
FALL 2019

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

TRANSFORMING LIVES

2018-2019 ANNUAL REPORT



TRANSFORMING LIVES, ONE CHILD AT A TIME

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Letter from the Executive Director

Every year I choose a word that describes the theme of the year for my family. Some words have been perseverance, faith or adventure. In reflecting over the year for Circle of Friends, the word that resonates is JOY. One definition of joy is gladness not based on circumstance. Though our youth and mentors have experienced struggle: illness, loss of housing, divorce, cancer, peer & academic difficulties and loss of loved ones...JOY remains. Our mentors have steadfastly served with JOY. They model what it is to be committed and passionate about the children they serve. They model how to do hard things and still have JOY.

It is a privilege to know and work along side such inspiring mentors and watch as our youth become more resilient. Thank you to our mentors and supporters that steadfastly serve and support Circle of Friends and our youth with JOY!

Warmly,

Nicky Merritt

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Circle of Friends Staff

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Executive Director

Kellie Scholl



Youth Program Coordinator

Karen Isberg



Office Assistant

THANK YOU TO OUR DEDICATED MENTORS



They say you are the average of the 5 people you spend the most time with. Our youth are so fortunate to have you to spend time with. They are surrounded by people that push them, cheer them on, challenge them and love them.

Thank you for passionately and joyfully serving our youth!!

WHAT ARE ADVERSE CHILD EXPERIENCES?

An ACE score is a tally of different types of experiences that hallmark a rough childhood. According to the ACE study, the rougher your childhood, the higher your score. Studies have linked a greater number of ACEs with greater risk of heart disease, cancer, bone fracture, chronic lung and liver disease, diabetes and stroke. Those with scores higher than 4 have increased rates of mental illness. ACE score is not destiny, it does not tally the positive experiences that help build resilience and protect them from the impacts of trauma. Research suggests that just one caring, safe relationship in life gives a child a much better possibility of growing up healthy. Circle of Friends is committed to providing caring and safe relationships for our youth so they can thrive through adversity.

ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES INCLUDE:



ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES HAVE BEEN LINKED TO:



OUR YOUTH

58% ACE > 4

33% ACE > 6

82% LOW INCOME

18% HOMELESS



I want them at the table:

Kellie, our Youth Program Coordinator, instantly fell in love with the "Jones" boys while observing them at Sisters Elementary School. I quickly followed suit when they attended their first cooking class at the Clubhouse. The three brothers were full of young boy energy and eager to be a part of their new "circle of friends". Mom and I had coffee this week and I instantly saw strength in her tired and tearful eyes. She doesn't share her story often, so it was a privilege to be sitting with her that day.



Her life and her boys lives have been scattered with stress, uncertainty and ACEs. She has overcome much, has lost much, yet she expressed joy that through the hardships, she is now in a place to be more present with her boys. Her eyes lit up as she shared about her boys interests and dreams. They want to be rockstars and toy makers. They love music, art, sports and nerf gun wars. I asked her what dream she had for herself. She paused for a long while and then said, "I want them at the table, good healthy men, coming home and sitting with me at the table". She continued to say she wants opportunities for them that she cannot provide. She does not want her mistakes and circumstances to negatively impact them. She is reaching out to Circle of Friends to help her lessen the impact of ACEs for her sons.

This is where **we need you**... the boys are eagerly waiting **MENTORS!** They are waiting for **YOU** to step into their lives and help them become more resilient. If you are ready for a nerf gun war and to fall in love with one of these sweet boys, please call us today to start the process of becoming a **MENTOR!**

#GI~~VING~~ TUESDAY

Mark your calender!

December 3

is

#Giving Tuesday.

How will you give?

SAVE THE DATE!!!!

MAY 21ST 2020

Be A Friend, Be a Hero

Fundraiser



The Finish Line is in Site

Circle of Friends has been truly amazed by the community support of our dream to have a permanent place to call home, a safe and welcoming place for Sisters youth. We have raised 90% of our Capital Campaign goal in just over one year. We need your help to cross the finish line...to make 164 North Elm Street our forever home!

