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Policy Group Message

Policy Group has been visiting institutions this fall as a part of our annual statewide tour. We sincerely appreciate that each institution has welcomed us for a day of presentations and conversations. We know that it's an extra burden to make sure all of the logistics are in place to host us, and we appreciate all of the additional work that goes into these visits. In an organization as large as ours, these meetings give us an opportunity to better understand our day-to-day operations.



Director Max Williams

Visiting each institution is one of many ways we gain information about the organization, and share information with staff. We rely on these visits as a way to inform our conversations with legislators and other public safety partners. We also hope these visits we can help shed light on the organizational strategies we are focusing on to improve offenders' chances of success once they leave us.

The most valuable experience we have when visiting is to see first-hand how devoted and professional the Department's staff members are. We get to hear about the things you're doing to keep institutions safe. We hear about your spirit of local volunteerism. And we are reminded of the way staff come together to support each other in times of need.

We say it every time we sign off, but we'll say it again. We appreciate your work. You all play an incredibly important role in maintaining safe communities in Oregon.

Sincerely,

Max Williams, Mitch Morrow, Mike Gower, Kim Brockamp,
Chane Griggs, Tami Dohrman, Ginger Martin, & Leonard Williamson



From Lemons to Lemonade

My boys, Bryce and Braden, and I were watching Channel 2 Boise a few weeks ago and they were covering a burglary of the World Relief Center in Boise Idaho in which several bikes were stolen. It touched all our hearts and Bryce and I had an opportunity to talk about it and look the organization up on the internet and find out what they were about. World Relief is an organization that helps refugees come to America to live a productive life without fear of threats of violence, hunger, or even death. Bryce and I talked about the major negative impacts of people stealing property before we went to bed that night.



Proud dad, Brad Cain with his two sons, Bryce Cain and Braden Cain, (center three), with Nate Lacy Resettlement Counselor (left), and Larry Jones Field Office Director

That night I decided to use this as a learning opportunity for my kids to show them that an act of giving can not only help the people receiving, but also the people that give to people in need. I presented the idea of traveling to Ontario, loading bikes in our truck, and taking them to the World Relief Center in Boise. We were on vacation this week and we had made plans to go fishing and they decided that it would be better to help instead and as a father that made me very proud.

I think God works in wonderful ways because a year prior Lt. Ron Park and the SRCI Minimum Facility Staff helped create a bike repair program at the prison in which we provide refurbished bikes to several community agencies to assist people in need. This program has refurbished and donated over 120 bikes in our community. This program was established for this very purpose so we decided to approach this situation as an opportunity to assist and make a positive difference.

I spoke with Superintendent Mark Nooth on the phone and he was fully supportive of the idea and gracious enough to allow us to donate several bikes to this agency. The Boys and I got up early that morning and went to Ontario, picked up the bikes and took them to the Center in Boise. It was an amazing life lesson for Bryce and Braden to see the rewards of doing good things for others and to have them experience this was an honor for me.

The Staff at the World Relief Organization were very thankful and took the time to take the boys and I on a tour to show us the mission of their agency and specifically talked about how they would be using our bike donations. They explained to the boys that many refugees have never had the opportunity to use a bike and the only means of transportation they had was by walking. These bikes will be used to allow refugees transportation to find employment once they have arrived in America.

One person can really make a difference for many.

Article written by Brad Cain, Minimum Facility Manager at Snake River Correctional Institution.



ODOC – 2011 ASCA Scholarship Award Winners

In early August, we were honored to announce that children of two of our employees were selected as ASCA Scholarship winners. Notification was sent via email to all staff congratulating Kaitlyn Coakley, daughter of Marvin Coakley, Health Services Technician at CRCI, and Ryan Tuttle, son of Jeffery Tuttle, Production Coordinator at OSCI on their selection. As mentioned before, with close to 700 nationwide applicants this selection was quite exciting. Here's more about these two fantastic kids.

ODOC – 2011 ASCA Scholarship Award Winners



*Ryan Tuttle, son of Jeffery Tuttle
Tea House, Gonzaga University*

Currently Ryan is a senior at Gonzaga University studying Environmental Studies with minors in Music Performance and Political Science, and a concentration in Leadership. After graduating from Gonzaga in the spring he plans to obtain his masters degree in Environmental Studies with a concentration of Public Administration or Urban Planning.

"I am very grateful to be receiving the ASCA Scholarship. The money goes towards my rent at the Tea House, a themed house at Gonzaga University (as seen in the photo). With my education I hope to work towards developing healthy cities which are more sustainable and have higher levels of social cohesion. I want to express my great thanks for the ASCA Scholarship in helping me finance this education," Ryan said.

