

TLC Attitudes of Gratitude – Finishing Touches Come to New House

By Lynn Whitlow

Wow! The Women's Transitional Living Center Open House at the new TLC was a success. The weather was decent and we had many visitors, including Jeffrey Putterbaugh and Marissa Johnson from the Mental Health and Addictions Division in Salem, an agency that partially funds the TLC through grant funds.

They were quite impressed with our new facility and with the enthusiasm of our current residents. In addition, they toured our old house and are interested in helping us achieve our goal of implementing a men's TLC in the future.

Our "thank you" and gratitude go to all community and Tribal members who came to tour our beautiful house.

We are working with the Tribal Planning Department on some finishing touches and landscaping. We are so grateful for Thompson Nursery's big "After Mother's Day" sale. We got there before they opened the gates on the first day of the sale and scored 16 large healthy rhododendrons for \$10 and \$15 each. Our plan is to include them with other native and non-native trees, shrubs, bulbs and plants.

We have much gratitude this month for a lot of folks. We are always grateful for our overnight volunteers and staff – Alice McCain, Dee Hadden and Jen Metcalf.

Staff of both Tribal Maintenance and Force Accounts has been very helpful in making needed repairs and replace-

ments and in getting our play structure up and ready for sunny days. Thank you to Al, John and Michael for working in the rain.

Again, Tracy Bailey has been invaluable when we run into snags. He knows what to do or whom to call. Thanks, Tracy!

Our appreciation also goes to Anita Wheeler for providing two planter boxes of annuals for our front deck. They brighten the front entry. Thank you Tina, Bob, Tracy and Patricia for the plants you brought for the open house and to Linda for the framed, signed Sam English print.

TLC residents look within and around themselves to identify those things,

people and events for which they are grateful. This month they include: My GED teacher, Patricia, who's influenced my life in such a great way. For the whole A&D staff for being there for my daughter and I from the start.

For my sponsor (you're the best!). For Angela Ramirez, who was an awesome caseworker. I miss you, Angela! And to the guys who put together our swing set, thank you for your hard work.

Other gratitudes are: I'm grateful to be alive, healthy and clean for my birthday. To have nine months clean. For my dad, who is getting out of prison. For the open house and for my clean room!

Happy July 4th to all! Have fun and stay safe!

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Community Efforts Demonstrating the Ability to Rebuild and Restore

Mission Statement

Working together as a whole community, we will utilize our resources to eradicate and prevent the use of illegal drugs, underage drinking and abusive use of alcohol, delinquency and community violence.

July 7 • 5:30 p.m.
Behavioral Health Conf. Room

Siletz Community Health Clinic
200 Gwee-Shut Road, Siletz

Topic: Opiate Epidemic – Identifying Needs to Get Treatment

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Fashion Show Highlights Another Aspect of Arabic Culture - Clothing

Several local children capped off a year of exposure to Arabic culture by participating in an Arabic fashion show at Siletz Valley School on June 9.

The children wore clothes from several different countries, including Egypt, Jordan, Pakistan, Libya, Morocco, Algeria, Iran, Saudi Arabia and southern portions of Asia. The clothes were supplied by Abir Hassan, who has been teaching Arabic language and culture to students at SVS and Siletz Valley Early College Academy since last September.

Hassan came to Siletz under the auspices of the Teachers of Critical Languages Program, which is administered by the American Councils for International Education, a program of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs in the U.S. Department of State.

The girls in the fashion show displayed different types of abayas (floor-length dresses with head scarves) and kurtis (tunics worn over pants), while the boys sported tunic-type shirts made from silk or cotton worn over pants of similar material. All of the clothing was enhanced with embroidery, much of it done by hand.

Photos by Diane Rodriguez

Raydar (left) models clothes from Morocco, while Cheyenne and Karli (right) wear Aabish girl's abayas. The group (below) gathers at the end of the show with Abir Hassan (in pink).

