

CASA's Benefit Raises Over \$11,000 for Columbia County Foster Youth

CASA's 4th Annual Columbia County Benefit Breakfast raised over \$11,000 for CASA's mission of advocating for Columbia County's most vulnerable foster youth. Generous community members, partners, and foundations helped to make this year's event a great success.

All funds raised at the event directly support CASA's work in Columbia County; funding will go towards the recruitment, training, and support of CASA volunteers to serve more local children in foster care.

Since expanding services into Columbia County in 2015, CASA for Children has more than tripled the annual number of children served by a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA). CareOregon was Presenting Sponsor for the breakfast held on Tuesday, June 13 at Meriwether Place in St. Helens.

NW Natural presented a Challenge Match of \$5,000 at the breakfast, in support of CASA's work, and to motivate guests to make their most generous gift to CASA for Children.

Inspirational speakers included Columbia County Commissioner Henry Heimuller, the Honorable Judge Cathleen Callahan of the Columbia County Circuit Courts, Columbia County CASA volunteer Linda Rusch, Mary Moerlins

of NW Natural, and Heather Lewis, member of The Oregon Community Foundation's North Coast Leadership Council who presented a \$10,000 grant from the Anna Wheeler Hayes Fund and The William H. Hunt Fund for the Homeless, Hungry and Poor of The Oregon Community Foundation.

Other notable guests included the Honorable Judge Ted Grove and the Honorable Jenefer Stenzel Grant, both of the Columbia County Circuit Courts, Columbia County Commissioner Margaret Magruder, members of the Bikers Against Child Abuse Mt. Hood Chapter, Columbia County DHS representatives, CASA Board of Directors Members Trey Slinkard and Betsy Granger, and founding Executive Director of CASA for Children Susan Holloway. Guests enjoyed a breakfast provided by Brown Butter Bakery, and coffee provided by Starbucks.

CASA for Children recruits, trains and supports CASA volunteers to advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children who are under the protection of the court. Learn more at: <http://www.casahelpskids.org/>

If you are interested in learning more about how to become a CASA volunteer, please contact Susan Leipzig, Recruiter - Columbia County, at (503) 410-5097, sleipzig@casahelpskids.org.



**PRE-SALE TICKETS
ON SALE NOW**

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AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:**

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- ALL WAUNA CREDIT UNIONS OFFICES
- CHUBB'S CHEVRON
- THE COLUMBIA COUNTY FAIR OFFICE IN ST. HELENS

What's Happening at the Vernonia Library

Upcoming Events

Summer Reading 2017: Build a Better World

Return reading logs between July 25 and August 12 to enter prize drawings and earn a free Oregon Zoo ticket. Bring back Build a Better World posters for an extra prize ticket. Posters will be displayed on the Library Float at the Jamboree.

Upcoming Programs (Free!)

Build It! Activities

Thursday, July 6, 6:30 pm and Tuesday, July 25, 10:30 am
Lego challenge, marshmallow/bamboo stick creations, giant Jenga game, book towers, and craft stations. For children and families.

"Engineer It"

Wednesday, July 12, 10 am
For family audience with grade school children, presented by a museum educator from the Museum of Natural and Cultural History (Eugene, OR).

Penny's Puppets

Tuesday, July 18, 6:30 pm
Penny Walter of Penny's Puppets presents Animals Build It. For children and families, ideal for Pre-K through Grade 3. All ages welcome.

Family Movie Night

Thursday, July 27, 6:00 pm
Presenting: *Smurfs: The Lost Village* (PG, 89 min.)

Writer's Group

Thursday, July 20
3rd Thursday of every month, 6 - 7:30 pm. For writers with all levels of experience.

Knitting Group

Saturday, July 15, 10 am - Noon
For beginner and experienced knitters. Materials provided for beginners.

Book Discussion Group

Monday, July 31
Last Monday of every month, 5:30 pm. Selection for July: *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah

Storytimes

Baby and Toddler Time

Mondays, 10:30 - 11:15 am
Songs, rhymes, books, toys, and bubbles! For ages 0 - 3. Older siblings welcome.

Family Storytime

Every Friday, 10:30 - 11:15 am
Stories and a craft/activity. For children pre-K through Grade 2.

Library Hours & Contact

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 10 - 5
Tuesday, Thursday: 1 - 7
Saturday: 10 - 4
Closed Sundays

Phone: (503) 429-1818

E-mail: library@vernonia-or.gov

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ACT FAST CALL 911**



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F ACE

Look for an uneven smile



A RM

Check if one arm is weak



S PEECH

Listen for slurred speech



T IME

Call 911 at the first sign

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