

Happy 1st Birthday

Justice AlvarezWe love you Mommy, Daddy
and Sister Seven.

Happy 17th Birthday

Jonathan

Love, your Family.



Happy Birthday

Tammy Childs

Love, Mom.

Happy Birthday

TinaLove, your entire family!
We hope you have a great one
and all your dreams come true!

Happy 13th Birthday

Kiana

Love, Mom & your Brothers.



Happy 50th Birthday

Doug Mollenhour

Dec. 3, 2008



Happy Birthday

Diane Samson

Nov. 26

Thank you for being the best
mom and grandma all these
years. Love, Sarah & Gage.

Butch Lillard is enjoying
his new grandson,
Ivan Allyn Santos
Thanks to Pam McDaniel and Jackie
Many Hides for the beautiful
cradleboard that makes him
feel snug and secure.
From Ivan's mom and dad,
Jessica Lillard and Jose.



Oregonians speak out – a series of
conversations about creating an environment
where everyone in our community can be healthy.

sharing solutions for good health

**Care for children**

There are too many kids in our state
who are struggling because of health
issues. They can't see the chalkboard
or hear their teacher well enough.
They aren't eating healthy meals. Their

teeth hurt so much they can't concentrate. This situation is
preventable when we partner with local leaders and voters
to realize solutions.

Over the past few years, our Salem chapter has rolled up
their sleeves and worked to get public funding for dental
education and free dental treatment to kids who need it.
The results have been amazing – which shows that when
children are healthy, they learn better and lead happier, more
productive lives.

—Jonah Edelman
Executive Director, Stand for Children

**Concern for culture**

We need to work with our leaders
to reduce barriers to everyday health
care. In Oregon, one of the biggest
challenges is finding culturally
appropriate care.

This goes beyond finding a doctor who speaks the right
language. It's about supporting a system that respects

a community's unique beliefs, practices and needs.
Giving a person access to community health programs
that fit with their culture is one way to create an increased
level of trust. And, when we work to support policies that
recognize cultural differences, we can help our neighbors
feel supported with opportunities that meet their needs.

—Shelley Hanson
Director, Spirit Mountain Community Fund

**Call for change**

Health and education are the basic
rungs of our ladder of opportunity – a
ladder that allows individuals to make
use of their talents and energy. When
these rungs are strong, we prosper.

But there are danger signs that our nation's ladder is in need
of repair.

What can we do? To strengthen the health of our communities,
we need to become much more sophisticated in how we
blend science, politics and activism to shape our future. And
we need to make sure that the policy decisions we make
today leave the next generation with expanding opportunity
– not increasing liability.

—Larry Wallace
Dean, Portland State University
College of Urban and Public Affairs

"To help our leaders create policies that encourage a strong
public health system, it's important that we listen to the wants,
needs and solutions that come from our communities."

—Nathalie Johnson, M.D., Legacy Medical Director of Cancer Services
and Northwest Health Foundation Board Member



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conversation



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