Jeff Tuttle and his wife Vicky are very proud of their son Ryan. They say he's been "a sponge for knowledge" since he was little. He won the Jackson's Books poetry contest grand prize in middle school, he is an Eagle Scout, played in several championship high school bands, was the closer for the state champion mock trial team and graduated as class Valedictorian for West Salem High.

His parents knew they had to do whatever it took to provide a college experience that would offer every possible avenue for Ryan. He attends Gonzaga University on a Presidential Scholarship. Jeff said the extra money is very timely for his family as the scholarship didn't cover tuition in full. This is the second time Ryan has been awarded the ASCA Susan M. Hunter scholarship. Jeff encourages all college-age DOC-employee children to apply.



ODOC – 2011 ASCA Scholarship Award Winners—continued



Kaitlyn Coakley, daughter of Marvin Coakley

Kaitlyn recently graduated from North Salem High School. Academics have always been priority in her life since she was young; she gives nothing but her best because she strives for success. Kaitlyn was actively involved in Young Life, National Honor Society, Leadership, and was Editor in Chief for the yearbook committee at her high school. Kaitlyn loves volunteering for nonprofit organizations; she has a huge heart for people.

She went to Haiti in summer of 2010 through YWAM (Youth With A Mission) Mission Adventures. She was selected as North Salem High's 2011 Homecoming Queen, voted "The Biggest Sweetheart" by her senior peers. She was also voted 2011 Prom Queen by the student body but rules stated she could only serve on one court per school year.

Kaitlyn is attending Whitworth University in Spokane, Washington. She felt this is where she was supposed to be and looks forward to what is in store for her. Currently she is undecided about what she would like to study, but is hopeful that by being around other students, speaking with professors, and being exposed to new ideas she will be able to grasp exactly what she wants to do as a career.

"Receiving the Susan M. Hunter scholarship is incredible. It has definitely helped reduce financial stress. It has kept me believing that if Whitworth is what is meant for me then everything will work out. It will enable me to worry less about money, and focus more on my studies. The Susan M. Hunter scholarship will be of great aid to me, and I can't thank the committee enough," Kaitlyn said.

"Kaitlyn amazes me every day. She has mastered how to genuinely treat others. She has such a loving heart. I also wish to thank the committee for all the same reasons Kaitlyn identified. We are thankful and humbled by this recognition," her father said.

Congratulations Ryan and Kaitlyn! You both have bright futures ahead.



Patriot Employer Award

Employers Support of the Guard and Reserve of Oregon, ESGR, provides services to the Guard and Reservists returning home. The goal is for these men and women returning home to have a job to report to once they take off their uniforms. This process allows applicants to apply and interview while overseas during their last six months of deployment. Normally this process doesn't start until they return home. Oregon is involved in piloting a project that is focused on what we can do while they are still deployed.

We are proud to announce that SRCI and CRCI were awarded the Patriot Employer Award this year for their support for those employees who are active members of the Oregon Guard and Reservist Units.



CRCI Superintendent Paula Myers, representative from the Air National Guard, Elizabeth LaCarney, and Lt. Mike Lange.



SRCI Superintendent Mark Nooth (center) accepts a letter of appreciation from Retired Brig. Gen. Norm Hoffman (right), state chair of the Oregon Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Committee, and also the Patriot Employer award from Retired Maj. David Paton (left), of the ESGR.

Helping the Community

CRCI Officer Joseph Yeaney is very active in the community. He received an award from the Oregon Association for Liberia, a community-based nonprofit organization in Portland on July 23, 2011 for volunteer services he is performing for the Liberian community in Portland.

Officer Yeaney also volunteered this past year for the Creating Assets, Savings and Hope (CASH) Program, preparing taxes for low income working families and senior citizens. CASH is an organization committed to improving the financial health of low income working families and individuals from every community in Oregon through partnerships with AARP Tax-Aide and VITA programs. He received a certificate from the IRS for doing this work.





SRCI Wellness Committee Golf Tourney

The fourth annual Wellness Committee Golf Tournament was held on Saturday, August 13th. There were eight teams this year with a total of 32 golfers hitting the greens out at Country View Golf Course. Teams were made up of SRCI employees along with their friends and families.

The Golf Tournament raised \$740 with proceeds benefiting the Treasure Valley Children's Relief Nursery (TVCRN).

