

SHE PROJECT:
Fundraiser features
52 inspiring art pieces

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and Good Day Café. Twenty-five of the 52 items in this year's show were sold, as of last Friday.

"This year's show is different, with COVID, but supporters have come in to enjoy the show. There are two raffle items, one being a beautiful Susie Zeitner piece," Thomas said. "It will be up for the month of January and my goal is for it to inspire, and for people to enjoy the work that local artists have participated in."

No doubt, SHE will raise her feminine mystique again in 2022.

Saving Grace operates a 24-hour helpline, emergency shelter, and Mary's Place, a center for supervised visitation and exchange. Additional services include support groups, emergency transportation, court advocacy, respite and child care, professional training, programs for children exposed to domestic violence, community education, therapy, individual crisis counseling, hospital response, information and referral to social services, youth violence prevention and public awareness.

The need for services during the pandemic is greater than ever, said Shannon Ries, the development director for Saving Grace.

"People being housed together without any place to go has really intensified domestic violence in the home," she said. "We are seeing a lot more people needing resources. Part of that is a need for housing, which is not surprising in Central Oregon. When you are fleeing a violent situation, it's hard to know where to go next. You have your bags and maybe a kiddo, and you don't know where to turn."

"Our goal, as we grapple with what we're seeing, is to continue educational outreach to the community," Ries said. "There is such a stigma to this kind of violence. People just close their eyes, turn their heads, and don't want to get involved."

But thanks to additional funding, "you'll be seeing

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more information about what partner violence, sexual assault, and stalking looks like, how you can escape it, and how to take the veil off of it.”

Thanks to COVID funding, they've donated \$180,000 in services to survivors since March, according to Ries.

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away as Eugene and Klamath Falls," she said. "We don't turn anybody away."

Saving Grace is available to women in Sisters as well as elsewhere.

Pine Mountain Sports in Bend, which rents outdoor sports equipment, raised more than \$60,000 for Saving Grace, "an incredible blessing," said Ries. Also last year, entrepreneurs Aaron Switzer of Central Oregon Gives, and Rys Fairbrother of What If We Could, joined forces to create an online giving program that raised hundreds of thousands for local nonprofits. Saving Grace raised \$160,000, the most of any of the organizations, for which they received an additional \$15,000.

"Were just going for whatever we can and we've really been blessed this year," Ries said.

If you need the kind of help that Saving Grace provides, call their 24-hour help line at 541-389-7021. Visit the website at www.saving-grace.org.



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Robyn Holdman, C4C board president; Gabriel Cobos, Sisters School District community liaison; and Wendy Birnbaum, C4C liaison to the Latino community receive the big check from Ivette Tijerino, community and philanthropy advocate for St. Charles Health System.

GRANT: C4C is using funds for Spanish translation services

eliminate local language barriers.

Through the St. Charles Foundation, St. Charles Health System works with the community to develop and steward philanthropic resources to fund programs and capital projects that improve health, prevent disease, enhance quality of life and provide the highest quality care possible for all St. Charles patients now and in the future.

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the goals addressed by this grant, C4C hosted a "Giving Tuesday" campaign in December to establish a dedicated fund for local interpretation/translation services as they help Sisters acquire new tools and resources to



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"Her Gifted Spirit," a raffle item donated by Sisters Artist Susie Zeitner.

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