



NEWSLETTER

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Keep moving forward!



Here is what's happening!

These last couple of weeks have been themed by "Keep Moving Forward". The ever changing conditions and mandates of Covid-19 have kept us on our toes. The latest information from Gov. Kate Brown's office now requires all our children and any child over the age of five to wear a mask when indoors or outdoors where six feet of space cannot be maintained. Indoor gatherings are limited to 10 and outdoor gatherings are now limited to 100. Thankfully we were conservative with our reopening guidelines here at the Campbell house, so we do not need to readjust our procedures at this time. Meetings continue with community partners working towards collaborations to better support our children when school starts back (no matter what the model) and to continue to support our families.

Programming Continues...

As programming continues and our Mentors continue to do the hard work of connecting to our children during this time of uncertainty, I would like to take this opportunity to gently remind our board that cards of appreciation for our Mentors are very much needed. Our Mentors are the backbone of our organization, without our Mentors we cannot do the work that we do. Send them a card on their match date, and before then I would encourage you to send our Mentors a message of encouragement or simply something to brighten their day.

I am including our Mentor match dates here for your reference, but this information along with addresses for our Mentors can be found on the board page of our website:

<https://www.circleoffriendsoregon.org/#login>

Anne Bartlett	05/28/2019	Susie Johnson	04/03/2015
Anna Blumenkron	05/28/2019	Kay Johnson	04/22/2013
Art Blumenkron	07/09/2019	Pat & Roxanne Lenahan	05/22/2017
Terry Buchholz	08/17/2018	Jan Martin	06/02/2017
Patricia Cusick	05/23/2017	Shirley Miller	03/27/2014
Annette Ehrenstrom	09/24/2018	Sue Owen	11/11/2017
Nick Gill	05/22/2014	Jim & Diane Prichard	11/04/2013
Allan & Kathryn Godsiff	01/25/2018	Karen Rose	05/01/2019
Sydney Harrison	12/11/2013	Jeff Smith	10/18/2018
Erik Himbert	07/23/2014	Jim & Joan Upshaw	09/15/2015

Construction Update...

The estimate from the electrician came back on the replacement of the main electrical panel as well as some additional track lighting in the kitchen area. We have opted against the track lighting as we discovered a track lighting unit in our storage closet which matches the current kitchen lighting. Therefore we will simply swap the older fluorescent light currently in the kitchen with the matching track light from the storage closet and save the money of installing new lighting. Debbie is currently in discussion with the electrician on whether we need a new panel to replace our main electrical panel, or if our current panel can simply be updated and of course finding out the cost difference. We'll keep you all posted on the outcome of those discussions. We are still waiting on approval of our sign permits from the city so that our signs can move into production, but will also keep you all updated on that progress as well. Plans are currently underway for the installation of our sliding glass door and the accessible ramp and platform which will accompany it. We are all anxiously awaiting seeing those plans. A continued thank you to Alan and Marti for keeping the Yard so beautiful week after week, we really appreciate all your hard work.

Administrative Tasks...

The last two weeks have been filled with gaining access and changing the administrator and gaining access to a number of accounts such as Samba Saftey, Field Print, Orchards, Amazon Smile, etc. Kellie has been hard at work updating all our Mentor files, collecting surveys and researching virtual or online training opportunities for our Mentors. I have been working to re-establish our connection with TRACES, meeting with all our board members individually, and continuing to meet with community partners to discover what new collaborations we may be able to form to meet our changing needs during the pandemic. I have also started a second round of meetings with a local cohort of nonprofits sponsored by NAO and am gaining valuable information from the group.

Fundraising Activities...

These last two weeks I applied for two grants on behalf of Circle of Friends. One was with the City of Sisters in which we requested funds for our shifting programming needs during Covid-19. We ask for money to support kits for our STEM and Art programs, added devices to support our new fall programming and money to support the shift in our programming which includes far more online offerings. I also applied for a grant from BendBroadband which would cover the cost of our internet access here at the Campbell House. We are currently actively seeking out information from and holding conversations with our community partners to help us plan and be ready to act quickly once we learn Sisters and Black Butte's School District's reopening plans.

Board Notes...

I have now completed almost everyone's one-on-one conversation and have been compiling the results of those talks into three or four categories that repeatedly came up as needs/wants/desires for the organization. If I haven't completed your one-on-one please contact me with a couple of times you are available and we will get it scheduled. Once I have completed all the individual conversations I will report to the full board on the areas which most often came up so we can look at ways to best address those areas together.

Carrying over our theme of trust and team building this week, I want to leave you all with a short article from Board Source. This just reiterates why building trust is essential to the success of our organization in carrying out our mission and gives some ways in which we can better build trust among our team.

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