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## Mentoring News

### National Mentoring Month Activities

A number of programs statewide have sent short overviews of their mentoring month activities, which we will highlight in the next issue. Please consider sending us your events and updates if you haven't done so.

#### Advertising

- Oregon Mentors television advertisement, sponsored by Liberty NW, is running statewide throughout the month
- Liberty NW provided money to purchase additional advertising in three regions of the state, Eugene, Medford and Bend, highlighting local programs
- Oregon Mentors and the Oregon Council for Hispanic Advancement's mentoring program participated in a 30 min. Q&A format public service announcement on Radio Disney. (airs this Sunday morning on AM)

#### Proclamations and events

- Medford Mayor Gary Wheeler signed and read his proclamation during a city council meeting on

January 4

- Eugene's Committed Partners for Youth program will hold its second annual recognition luncheon. This year, Big Brothers Big Sisters will also participate and Springfield Mayor Leiken, will be read his mentoring month statement. The programs teamed up with the local NBC affiliate to run PSA's
- In Portland, Mayor Potter will read his mentoring proclamation on January 25th at 3 p.m. at the city council meeting. Oregon Mentors is working to have program staff, and a youth/mentor pair represented at the meeting
- Governor Kulongoski signed his mentoring proclamation, which will be forwarded to programs this month. He is also including a personal letter of thanks to mentoring program staff, encouraging them to forward his appreciation to their volunteers

### **Oregon Mentors Hires New Staff**

Oregon Mentors has hired Celeste Janssen, program development and Shannon Connelly, organizational development. Shannon brings more than 15 years of experience building a planned giving team at Davis Wright Tremaine LLP and serving on the boards of non profit organizations. Her strengths include strategic planning, team building, managing staff, board development, research and evaluation. Celeste has a background in youth programs and volunteer management. She has run recreational camps for children with cancer and their families. Her expertise is in running quality programs and volunteer management. Both women will begin on the 16th.

### **Southern Oregon Office to Open Soon**

Oregon Mentors will add a Southern Oregon office in February 2007. The Medford-based office will be the first physical expansion of a multi-year-plan to increase the depth of our services statewide.

The new program manager will be tasked with supporting regional youth mentoring programs' efforts by providing training, volunteer recruiting, technical assistance, networking opportunities, and regional policy advocacy.

Oregon Mentors board member, Mark Folger, Executive Vice President of Asante Health Systems, has generously donated office space and equipment in their Medford location. Initial funding for the office launch will come from a \$142,000 three-year grant from the Vancouver, WA based, M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust.

Oregon Mentors is seeking candidates for the program manager with roots in Southern Oregon.

Additional expansion includes plans for a regionally enhanced Web site with increased access to local mentoring opportunities, youth and family resources, and Web-based training for mentoring program staff. The Oregon Community Foundation and an anonymous donor recently awarded grants (\$20,000 and \$15,000 respectively) for these technology and training enhancements.

## **Events & Training**

### **Redwood City, Calif. – 8th Annual Mentoring Conference – January 25 - 26**

A great way to celebrate National Mentoring Month this month is to attend Mentoring: Art or Science?, the 8th Annual Mentoring Conference sponsored by Friends for Youth, in Redwood Shores (Northern California) on January 25 and 26, 2007 Workshop descriptions are now posted on the conference home page. Visit the conference page or [www.friendsforyouth.org](http://www.friendsforyouth.org) to view the conference flyer and to register online. For more information, contact Sarah Kremer, Program Manager, at [sarah@friendsforyouth.org](mailto:sarah@friendsforyouth.org) or 650-559-0200. Friends for Youth, Inc. 1741 Broadway, Redwood City, California 94063

## **Salem conference center – Oregon Civic Engagement Conference – January 29-30**

Take advantage of this opportunity to explore new developments in individual voluntary action, life-long civic engagement, inclusive community dialogue and service learning.

Hear from a wide variety of organizations, including 1,000 Friends of Oregon, American Jewish Committee, Chalkboard Project, Oregon AARP, Oregon Bus Project, Oregon Campus Compact, Oregon Center for Public Policy, and SOLV. These and other organizations will provide tools and information on community-strengthening efforts being led by committed individuals and groups across the state.

