

Network of Volunteer Administrators Volunteer of the Year Nominees for 2011

Georgina Mendoza, Winner Volunteer of the Year (18 years and younger)

**Department of Human Services
Big Brother Big Sisters of Jefferson County
Georgina Mendoza (18 years and younger)**

Georgina Mendoza, a Culver High School student, is a Big Sister mentor for two elementary students. She meets, spends time, and plays games with her Littles weekly while listening and helping them talk through their problems. In addition, Georgina participates in school activities such as Cheerleading, Health Occupation, Leadership Class, Honor Society and is also Class Secretary.

Leah Custard, Winner Volunteer of the Year (Adult 19-54)

**Grandma's House of Central Oregon
Leah Custard (Adult 19-54)**

On a weekly basis for the past three years Leah Custard has played a critical role in supporting our teen mothers and teen fathers. Leah has stepped up countless times to cover open work shifts, locate resources for residents, opened her home to families during the holidays and comforted expecting mothers giving advice, guidance and support to young people who might not otherwise get it. Leah's support and dedication is appreciated by everyone at Grandma's House of Central Oregon.

Carol Wellock, Winner Volunteer of the Year (Adult 55 and older)

**Healthy Beginnings & Ronald McDonald's House Charities
Carol Wellock (Adult 55 and older)**

Carol Wellock has volunteered with Healthy Beginnings for almost 3 years and has become an essential part of our volunteer core. Carol has provided support at over 50 outreach events and 21 screenings impacting almost 700 children. She has also logged over 1,000 hours for the Ronald McDonald House and nearly 200 at the Deschutes Public Library. Carol's commitment to the Ronald McDonald House the Deschutes Public Library and Healthy Beginnings is outstanding.

**American Cancer Society
Rachel Mendazona (18 years and younger)**

As the youth chair for Relay for Life 2010 Rachel Mendazona emceed the event from midnight to 6am entertaining walkers and motivating fellow youth while participating. This year she takes on that same role and is motivating fellow students at Madras High School to participate and raise funds for the event. Rachel is also involved in National Honor Society, Girls Golf Team, President of the Junior Class at Madras High School, Interact (Rotary Youth Service Organization), and other organizations.

**Bend Area Habitat for Humanity
Ian Groh (18 years and younger)**

At only 16 years old Ian Groh demonstrates the skill and work ethic of a person much older. He has been a tremendous asset participating in deconstruction projects and building new homes assisting

more than 20 families in the Bend area. Ian is a vital part of the construction team and has provided over 70 hours of service in his first six months of volunteering with Bend Area Habitat for Humanity.

Bend Public Library

Jenny Goetz (18 years and younger)

Jenny Goetz is a talented and extremely busy high school student. Through her ongoing commitment to volunteer at the Bend Public Library, Jenny sets a great example for her peers. Jenny's attendance on behalf of the library at a volunteer recruitment fair at Bend High further demonstrates her dedication as she advocates the benefits of volunteering and encourages other teens to volunteer.

Grandma's House of Central Oregon

Alyssa DiMaio (18 years and younger)

Alyssa DiMaio has been a student volunteer for Grandma's House of Central Oregon for the past year. She is a special teenage girl who routinely assists with tedious tasks joyfully and strikes up conversation filled with joy and laughter with staff and residents. Alyssa is committed to making a difference in the lives of our residents and we greatly appreciate the hours she has given to our organization.

Healthy Beginnings

Viveca Hanson (18 years and younger)

Viveca Hanson has been a volunteer with Healthy Beginnings (HB) for almost a year. In that time she has been involved in screenings, outreach and fundraising events regularly recruiting volunteers including her mother, father and friends. Viveca has logged over 100 hours at HB, and Summit High's Sparrow Club where she serves as President. Her dedication to Healthy Beginnings and the children and families in Deschutes County is exemplary.

American Red Cross

Jennifer Richardson (Adult 19-54)

Jennifer Richardson has been volunteering as a Blood Donor Ambassador with the American Red Cross for nearly 4 years logging over 700 hours of service. In 2010, Jennifer received a Red Cross Blood Services Award given to volunteers who "exemplify excellent relationships with co-workers and donors, inspiring the involvement of others and giving exceptional service". Our local Sponsor Donor Development Representative says of Jennifer, "She's just the right face I want representing the Red Cross."

Bend Area Habitat for Humanity

Phil Groh (Adult 19-54)

Over the past two years Phil Groh has donated more than 200 hours to Bend Area Habitat for Humanity assisting in the construction of over 90 homes for deserving families. He also works in the ReStore, constructing displays, assisting families and leading deconstruction projects. Phil has an extensive volunteer resume dating back to his youth and now is sharing his that dedication for service with his family by bringing his sons Ian and Lucas regularly to the ReStore and Habitat building sites.

Bethlehem Inn

Mary M. Reilly (Adult 19-54)

Mary M. Reilly has committed over 500 direct service hours of her time and passion to fight against homelessness in Central Oregon. She has provided the leadership necessary to enhance the organization's ability to recruit and retain community volunteers. Mary has gifted the Bethlehem Inn with genuine compassion, real life experience and a steady flow of graciousness as a symbol of hope and inspiration to everyone she meets.