TVCRN is an organization that targets "at risk families and children;" the families are identified by the Department of Human Services (DHS). TVCRN is a strength-based program modeled after the 35-year-old, highly successful Relief Nursery, Inc. located in Eugene, Oregon. TVCRN is one of 15 non-profit organizations certified by the Oregon Association of Relief Nurseries. The Ontario office serves families with children between 18 months and 5 years of age, who are experiencing multiple crises of some magnitude. Their goal is to offer these parents some relief, thereby reducing the risk of abuse or neglect. Part of the relief nursery's core program is a therapeutic classroom. Children attend therapeutic classes, which teach them skills that foster social/motional development, language skills, problem solving, and a sense of purpose. Parents receive monthly child-focused home visits.



Dezi DelValle, Randy Snyder, Matt Galemore and Al Morales

A big thanks goes to the staff, friends and family members that joined in the fundraising event and promoted staff wellness.



Best Team Award

Zach Park, Ron Park, Mike Reeve and Ryan Reeve



The Quack Attack

David Hooper, Todd Sarazin (Closest to the Pin Award), Julie Sarazin and Sarah Martinez



Pendleton Round-Up Princess



The Pendleton Round Up took place September 14–17 and Sgt. Troy Smith (DOC Transport) couldn't be prouder of his daughter, Sarah Smith who was a 2011 Round Up Princess. This is a rare honor, as it is very difficult to be considered and selected for this court.

Sarah Smith, 20, is the daughter of Troy and Joanne Smith of Pendleton. The Smith family has volunteered for Round-Up since 2008.

Sarah has taken part of many activities including: a pennant bearer, a Centennial flag bearer, worked at the Buckle Club Dinner, and worked in the ticket booth. In addition, she's volunteered for Happy Canyon for four years, has modeled in the Round-Up fashion show, and taken part in the annual work party.

Graduating from Pendleton High School in 2008, she was on the honor roll and awarded the Citizenship Cup. The Princess has 13 years riding experience. Sarah is currently a student at Oregon State University where she is studying exercise sports science. She has received a Blue Mountain Community College Foundation scholarship and a Umatilla County Fair scholarship.

Congratulations to Sarah and the Smith Family!

The Secret of the Spruce Knoll

One of our own, Sgt. Heather McCorkle from Warner Creek Correctional Facility, has stepped into the realm of becoming a published author. Heather's novel is a young adult urban fantasy titled, *The Secret of Spruce Knoll*. It can be found on Amazon, Barnes & Noble and other book retailers.

A little bit about Heather: "I've been writing since I was twelve and I always knew it was something I wanted to do professionally. However, I figured I would do it when I retired from corrections. I didn't see the hurry. Then, on Christmas day of 2005 my horse kicked me in the face. The doctor said if the kick had landed a fraction over it would have hit my temple and killed me instantly. As it was, I had to have surgery to have my face pieced back together. Talk about a wake-up call! In that moment it really hit home that we never know how much time we have and that to wait for my dream would be a mistake. I started writing again, using every free moment I could find. After a lot of classes and workshops I finally had something the publishing world wanted. My dream was realized with the release of *The Secret of Spruce Knoll* this August and I couldn't be happier."





Strongest guys on the block

Three Eastern Oregon Correctional Intuition staff members are training for the strongman competitions; Corrections Officers Jerame Linnell, Josh Patterson, and Jorge Morfin.

All three men are in the Pendleton area and are state champion lifters; Patterson placed third in his first-ever strongman competition last December in Portland.

Patterson weighs in at 320 lbs. and 6' 3" - broke Oregon's deadlifting record of 733 lbs. with a 777 lbs. lift at the Northwest Regional Powerlifting Championships in May. Prior to that, he set an American Powerlifting Association world record 785 lbs. in the deadlift in 2008, bench pressed 605 lbs. and squatted 820 lbs..

Linnell weighs in at 270 lbs. and 5' 10" - a light weight by strongman standards; he won the 2006 state bench pressing competition with a 630 lbs. press. He has been named the deadlift and bench state record holder many times and currently holding with three or four titles. Linnell's routine, lifting thousands of lbs. twice a week.

Morfin weighs in at 205 lbs. and 5' 7" - won Oregon's 1999 and 2000 bench press. He is the smallest of his workout group and yet can still bench press 405 lbs.. Starting his training only six months ago, Morfin is their up-and-comer.



The strongman competitions are unlike all other strength sports; this competition involves pulling trains, toting refrigerators and heaving oversized kegs. All three men are gearing up for next year's state championship.

