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Petra Chase, Heart of Oregon Corp volunteer and mentor, and Quinn Martell, VISTA Americorps member, worked at Sisters Habitat for Humanity during the MLK Day of Service on Monday, January 18.

Heart of Oregon turns in day of service

The third Monday in January is not only a federal holiday (Martin Luther King Day) but is also a day designated as a national day of service.

With the slogan of “a day on, not a day off,” it hopes to encourage all Americans to volunteer to improve their communities. Heart of Oregon students headed to Sisters Habitat for Humanity to help out in the spirit of

MLK Day of Service.

Twelve students helped organize the sporting goods bin, clean up the shelving units, and take care of the glass recycling at the ReStore.

Eight students helped prime the walls of three bedrooms in a home being remodeled for a future habitat homeowner.

Thank you, Heart of Oregon youth!

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Obituary

Jim McWilliams

Jim McWilliams of Bend passed away from COVID complications with underlying conditions on December 13 at the age of 80. Jim is survived by his loving wife, Sue; two sons, Tim McWilliams and wife Erica Chambers, Kevin McWilliams and wife Alyson Evans; three siblings, Pat Jussila, John McWilliams, Sally McWilliams and partner Beth Hutchison. He also leaves behind cousins, Ed Lindsay and wife Peggy, Susan Walker and husband Bob; nephew, Tony McWilliams and wife Stephanie; and niece, Leslie Marcy and husband Robert.

Jim was born in Oregon City, and graduated from Oregon State University with a degree in Political Science.

Jim and Sue met in Eugene, eloped after a three-month whirlwind romance and remained dedicated to each other for 55 years. In addition to a highly decorated 25-year career as a Foreign Service Officer, Jim served two years in the Army. They lived in seven different countries and traveled to dozens more. In 1992 they settled in Central

Oregon but never stopped rollin'...

Jim's interests varied over the years and progressed from sporty cars, to motorcycles, to downhill skiing and finally to bicycles. In 1995 Jim undertook his first cross-country bike ride from Astoria, Oregon to Portland, Maine. He completed two more cross-country trips including one with his wife in 2004. He became an avid long-distance cyclist and rode over 25,000 miles during his lifetime.

When not on the ski slopes or his bike, Jim found many ways to donate his time to help others in need. He was a volunteer mediator for the Deschutes County Court and Community Dispute Resolution Program, Sisters Kiwanis member, volunteer reader for the Head Start Program, Sisters Library Board member and driver taking Vets to Portland for medical care.

Upon his retirement in 1990, Jim was awarded the Intelligence Star and the Intelligence Medal of Merit. He was recognized for his extraordinary professionalism, integrity, leadership and



resourcefulness. His impressive career of hard work and devotion to duty reflected great credit to his tenacious personality.

Jim was a kind, witty, friendly, courageous and extremely patriotic individual, a perpetual adventurer, fastidiously fueled by tea and scones. He will be missed by many to whom his memory will bring a smile.

Jim never gave up, never stopped trying to “keep on rollin'.”

Please consider donating in Jim's memory to: Doctors Without Borders, www.doctorswithoutborders.org; or Partners in Care, www.partnersbend.org.

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