STOCK GIFTS

Donate Your Appreciated Assets



You can take advantage of tax benefits and magnify your charitable impact by donating your appreciated assets to Circle of Friends!

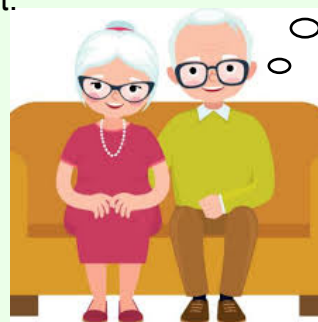
Call Circle of Friends for more information:
541-588-6445

IRA Charitable Rollover

If you are 70 1/2 years or older, you can send your charitable donation directly from your IRA. This type of transfer will not generate as a taxable income.

If you have not taken your required distribution, your IRA charitable rollover gift can satisfy all or part of that requirement.

A great way to reduce your taxes and increase your charitable impact!



You can send a note of inspiration directly to one of our Circle of Friends Youth!

Join us in showing your support for our youth! Your note can include:

- Words of encouragement
- A funny joke
- Inspirational quotes
- A hopeful story about how you accomplished a tough goal

How does it work?

Just write your message, cut it out on the dotted line and mail it in an envelope to PO Box 1718, Sisters, OR 97759. Your message will be posted in our Clubhouse for all our youth to read!

Dear Circle of Friends Youth,





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Sisters, OR 97758
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FISCAL YEAR 2018-19 OVERVIEW

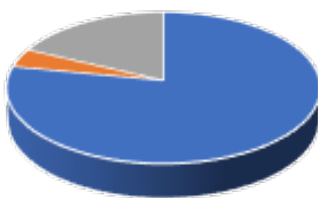
2018-19 Fiscal Year
Operation & Capital

Revenue
\$293,926



- Individual Operation 45%
- Individual Capital 21%
- Foundation Operation 10%
- Foundation Capital 16%
- Business Operation 7%
- Business Capital 1%

Expenses



- Direct Program Cost 78%
- Administration 4%
- Fund Raising 18%

SSD at 3rd Grade
Reading
Benchmark

67%

COF at 3rd
Grade
Reading
Benchmark

73%

Total
Youth
Impacted

80

COF Regular
Attendance
K-2nd Grade

100%

SSD Regular
Attendance
K-2nd Grade

79%

COF at
Benchmark
for 8th Grade
Math

100%

NEW
MENTORS

6

SSD at at
Benchmark for
8th Grade Math

57%

YOUR KIND DONATIONS HAVE HELPED TRANSFORM A LIFE

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Terry & Nicoletta Jones
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Toni Kampert
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Susan & Richard Kellogg
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The MJ Murdock Charitable Trust

The Martha Peterson Trust
The Nara Fund
The Oregon Community Foundation
The Silver Family Foundation

Business, Corporate & Community

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Duerksen & Associate Inc.
Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration
Hoyts Hardware
Jan McGowan Non-profit Consulting
Les Schwab Tire Center
Racks, Plaques & More
Rise Up International
Sisters Coffee Company
Sisters Community Church
Sisters Meat & Smokehouse
The Open Door
Three Creeks Brewery
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Zosel Harper Realtors

In-Kind Support

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All Good Maintenance
Carol Ast-Milchen
Awbery Glen Golf Club
Terry Ayers
Black Butte Ranch
Wendy Birnbaum
Canvas da Block
Cascade Street Distillers
Chehalem Vineyard
Construction Management Services Inc.
Cork Cellars
Greg Davidge
Dry Canyon Stampede
Laurence Dyer
Elements Hair Studio
Faith, Hope & Charity Vineyard
Fika Sisters Coffee House
Five Pine Lodge
Cindy Grisдела
Hike-N-Peaks
Jan McGowan Non-profit Consulting
Little Prince Nursery
Craig Longfield
TR McCrystal
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Theresa Slavkovsky
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The Foutz Foundation
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The KIDS Center
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