

This year is quickly coming to a close. Thanks to all the amazing parents, donors, employees and volunteers many great things have been accomplished at The Landing. So many of you have come together to support all the programs offered at The Landing.

Thanks to all your hard work we not only had a successful last year of preschool, but have now expanded to have two classes. There is a new play structure in the outside play space and the classroom is an amazing place for our little ones to learn in. Many of you helped with fundraising, supplies and volunteer hours to make it a great place for kids to come and learn. We became a Recorded program through the State of Oregon Office of Childcare and are working towards becoming a certified preschool. Thank you to all who have helped and continue to help to make these things possible.

Our Summer Nature Club program averaged 15 kids a day. Lunch was served to every child that participated. Inside activities included board games, crafts, video games, etc. Outside activities included hiking, gardening, watching the solar eclipse, sports and water activities in the parking lot.

Susan Cookson stepped down as the Child and Youth Coordinator because we were moving to two preschool classes a day. The After School program started with a delay until we were able to hire a new coordinator. We welcomed Megan Brons in this position and she has started the After School Program back up. She is also going to be starting a Middle School Program soon. We are very excited to have her on our team here at The Landing. We look forward to the plans she has to engage the school aged children in our community.

On October 3 the Landing recently partnered with community members to host an ACEs class. We want to thank Peter Buckley for coming up here to Butte Falls and presenting this information. Over 30 community members attended. Those who attended said they would like to see more presentations offered to the community, so we are working to get more classes set up to offer the community.

Through a partnership with The Family Connection we are also hosting a 7 week parenting class here. Karen Roertgen from New Connections Counseling is the instructor. Parents are served a wonderful dinner, provided by Cory Hamann of the Sugar Pine and can leave their children in the care of Susan Cookson in the preschool classroom while they attend the class. Parents, grandparents, daycare providers and community members are coming together to participate in this class.

The clothing closet is partnering with The Clothes Closet, operated by the Phoenix 1st Presbyterian Church. They brought up a whole car load of clothing donations for the clothing closet here at the Landing. Thank you to Susie St George for managing to put them all away!

The Landing had several fundraisers this year and we are so grateful for all who have donated time and money to make these events possible. The Easter Event, the Sasquatch Fun Run, poker tournaments, car washes, cotton candy and snow cones in the park, and the Spaghetti Feed with Bingo and silent auction helped to provide continuing support for the facility and programs we offer. Because of all of you who have helped with these events we can continue to offer opportunities like preschool, after school enrichment, food pantry, AA/NA meetings, social events, exercise room, family support, etc.

We also could not do what we do with our generous funders. In 2017 we received grant awards from the following:

Reed and Carolee Walker Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation \$20,000 for continued support of the Food Pantry Program

Olsrud Family Fund of The Oregon Community Foundation \$5,000 for The Learning Tree preschool

John S. and Frances W. Winslow Fund of The Oregon Community Foundation \$20,000 for The Learning Tree preschool

Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary \$4,700 for The Learning Tree preschool

The Carpenter Foundation \$5,000 for Lighting Capitol Project

AllCare Health \$30,000 for support of the Child and Youth Programs

Gordon Elwood Foundation \$5,000 for support of the Child and Youth Programs

There is so much going on here at The Landing! Please stop by for a visit and a tour. We look forward to any opportunity to talk about all the amazing things going on here.