EOCI's strong men Josh Patterson, Jorge Morfin and Jerame Linnell train for competitions in Linnell's backyard gym at his home in Hermiston.



Hunger Happens to Heroes Too

Paul Stanley from Facilities has been working very diligently for the last couple of years paving the way for expanding Department of Corrections' gardens and developing farm-lease agreements, inmate labor agreements, and projects to assist the Marion-Polk Food Share program.

"The need for food is huge and folks do not want to be in the position they are in any more than we would. However, they are the misfortunate caught up in societal events and struggling to survive. There are no boundaries to the needs and hunger they face daily," he said.

"Children are the ones who are most greatly impacted by hunger as their young brains are still developing and without proper nutrition on a regular basis, they will become our society's next debacle as we struggle with more criminal acts, disfunctionality, and overwhelming medical needs. It's happening all around us every day in numbers never seen before and it's getting worse. It is indeed a very sad state of affairs for the most powerful country on the planet. It doesn't have to be this way! We (DOC) can help make a difference. As a state agency, we have many resources that are available to help with such needs," he added.

Paul wanted to share this story from Rachel Humpert of Marion-Polk Food Share about a recent incident. This is just a single case of one family's needs that are being met by the work Marion-Polk



Dear Santiam Correction Institute,

Hunger happens to heroes too.

Veterans, their spouses and their children are among the 7,000 families turning to Marion-Polk Food Share for help each month.

"Good afternoon! This is Rachel."

That's how I answer the phone whenever it rings at my desk. Most days the calls I receive are related to the Sustainer Campaign, events and general giving.



One Thursday afternoon in June my phone rang and on the other end was a young father named Kevin asking about how to get emergency food. This wasn't an unusual call; I had received a few of these too. In most cases I had been able to find the information, but on that day, Kevin was asking about getting a food box delivered. You see, he was a Veteran who had been disabled in the most recent Iraq war and could no longer drive. He was a stay at home dad with three children ages 2, 3 and 13. I told Kevin I would get him in contact with a colleague who was more knowledgeable about our partner agencies and could find the right one to deliver.*

Now, this would usually be the end of my involvement, however, my phone rang again. It was Kevin. He had reached a voicemail message which said my colleague was going to be out of the office until Monday. Kevin, on the verge of tears, said he didn't think his family could make it that long and he began to elaborate on his story. Kevin hadn't just been wounded in Iraq - he had been shot in the head. This devastating injury had left him with a seizure disorder, rendering him unable to work or drive. In fact, they didn't even own a car. His wife was a student and worked part-time. They were struggling to say the least.

He expressed shame for needing to call and ask for help. Eventually, he broke down, calling himself a "scumbag" and crying. I told him not to worry - we are here to help. Kevin apologized for his breakdown.

As he spoke, I could hear a young child crying in the background. Kevin asked if there was any way we could get them some milk. He told me his youngest son was crying because he wanted milk and they didn't have any for him.

As a mother of two young children (ages 8 months and 2 years), I was deeply affected by his situation. I told him that I wasn't nearly knowledgeable enough about our member agencies to be able to get him set up with the appropriate one, but we would get him help.

I took his phone number and hung up. Thankfully our Vice President of Operations was already in my office; I couldn't have had a better person available to lend a hand. He immediately headed down to our warehouse. Please understand, we don't distribute food to individuals directly from our warehouse, so this was going above and beyond. While the food box was being assembled in our warehouse, I called Kevin back to let him know we were getting food gathered and would be sending someone to his house.



*Rachel and her children;
Audrey and Grayson*



"Grateful" doesn't even come close to expressing how Kevin felt when I told him we would be helping. But I had a nagging feeling. This man, his family and their situation had struck a chord with me. I needed to do something more. Before heading to my baby-sitter's house to pick up my children, I stopped by the grocery store. I knew Kevin and his family would be set up with a very complete food box, but I wanted to do more. I picked up a few of those things that we don't always have on hand: fresh chicken, fresh fruit, eggs, cheese and ice cream sandwiches (the kids needed something fun to put a smile on their faces).

After making my own delivery, I left their home feeling that I had done everything I could to help this family. I also left with a sense that I now understood exactly how important Marion-Polk Food Share is, how important my job is and how important the Sustainer Circle is.

Kevin was brave enough to ask for help. You can help answer the call from heroes in need by joining Marion-Polk Food Share's Sustainer Circle. If you want more information about the Sustainer Circle, please give me a call at 503-581-3855 ext. 309. I would be happy to answer your questions or help get you started.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rachel A. Humpert".

