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2015 Duck Race Proceeds to Benefit:



Kecia is a kindergartener at one of our local schools. She wears a hearing aid and initially had difficulty hearing during her SMART reading time. The coordinator at her school paired her with a couple of different volunteer readers until she found one that knew just a little bit of sign language. The reader was able to sign a few of the words in the book they were reading together and Kecia lit up with joy! She was more focused on the book and shared some signed words the reader didn't know. Now she is always ready to read and loves reading aloud and signing with her volunteer readers!



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A young mom brought her daughter through a screening in Bend. At the vision station, the mom learned that her daughter did indeed have a vision concern. The mom followed the recommendation of the vision screener and HB staff and at follow-up shared her experience. At the child's vision exam the optometrist told her if she had waited much longer, even with glasses she would never be able to see 20/20. The mom had no idea that her daughter has a significant vision concern but thanks to community support and a Healthy Beginnings screening this young child now has a clear view of her world. She enjoys reading and is excelling in school! With this new screening tool, HB can connect even more children with needed vision care and improve the lives of hundreds of children.

Healthy Beginnings plans to purchase a Spot Screening Tool that will allow our staff and volunteers to test the vision of every child who comes to our community screenings as well as those HB screens through our preschool screenings (4 b4 5 screenings). Currently HB has no way to screen children for vision under the age of 3 – and as such we miss a lot of kiddoz and a lot of vision concerns!



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BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF BEND

It is the mission of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Bend to inspire and enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

East Bend Club's Learning Center Expansion Project

The East Bend Club opened in 2005 and the existing furnishings and equipment have not been upgraded in the past 10 years due to a lack of funding.

Our Goal:

Remove a wall that adjoins a 10x12 sq. ft. former bedroom and create a comfortable reading area that could then be easily supervised. This will **DOUBLE** our educational program area and allow us to serve more Club Members.

Our hope is that we can help our Club Members reach their full potential in all areas and give them a space that they can enjoy and feel proud of!



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True Family Story

Eli's mom reached out to MountainStar for help when she left her violent husband. She was distraught, and as soon as Eli started in our therapeutic class, it was obvious he was struggling as well. He would scream at the top of his lungs and couldn't seem to play nicely with the other children. MountainStar provided mom with individualized therapy and parent coaching. She's learned how to help Eli feel safe, and how to motivate him to improve his behavior. Together, they've made major progress: Eli is enjoying class now and starting to make friends, while mom is enrolling in community college classes this fall.

MountainStar is a child abuse prevention program serving Deschutes, Jefferson, and Crook Counties. We work with families in crisis who have children in a particularly vulnerable age range - birth to three. Highly trained staff provide families with therapeutic classes for children, home visits, mental health therapy, parent trainings, basic needs (diapers, food, clothing), and more. This combination of services, known as the Relief Nursery model, has been proven to reduce the incidence of abuse in a family by 70% within the first six months of participation.



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Pediatric Foundation
Offering hope, love and help

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Pediatric Foundation is devoted to Central Oregon children with cancer and their families who must travel out of town for their child to receive life-saving surgery, chemotherapy, radiation and bone marrow transplants. Your contribution directly supports these families with their travel expenses and has an important impact on their ability to care for their child.

Our mission is simple. We help families who travel to Children's Hospitals by paying for their gas and food, airfare and hotel rooms while they are receiving treatment. We also recruit volunteers to care for pets and landscaping back at home, or auto repair and other transportation needs.

Recently we assisted a 13 year-old from Cascade Middle School by providing his family with gas cards, as well as a personal food account at OHSU in Portland. His mother was grateful and remarked, "Because of your gift, I didn't have to worry about how I was going to fill up my tank for this trip or feed my family while we were in the hospital for a week. Thank you so much."

Over the holidays, we supported a young couple whose infant child was being served by Partners in Care. The child passed away the week after Christmas, and the child's grandmother said, "We are so grateful for your kind support and spirit of caring."

A perky two year-old keeps her spirits up in spite of frequent treatments. After her initial surgery to implant a chemo port, she now travels to Portland each week for her chemo and ongoing testing. Pediatric Foundation has given the family gasoline gift cards for their frequent journeys.

For more information about Pediatric Foundation, visit www.thepediatricfoundation.org

