



Circle of Friends

We Honor Our Committed Friends

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Letter from our Executive Director...

Fall begins a renewed energy at Circle of Friends. As we embark on the 7th year anniversary of Circle of Friends we are proud to be play a significant role in shaping Sisters present and future. As the weather cools, mentors and mentees return indoors to participate in Cooking Class, Lego Robotics, Sewing Class, Art Studios, Workshop projects and Manners Class.



Our work on behalf of vulnerable families and children in the Sisters community is more important than ever during this time of change. I hope that as you read



the newsletter, you will learn not only more about Circle of Friends, but let your hearts see a glimpse of the incredible heart of our organization through the stories of our mentees, mentors and community partners. Much of our success is the direct result of your unwavering commitment to the work we do.

My deepest thanks to all of you who have supported Circle of Friends with your time, talent and treasure. It has been integral to ensuring Circle of Friends continued preeminence. Thank you for your past and future participation and generosity. *Together, we can turn a life around.*

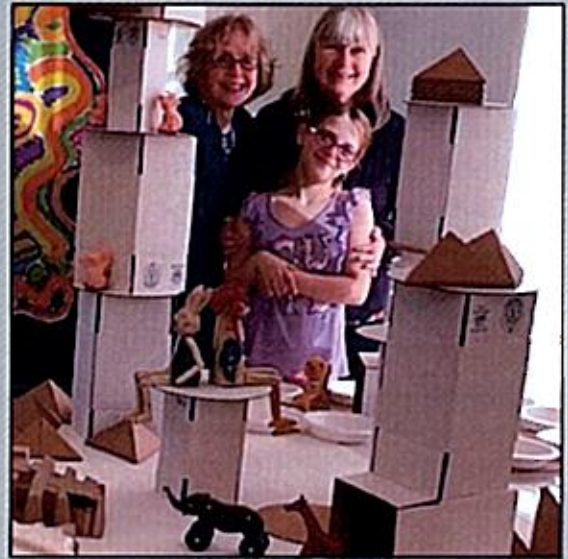
Sincerely,
Nicky Merritt



Mentor Spotlight ...

I fell in love...

Sydney captured her audiences attention at our Spring Luncheon with these seven words, "I fell in love...with a girl." She continued to share, "Four years ago on a cold rainy night, I met a girl. We fell in love! Our meeting took place over hot chocolate and cookies at the Circle of Friends clubhouse. Since then we have shared games, books, art projects, adventures, school work, walks, cooking classes, dance recitals, important ideas, much laughter and many more cups of hot chocolate. And a few cookies! Some days it seems clear that I gain more from our relationship than she possibly could. We try new things, go new places, and sometimes we just repeat the activities we love doing together. She is smart, cute, caring, kind, funny, fast, and she has a happy heart. I truly believe our match was not random or casual. It was meant to be and I am a blessed mentor. One of my goals is to be present when this special girl graduates from high school and flashes me one of her million-dollar smiles! What a celebration that will be!" Her mentee had this to say about Sydney, "I wouldn't be who I am today without COF, because before then I just sat at home. One day my mom woke me up and said, 'get dressed I have a surprise.' That's the day I got Miss Sydney!"



Program Spotlight...

Crystal Peaks Youth Ranch has partnered with Circle of Friends for over 5 years. When you walk up the long gravel drive, a longed after sense of peace washes over you as the horses greet you long the path and begin to ease you into the joy and community so freely given by the founders, staff, volunteers, and horses. It is on this once abandoned property that new life and new hope springs out of the cinder foundation. Circle of Friends mentees' are able to freely access all the services offered by Crystal Peaks. Their monthly trips to the Ranch are highlights of the mentees' and mentors' week. "We are so blessed to get to work alongside Circle of Friends in a partnership to reach out to the hurting kids in our community. Our referral relationships are so important to what we do. There is no one organization in our community that can reach all of the kids in need of mentorship but by working together we can provide greater opportunities and a wider reach than any of us can do individually. We very much appreciate the strong focus that Circle of Friends has on mentoring and it is a great experience to get to know the mentors as they come out with the kids", Brad Shultz Program Director Crystal Peaks Youth Ranch.



One Person Over Time.....

32 → Number of Children Served This Year

22 Kids
from Sisters
Elementary

5 Kids From
Sisters Middle
School

5 Kids from Black
Butte School



RESILIENCY

Single most important factor in building resiliency in vulnerable youth is a long-term, consistent relationship with a caring adult.

The Need:

- 42% of Children in Sisters Schools live in economically disadvantaged families.
- 100% of Children served have experienced a traumatic life experience.

Children Served:

- 20 Live in single parent homes
- 8 have had a critical life event
- 7 live with guardians other than a biological parent

MENTORS



Number of Current Mentors → **36**

Mentors receive 12 hours of training and ongoing monthly support to provide skilled & professional services to our youth

In Six Years:

- 3 Mentors have volunteered more than 5 years
- 18 Mentors have volunteered more than 3 years
- 23 Mentors have volunteered more than 2 years

Did you know Circle of Friends...

Partners with local schools to identify the most vulnerable children and match them with a one-on-one mentor.