CASA of Central Oregon

Jaymie Kaczmarek (Adult 19-54)

Jaymie Kaczmarek's dedication, people skills, tenacity and clear focus has made her one of CASA of Central Oregon's most effective and committed volunteers. Jaymie has volunteered on three CASA cases while completing training to become a CASA peer coordinator, mentoring new advocates. In less than 9 months, Jaymie has devoted upwards of 125 advocacy hours and over 1,000 miles in support of CASA of Central Oregon.

Healing Reins

Susanna Abrahamson (Adult 19-54)

Susanna is a Healing Reins mom and has seen first-hand how this form of therapy has helped her son strengthen his concentration, muscle tone and fine motor skills. Other volunteers have benefitted from witnessing Andrew's courage, perseverance and awesome attitude. Whether helping on the Board of Directors, assisting with fund raisers, parental events or even challenging other businesses to match, Susanna deserves recognition and praise for her tireless efforts to support Healing Reins.

American Cancer Society

Susan Gallaway (Adult 55 and older)

Susan Gallaway started volunteering for Relay for Life in in 2002. Serving as Event Chair, Survivor Chair and everything in between, she attends meetings, gives rides, helps with event set up and clean up. Cancer survivors who attend the event every year know and look forward to seeing Susan's friendly face and her valuable emotional support to those whose lives have been touched by this disease.

American Red Cross

Carrie Sammons (Adult 55 and older)

Carrie Sammons began volunteering as a Blood Donor Ambassador for American Red Cross 15 years ago amassing an amazing 900+ hours of service. Using her professional skills, Carrie provided public relations support for two national disasters ; Hurricane Allison in Houston and 9/11 in New York. Carrie also volunteers with the Mountain River Chapter as Assistant Logistics Chief as a part of the Disaster Response Team creating messaging and supporting disaster needs.

Bend Area Habitat for Humanity

Ned Church (Adult 55 and older)

Ned Church's continued service to the Bend Area Habitat for Humanity for the past six years has strengthened our organization by recruiting new volunteers, implementing policies and procedures while being a leader though example. He frequently works extra shifts at the ReStore assisting with

the receiving department while recruiting long term volunteers to assist the organization. Ned is the perfect example of what makes our organization great.

Bethlehem Inn

Tom O'Brien (Adult 55 and older)

As President of the Board of Directors, Tom O'Brien's leadership was instrumental in leading Bethlehem Inn through difficult economic times, overcoming operational challenges, and setting the course for the future of Central Oregon's largest emergency shelter. He has spent countless hours researching management solutions, leveraging resources and sharing stories of hope and inspiration about our work. As a retired educator Tom is also an advocate for education sharing his experiences and knowledge with others.

CASA of Central Oregon

Barbara Bates (Adult 55 and older)

Barbara Bates, has volunteered with CASA of Central Oregon for 7 years advocating for the best interests in and out of court for 16 children since 2003. She has routinely taken challenging cases including those with large families and babies born to teens. Barbara has reported over 500 hours of service and has driven over 4,000 miles in support of our clients.

Department of Human Services:

Marianne Jackson (Adult 55 and older)

Marianne Jackson has served as a "volunteer driver" since June 1, 2010 accumulating 1,827 hours of service. She has driven over 31,228 miles transporting seniors, disabled, children and families to essential appointments throughout Oregon. When asked why she likes serving as a volunteer driver Marianne replied, "Being outside in the sunshine and meeting new people is truly wonderful and fulfilling".

Healing Reins

Bill Butner (Adult 55 and older)

Bill Butner has volunteered with Healing Reins for nearly three years and in that time he has identified ways to enhance, strengthen, and promote our cause. Whether helping weekly in multiple classes as a permanent volunteer, raising awareness by sharing his experiences with those in our community, or stepping in at the last moment to help with a participant, Bill's spirit of service and dedication to Healing Reins is as boundless as the Central Oregon sky.

Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers

Steve Austin (Adult 55 and older)

Steve Austin ensures the health and well-being of seniors and disabled people through his work at Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers (IVC). He transports clients to the grocery store, doctor's appointments, delivers food if they are homebound, shovels snow, cuts firewood, performs repairs and ensures client connectivity to the local community. As IVC overlaps with other organizations Steve is highly visible working on projects to connect community organizations and resources together for the benefit of all.

MountainStar Family Relief Nursery
Margaret Wyman (Adult 55 and older)

Margaret is a wealth of information bringing community resources and grants to clients at MountainStar Family Relief Nursery. She is extremely dedicated to our mission serving for years as a volunteer in classrooms with children. Margaret brings a great deal of expertise to her role helping our program attain desired outcomes in the areas of health, safety and hygiene.

Sunriver Area Public Library
Barbara Bailey (Adult 55 and older)

Barbara Bailey has been volunteering at the Sunriver Area Public Library for over ten years. Barbara's long time love of the written word may be why she chose to volunteer at the library. Her continued excellence and dedication of time to the library and to the Sunriver Nature Center speaks volumes of her character.