cleaning our dirty tablecloths.



Top: Thank you **Thermo Fisher** for helping build our new garden.

Bottom: Thank you **Moss Adams** for sanding and refinishing the Relief Nursery furniture.



Thank you **Mary Reilly and Tracy Berry** for having us on the radio to spread awareness.

Thank you **ELK HORN BREWERY** for donating growlers and gift cards.



# GREAT Taste



What a lovely evening it was for sampling unique wines and creative appetizers expertly designed and presented by **Market of Choice** culinary masters. We can certainly say no one left hungry.

We are deeply grateful for the generous support and continued commitment Market of Choice has made to Relief Nursery children and families.

A special thanks to the many who partnered with us to make the evening such a wonderful success:



**The Heritage Courtyard at Oakway Center** is unsurpassed with its intimate setting under the beautifully-lit oak trees. Many thanks to the **Kim Williams and the Korth family** for your ongoing support of Relief Nursery programs.



**Kendall Auto Group** once again hosted a very special Private Tasting Room experience with exclusive wine tastings and appetizers prepared by Market of Choice chefs.

**Imagination International Inc.** was our patio sponsor creating a comfortable and relaxing setting to enjoy the food and live music with friends.

**Ritmo y Romance** shared their delightful Latin inspired sounds thanks to our music sponsor **Foley Vision Center**.

Many entered for the door prize sponsored by **Rosboro**, as well as bid on baskets and trips in the Silent Auction sponsored by event chairs, **Tammy and Michael Kirkellie**.

It couldn't have come together without our other Great Taste sponsors **Colbey Carpenter and Rachael Kirkellie, Brad and Katy Putnam, Oregon Community Foundation** and **Mike and Sonia Wildish**.

Thank you to our media sponsor **KVAL** and **McKenzie Mist** for providing refreshing, artisan water.



*Event Chairs Michael and Tammy Kirkellie*





## GREAT TASTE 2018 CONT.

Thank you to our silent auction sponsors, **Melaney and Doug Grenz, Hot Mama's Bar and Kitchen, Tammy and Michael Kirkelie, 514 Vineyard, Hyatt Place, Euphoria Chocolate Company, Luxe, Rachelle M, Pegasus Pizza, Portal Adventure Escape Rooms, Elk Horn Brewery, and The Clothes Tree** for putting together such lovely and creative packages for our guests to bid on.

Finally, thank you to **Columbia Bank** and the **Lynne Gately Team** for doing such a great job at registration and welcoming guests.



Find your Great Taste photo on our Facebook page and tag yourself!

**Tami Jenkins** from **Hot Flash Photography** (left) has been taking our Great Taste photos for the last 4 years and we couldn't love them more.



## OUR NEWEST COMMUNITY PARTNER: PENTAGON FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

We are so thankful for a recent \$10,000 donation from **Pentagon Federal Credit Union**. Recently, PenFed employees presented a donation check to Relief Nursery during a visit to the facility. The donations are part of PenFed Credit Union's commitment to giving \$100,000 to local nonprofit organizations in Eugene this year. Each quarter, PenFed's Eugene Service Center employees select local charities that align with the core values of the credit union and resonate with them personally.

"PenFed's gift was a great surprise and we are deeply grateful for their support of Relief Nursery children and families in this most generous way. This will go a long way toward supporting our mission of strengthening families and keeping children safe," Kelly Sutherland, executive director of Relief Nursery.



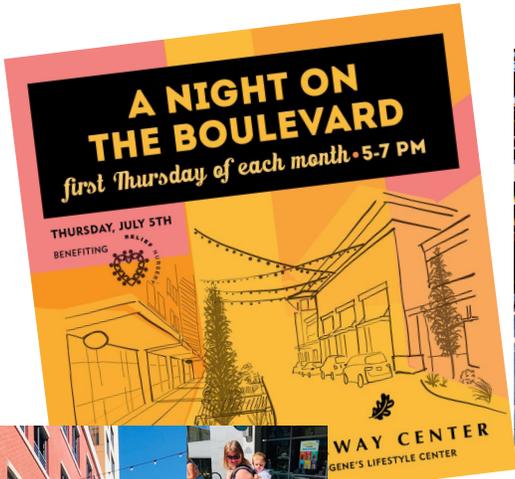
"We really rely on our community partners, not only for fundraising, but for volunteering and advocacy, as well. An investment in our children and families, is an investment in our community. Our sincerest thanks to the awesome employees of PenFed," said Sutherland.