Stays with each child until High School Graduation...No Matter What!

Works with 14 Community Service Partners -

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| Sisters School District | Sisters Athletic Club |
| Black Butte School District | Westside Church |
| FAN(Family Access Network) | Caldera Arts |
| Sisters Folk Festival | Simple 'n' Fresh |
| Annie Painter's Art Studio | Sisters Parks & Rec. District |
| Seed to Table | Crystal Peaks Youth Ranch |
| Bald Eagle Music | |
| Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration | |

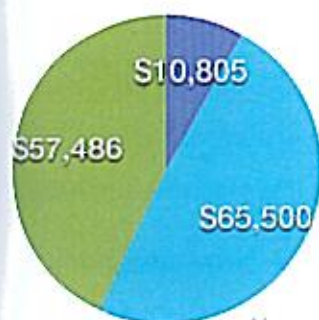
Has many wonderful Volunteers -

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| Lynce Wood - Volunteer Coordinator | Nicky Jones |
| Karen Isberg | Leslie McHugh |
| Larry Large | Nanci Owens |
| Nick Newport | Janice Taylor |
| Donna Stockton | Debbie West |
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Board Members are very strategic in their pursuit for success of Circle of Friends and volunteer hundreds of hours each year in service to the mission of our organization.

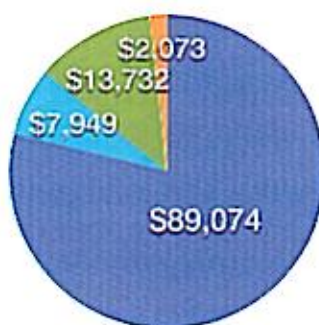
Duncan Campbell - Founder, Marti Ayers - Board Chair, Virginia Silvey - Vice Chair, Carolyn Gabrielson - Secretary (1/2), Cindy Greer - Secretary (1/2), Davina Luz - Treasurer, Craig Longfield, Shelley Marsh, Carol Zosel, Jan Martin, Kent Neff, Barbara McCormick, Wade Underwood

Revenue Total =
\$133,791



● Bus. Donations
● Foundation/Trust grants
● Ind. Donations

Expense Total =
\$112,828



● Program
● Administrative
● Fundraising/Special Event
● Special Event

THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY AND SUPPORTERS FOR HELPING MAKE 2016-17 SUCH A GREAT YEAR!
We are very grateful for each of the contributions we received and wish to recognize our donors for their generous support during our 2016-17

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Simple 'n' Fresh
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Sisters Coffee
Sisters Movie House
Sisters Rental
Sisters Rotary
The Open Door
The Depot Cafe
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Westside Church
Yo' Bean
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Stamm, Doug
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Wood, Lynne
Worcester, Lois
Wustenberg, Mark & Judy
Zosel, Carol & Chuck Harper

The Need is **HIGH** the Reward is **HIGHER**

According to U.S. Census Bureau, out of about 12 million single parent families in 2016, the vast majority — more than 80% were headed by single mothers. Today 1 in 4 children under the age of 18 — a total of about 17.2 million — are being raised without a father and almost half, 40% live below the poverty line.

WE need you, THEY need you

YOU can help a child create a **BETTER** story, a story of connection, **HOPE** and adventure. We are looking for loving, passionate and consistent male mentors that want to **STEP IN** and **STEP UP** to the need in our Sisters community to partner with Circle of Friends to become a mentor and begin the most **REWARDING ADVENTURE** of your life.

call or email Nicky today

541.588.6445 nicky@circleoffriendsoregon.org



WHATS THE BIG DEAL - WHY LEGO ROBOTICS

Robotics is Tangible

Today's young people are immersed in technology, most of that technology is intangible and difficult to conceptualize. Mentees can **connect** with robotics quickly because they are able to touch the robots and manipulate them directly.

Robotics Builds Confidence

By building with robots, mentees are able to **create** their own devices and gadgets that **interact** with the world. This is a **profound** and **empowering** experience, which greatly impacts mentees and instills technological competence.

Robotics is Fun

At Lego Robotics Workshops mentees learn to see robotics as a **fun** hobby rather than as a strictly educational activity. Because of this, mentees are willing to **engage** deeply and creatively with the challenges and activities they are given. In a way, these mentees come away with a **love of learning** because they have realized that they need to learn the concepts we teach in order to build the robots that they imagine.

Robotics is Creative

Traditional Lego sets come with handy instruction manuals. These instruction manuals help set the ground work for Mentees to build skill and **trust** and increase their **confidence**. The goal is for mentees to learn to set aside the instruction manuals. Eventually, mentees learn that their own **imagination**s are the most powerful 'instruction manuals' ever to exist. We would like help guide mentees through creative activities and ensuring that they can experience success. There is nothing more **empowering** than the experience of imagining something, building it, and then ultimately watching it work.

That is where we need you! Circle of Friends needs a **Volunteer LEGO Robotics instructor** that is uniquely skilled and able to help every student achieve this experience.

#1
Long Term
Commitment

#2
Trained Volunteers

#3
Positive
Expectations

Our Promises

#4
Manageable
Numbers

#5
Experience =
Opportunity

#6
Evaluation



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