

From the Program Director

2019 is quickly coming to an end. As we wrap up this year, I want to thank everyone that has supported the Butte Falls Community School Partnership and the programs offered at the Landing. Many of you have given time, money, and other donations throughout the year. Your generosity has helped people of all ages in the Butte Falls community and the surrounding area. Thank you!

Our preschool this year is bigger than ever. The Learning Tree @the Landing has 24 students enrolled this year! We have been able to hire an assistant to help with this large group. Stacy Jones began assisting Loretta Ellis, our preschool teacher, at the beginning of October. She is a great help and the children love her. Lisa Retherford, our volunteer preschool cook for the last 3 years, has faithfully volunteered for an average of 20 hours a week and made sure all our students had healthy meals and snacks while in our care.

We also filled the position of Custodian here at the Landing and are so grateful to Brandon Equitz for filling this position. Due to budget restrictions, we have not been able to employ this position for over a year and have depended on volunteers to help maintain the facility. To all our regular volunteers: Chuck and Deb Robison, who help with the clothing closet, Susie St. George's crew that help with the food pantry, our board of directors, Ruby Edwards and Cecil Bailey, who manage the 50's and Over Friendship and Fun monthly potluck, the AA/NA hosts, Sunny Bryant, our Bulletin Editor, Dan Murphy, our poker manager and so much more, Buff Lawrence and his crews of cooks, who serve a community meal every Resource Friday during food pantry, to Todd Merrill for all the hours you put in helping with food pantry and leaf blowing around the Landing, and all the others that I randomly call when in a pinch, THANK YOU!

A special thank you to Lone Rock Timber Management Co. for their recent generous donation of \$1000.00 to our Nutrition Program. This program supports people of all ages in the community. This program partners with Access to provide senior commodity boxes, food pantry two times a month and emergency boxes throughout the month, produce giveaway once a month, community meals during Resource Fridays while pantry is being served, and preschool meals and snacks.

Your donations of recyclable cans and bottles through the Bottle Drop program also help to support the Nutrition Program at the Landing. Thank you to all who have dropped off their cans and bottles to help with this. Since this summer, when we began this fundraiser, you have helped us to raise over \$440.00 to support the hungry in our community! Come by the Landing and pick up some blue bags, fill them with cans and bottles and either turn them in down at the redemption center or drop them off here with us and we will gladly take them down.

Thank you all for helping to make Butte Falls an amazing community, filled with people that are always willing to help their neighbor.

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