*Employees and management from PenFed Credit Union shown here with Relief Nursery's staff and leadership team.*



## THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS - May - August 2018

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|---------------------|-------------------|------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Lois Andersen       | Yvonne Conner     | Chris Heer             | Emily Morgan     | Pam Sheridan        |
| Kristina Bailey     | Ysenia Cordero    | Meghan Hren            | Megan Pelos      | Max Solomon         |
| Melissa Banderas    | John Cornwell     | Rosalie Hulbert        | Giosanna Prochot | Grace Sullivan      |
| Lillian Barwood     | Konnor Cunningham | Mary Johnson           | Taylor Proden    | Josh Thaxton        |
| Sierra Bes          | McKenna Davison   | Elena Johnson Lafferty | Charlotte Rau    | Meredith Tufts      |
| Libby Boles         | Myriah Farmer     | Georgia Karam          | Julia Reichart   | Madi Tuski          |
| Chase Bond          | Julie Felix       | Payton Kirkpatrick     | Ben Ritt         | Ryann Van der Zwiep |
| Paris Brauner       | Grace Finrow      | Larry Lassiter         | Tara Rush        | Ally Waldron        |
| Amelia Buchanan     | Kelly Fujihara    | Dani Link              | Beth Ryer        | Emily Wanicheck     |
| Emma Buddeke        | AJ Goss           | Hayden Loboy           | Sophia Santiago  | Abby Warnell        |
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| Krista Christiansen | Angie Hahn        | Chelsea Moreau         | John Sheridan    |                     |



**Relief Nursery Summer of Oakway**

Thank you to all the Oakway Center merchants who hosted us for fundraisers this summer. Your generous support is greatly appreciated.

Thank you **Nekter**, **Miss Meers**, **Pegasus Pizza**, **Hot Mama's Kitchen and Bar**, **The Clothes Tree**, **Barre3**, **Euphoria Chocolate Company**.

Special thanks to **Kendall Auto Group** for featuring us in your summer music series and to **Kim Williams** for providing so many awesome opportunities to build Relief Nursery awareness in our community.



**THE CLOTHES TREE**



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**HAVE YOU MET MAGGIE DORRIS, OUR NEW VOLUNTEER AND INTERN COORDINATOR?**



VOLUNTEERS ARE VITAL TO THE SUCCESS OF RELIEF NURSERY

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



## HELP BRING SMILES TO CHILDREN THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Every year during the holidays, Relief Nursery staff and volunteers are amazed at our community's generosity. From **Eugene Active 20/30 Club's Coats for Kids** program, to the local business owners who host Giving Trees, and the volunteers who deliver and sort gifts, our families are truly touched by the spirit of the season.

The holidays can create additional stress for parents who are already struggling to make ends meet. By donating a Thanksgiving meal, sponsoring a family, or taking a tag from a Giving Tree, you can help ease some of that stress and bring smiles to Relief Nursery children. There are many ways you can help a family in need:

**Thanksgiving Meals:** A donation of \$50 will provide a Relief Nursery family with everything needed to prepare a nutritious, celebratory Thanksgiving meal at home. Donations of any amount are gratefully accepted.

**Giving Trees:** In addition to the tree located at Valley River Center, many local businesses also host Giving Trees on behalf of Relief Nursery. Community members can take tags from the Giving Trees, purchase a gift for the child, and place the unwrapped gift back at the Giving Tree. A complete list of locations will be shared on our website and Facebook page in mid-November. Through this program, every child at Relief Nursery and their siblings will receive a toy and clothing item for the holidays.

**Sponsor A Family:** Relief Nursery families with the highest need are submitted by staff for sponsorship. Supporters who sponsor a family receive information about the family's needs, such as clothing and shoe sizes, toy wishes for children, and household items.

**Emergency Fund:** Relief Nursery has established an emergency fund for families. Recently, the fund has helped families in crisis through one time assistance with rent, obtaining photo I.D., utility deposits and moving supplies. Contributions to this fund help families well beyond the holidays, as needs arise, and can make the difference in providing a safe, secure environment for children.

