

TRIBAL PROGRAM NEWS



Courtesy photo from Eugene Area Office

Teacher Misty and the Siletz Tribal Head Start class in Eugene take a field trip to Sherman Bros. Trucking. She reports that they had a blast riding in the big trucks!



Photo by Diane Rodriguez

Cheryl Lane of the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund presents a check to Michael Lee and some of the players on the Waldport ASA softball team. Overall, the Siletz Tribe has distributed more than \$7.3 million through the STCCF and other Tribal resources.



Photo by Natasha Kavanaugh

Kristi Martin-Bayya helps Denise Riding In during the first Cultural Activities Night at the Tribal Community Center in May. Denise continued to work on a ribbon shirt she started earlier this year in a class taught by Tina Retasket.

Strengthening Tribal Families

The Siletz Tribal Youth Services Team invites Tribal youth and their families to take part in summer activities! Look for a detailed calendar of events and sign-up information to come. Pre-registration will be required and strictly enforced for summer activities as to accommodate as many families and youth as possible with enough food, transportation and activity fees. Thank you!

A Few Summer Highlights

June – Swimming, Roller Skating, Shell Gathering, Bicycle Rodeo

July – Smoke-free Bowling, Street Dance, Pick Up a Butt Day, River Float, Bike Rodeo, Field Day

August – Recreation Center, Smoke-free Bingo, Osborn Aquatic Center, Day at Ona Beach

Calendars and permission forms will be available at the following locations:

Tribal Administration Building – front desk
Housing – front desk
Clinic – Tobacco Prevention desk
A&D – front desk

Return permission forms to the Tribal administration building only, please!

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Siletz Tribe Hosts Quarterly Charitable Giving Event

by Brent Merrill

The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians hosted its quarterly Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund distribution and reception event May 1 at the Chinook Winds Hotel.

The Tribe has shared more than \$5 million throughout the state of Oregon since the inception of the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund and awarded \$286,240 in charitable donations this quarter.

The charitable distribution covers cultural activities like the support that goes to 13 Grandmothers of Grants Pass. The \$17,000 shared with them covers expenses like lodging, meals and transportation to important cultural events and activities.

Donations go to support education at all levels – including a \$306,000 annual grant to the Siletz Valley Charter School system and several thousand dollars going to Newport High School, Toledo Junior and Senior High Schools, Salem-Keizer Schools and Portland State University among others.

The Taft Cemetery Association of Lincoln City received \$1,500, Faith Community Services received \$4,700 to help with its program of serving homeless men in the community and the Newport Graduation Night Committee received \$1,000 for its alcohol-free and drug-free event efforts.

Youth athletics continue to be supported by the Siletz leadership and Waldport ASA Softball received \$1,290 from the Tribe's Charitable Contribution Fund for insurance expenses and two tournament fees. The Newport Swim Team received \$2,400 that was used for swimmer scholarships and to cover the NST Swim Meet last August and the Toledo High School Track Team received \$2,950 to cover the expense of track meet timers and judges, five new starting blocks, a timing system and a new starting gun.

Public Safety continues to receive support from the Tribe with \$20,000 going to the Yachats Rural Fire Protection District and another \$10,000 going to the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office.

Oregon's Children's Theatre received \$2,000 for a resource guide, workshops and classes, and the Siletz Parks and Recreation Department received \$2,400 for advertising and supplies.

"The Siletz Tribe is honored to be in a position to be able to share our success with the community we live in and with important cultural and educational support that makes all of our lives better," said Delores Pigsley, Tribal chairman. "We are proud to be in this position and we know our ancestors would be proud of the contributions we are making to support people in the arts and in public safety."

Eligibility for money from the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund is limited to two categories:

- Entities and activities located in the Siletz Tribe's 11-county service area (Lincoln, Tillamook, Linn, Lane, Benton, Polk, Yamhill, Marion, Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas counties)
- Native American entities and activities located anywhere in the United States

The next deadline to submit applications is June 19, 2009. Applications now can be submitted via e-mail at stccf@ctsi.nsn.us.

Applications and requirements can be obtained at www.ctsi.nsn.us/charitable-contribution-fund; from Kelley Ellis at 800-922-1399, ext. 1227, or 541-444-8227; or by mail at Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549.