Special guests will include David Eisner, CEO of the Corporation for National & Community Service. To register or for more information visit: [www.oregonvolunteers.org](http://www.oregonvolunteers.org).

Student scholarship applications are also available online.  
Multiple registrants discounts available to representatives of the same agency.  
Regular = \$179 first \$139 second \$119 third+ registrant  
Onsite = \$199

## **SOLV offers opportunities for service learning fun for youth and mentor pairs**

1. PLANT A “TREE FOR ALL” – 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM (some events 1 PM):

Join Clean Water Services, these Washington County cities and SOLV as we plant native trees and shrubs at these sites:

02/03: Hillsboro, Reedville Creek Park  
02/10: North Plains  
02/17: Tualatin, Brown’s Ferry Park  
02/24: Sherwood, Stella Olsen Park  
03/03: Banks  
03/03: King City  
03/10: Cornelius

Info and Registration: [Tree for all](#) or contact Matt Weatherly, [matt@solv.org](mailto:matt@solv.org), 503-844-9571

2. TEAM UP FOR WATERSHED HEALTH – 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM:

Join us for this community native tree and shrub planting event:

02/03: Beaverton, Beacon Hill Wetlands Park  
02/10: Gladstone, Goat Island  
02/10: Tigard, Copper Creek  
02/17: Clackamas, Phillips Creek  
02/24: Lake Oswego, Carter Creek  
02/24: SW Portland, Tryon Creek—Lewis & Clark  
03/03: Gladstone, Goat Island  
03/03: NE Portland, Osborne Creek  
03/10: Clackamas, Phillips Creek  
03/10: SW Portland, Tryon Creek—Lewis & Clark

Info and Registration: [Team Up For Watershed Health](#) or contact Matt Weatherly, [matt@solv.org](mailto:matt@solv.org), 503-844-9571

SOLV volunteer opportunities are statewide. To locate events in your county visit [http://www.solv.org/volunteers/volunteer\\_county.asp](http://www.solv.org/volunteers/volunteer_county.asp)

## Funding Opportunities

February 1 – Oregon – **Oregon Community Foundation** – OCF's four funding priorities are: to nurture children and strengthen families, to enhance educational opportunities, to increase cultural opportunities, and to preserve and improve Oregon's livability through citizen involvement. Visit the Web site for details: [www.ocf1.org](http://www.ocf1.org).

February 15 -- North Coast (Clatsop, Lincoln, Tillamook, Polk & Yamhill Counties) – **Braemar Charitable Trust** – more information at: [www.trustmanagementservices.net](http://www.trustmanagementservices.net)

March 15 – Oregon – **Herbert Templeton Foundation** – Grants have regularly been made to various educational, youth, cultural and social service organizations with a present emphasis on program and direct services. Review application procedures at [www.foundationdatabook.com](http://www.foundationdatabook.com). Contact: Ruth Richmond, 503-223-0036.

March 31 – Lane, Benton & Deschutes Counties – **Chambers Family Foundation** – General philanthropic support. Grant application and information at [www.guidestar.org](http://www.guidestar.org), contact: Carolyn Chambers 541-484-2419.

March 31 – Portland – **Jackson Foundation** – Broad general purpose foundation with emphasis on Portland but does make grants statewide. Contact Robert Depew through US Bank for an application, 503-275-6564

March 31 – Oregon – **Juan Young Trust** – Grants are awarded for projects and activities to enhance the health, education and welfare of children under the age of 21. Visit [www.gosw.org/juanyoungtrust](http://www.gosw.org/juanyoungtrust). Note that applications are divided by region between two trustees.

April 1 – Oregon – **Jubitz Family Foundation** – Primarily focused on youth with an emphasis on early childhood development, environmental stewardship, and peace-making activities. Visit the Web site for application details: [www.jubitz.org](http://www.jubitz.org)

## Job Announcement

Here's an opportunity with our member program Incight:

### Program Officer

Work for a local non-profit in a creative, highly relational position while making a positive impact in the lives of others. Develop, maintain and grow programs that help local and national youth with disabilities reach their academic and career goals; network with local and regional businesses to further organization's mission of employing people with disabilities.

#### Accountabilities:

- \*Support our 58 scholarship recipients
- \*Build Scholar Program
- \*General Program Support

Salary: 28-38K, according to experience

Go to: <http://incight.org/incight/news.html> for full job description and information