**Clothing Closet and Food Pantry:** Throughout the year Relief Nurseries in Eugene and Springfield have clothing closets and food pantries for families. Contributions of gently used clothing and non-perishable foods are gratefully accepted. Other frequent needs are gas cards, bus passes, grocery store gift cards and diapers.

If you would like more information about holiday giving, please contact Holiday Program Coordinator **Maggie Dorris** at [Maggido@reliefnursery.org](mailto:Maggido@reliefnursery.org) or 541-343-9706 ext. 104.





## Henrietta Louise Voorhees, November 18, 1939 – May 31, 2018

Henrietta Louise Voorhees passed away on May, 31, 2018. Lovingly known as “Hank”, she was born November 18, 1939 to Ben and Helen Schack in Hardin, Montana. The family relocated to Sacramento, California when she was a young girl. While in junior high, Hank met her best friend and the love of her life Sid Voorhees. They began dating in high school and married in 1958.

Sid and Hank spent the next 60 years working, raising their children, enjoying their grandchildren (and more recently their great grandchildren) and teaching us all about the importance of true friendship. If you knew Hank, you knew love. She extended grace and compassion to all and made everyone she was with feel special. An avid gardener and cook, she welcomed all to her home and taught her children “there was always room for one more.”



Hank also loved her Eugene community and spent countless hours working with a very special auctioneer and their team to raise millions of dollars for local charities. Not one for the spotlight Hank chose instead to be a special source of warmth and strength behind the scenes. She received several honors, including the Paul Harris Fellow Award from the Delta Rotary of Eugene.

More than anything else in the world, Hank loved her adventures with her soul mate, Sid. Be it traveling for work or to birthdays, graduations or sporting events for family or friends, as long as they were together her heart was full.

We are so thankful for each day we were given with our beautiful Hank. Her faith, unwavering love and the relentless grace she poured out on us all changed our

lives forever and quietly pointed us to the one in whom she put her faith, her Heavenly Father, who tenderly cares for us all.

Hank is survived by her loving husband Sid, son Casey (Julie) Voorhees, daughters Staci (John) Franklin and Kelli (Tom) Steele, grandsons Tyler and Cole Voorhees, Brad (Sara), Mark (Marissa), Mitchell (Molly) Franklin, Brian Steele, great grandsons Landon and Henry Sam Franklin and by more friends than there are stars in the sky. Hank was preceded in death by granddaughter Darien Voorhees. She was an amazing wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, humanitarian and friend.

“We are stunned and heartbroken by this loss of a dear friend. Hank was kind and loving – and gave tirelessly of herself in every way. She was salt of the earth and a quiet hero of the children and families in our community. We are keeping Sid and the Voorhees family close in our thoughts.” -Kelly Sutherland, Relief Nursery Executive Director

### 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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*Betty Perrin's Birthday*  
Kathleen and Frank Johnston III

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**GIFTS IN LOVING MEMORY**

*Hank Vorhees*  
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*Liz Chambers*  
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*Mary Guynn*  
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*Jessie Moran, Aimee Holland, Drew Ray and Little Chloe is the granddaughter of a Masonic member and she wanted to be part of the photo.*

Earlier this year, **Eugene Masonic Lodge No. 11** awarded Relief Nursery \$2000 to fund our Parents For Recovery(PFR) program. We were happy for the chance to report back to the group on their investment. Relief Nursery parent Drew Ray shared his struggle with drug addiction compounded by single parenting. In the depths of chaos, he finally called Relief Nursery, got connected with other struggling parents in PFR, and things started turning around. He started filling his life with all the programs and services Relief Nursery had to offer.

“I wouldn’t be here today if not for the support of Relief Nursery. The programs change lives. My daughter is proof,” Drew said.

**Main Event 2019 Chairs**  
**Juli DeWalt and Tony Bloom**  
invite you to



**Main Event 2019 Kickoff Party**  
**Wednesday, Oct. 17th at 5:30 PM**

at Willie’s Lebanese and Northwest Cuisine  
Please RSVP to [denisbe@reliefnursery.org](mailto:denisbe@reliefnursery.org)



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- Sand Toys (pails, shovels)
- Bubbles
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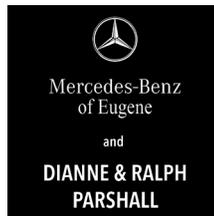


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