*Rachel Humpert
Marion-Polk Food Share*

P.S. Your gift will go twice as far if you join the Sustainer Circle today! Your 1st three monthly gifts will be matched by the Collins Foundation. There's \$75,000 at stake for hungry local families.

**Name has been changed.*

In closing, there are many resources that are available to help with such needs by our citizens. The man in this story fought bravely for his country only to return crippled and unable to feed his needy family. His pleas for help and his obvious desperation were a last resort for him and his family.

Hunger is not an imaginary event, it is very real and exists all around us. However, there is something each and every one of us can do to help. Even if we can't afford the money to contribute, we can volunteer, help our neighbors, and the gratification is often more than enough reward. Let's all make a commitment of some type and show some human compassion for our brothers and sisters during this great time of need.



Boy Scout Troop 514 Flag Ceremony

Boy Scout Troop 514 from La Grande, escorted by Scoutmaster Ron Miles, Assistant Food Services Manager at Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution, had the privilege of performing the opening flag ceremony at the June 16th session of the Oregon House of Representatives.

The 10 scouts from La Grande, ranging in age from 11 to 16 years old, were the guests of Rep. Greg Smith.

Although members of the Troop have performed the flag raising ceremony at the State Capitol before, this was a unique opportunity for the Scouts due to the unprecedented circumstance of having Co-Speakers of the House in attendance, because of the even split between Republicans and Democrats.

After the ceremony, the Scouts were greeted by many members of the House including Rep. Smith and both Co-Speakers. They watched both the House and the Senate at work, posed for pictures on the floor of the House, and toured to the top of the Capitol to see the Golden Pioneer.

It was a busy trip for the scouts who drove from La Grande to Salem on Wednesday (with an extended break to climb to the top of Multnomah Falls), a sleepover/camp-out at a local church Wednesday night, a full day at the Capitol on Thursday, a partial drive home with another camp-out in the Columbia Gorge Thursday night, and finally the last leg of the trip with side trips to Bonneville Dam and the Fish Hatchery.





Through The Eyes of Time

When we think about picnics, BBQ's and family fun, a correctional setting is not where you will find such a thing. There you will find razor ribbon fencing, giant lighting, high fencing, and a secure facility.

However, on August 6, 2011, Two Rivers Correctional Institution's (TRCI) minimum inmate yard looked a little different in Umatilla. Its yard was filled with tables, chairs, shading, sand toys, water balloons, basketball, volleyball, blankets, sun block, music, photos, food,

children, family, and a picnic atmosphere. Like the closet scene from *Narnia* children and loved ones were in disbelief upon crossing the threshold into the prison yard and embracing their loved one.



The family event was the first picnic ever done at a male minimum facility in Oregon. Participating in this event were 51 minimum custody inmates and a total of 155 family members. In addition, about 20 staff from various departments stepped up to the plate and hit a grand slam in order to assure a safe, secure environment, yet making it a memorable experience.

Oregon Department of Corrections is moving forward with concepts like that of Correctional Case Management, reintegration back into society, reunification of families and reduction of recidivism. TRCI is "thinking outside the box" in order to accomplish ODOC's mission.

This family affair came to fruition to meet these correctional objectives. For instance, the family component is one concept that is assessed to measure need for improvement. Because most of the



inmates come to prison with family issues it is important to address those issues. The picnic event provides an opportunity for inmates to bond with their families or reconnect again to develop strong support systems needed upon reentry back into society. This contact allows for them to become better fathers, sons, brothers, uncles and an overall productive member of society. Moreover, it lets them accept responsibility for their actions and plan for their future as many of them will be released to our communities. Also, under correctional case management, staff has an opportunity to become more active with an inmate's incarceration case plan in order to assist with social skills and problem solving development.



Through The Eyes of Time—continued



As these minimum inmates work hard to gain skills, their families had smiles worth a million words and others embraced, cried and held their loved ones. You could feel and see the excitement of both visitors and inmates. Families sat underneath the shading, ate a meal, played board games, or just talked the afternoon away. They also walked the yard conversing about life. Oh, and let's not forget the water balloon toss on the basketball courts, the giant sandbox and families laughing while soaking up the sun as if at a different place and time. There was one father who had not seen his son in 38 years, but did so that day in a very relaxed atmosphere. Another family member was that of a step-sister who had never met her step-brother and met him for the very

first time at TRCI's minimum picnic, the gift of a "small family reunion." Another family expressed how for "a moment they forgot where they were at" and liked "coming to Eastern Oregon because it rains too much in Salem." An inmate's sister stated she "liked visiting in this arena versus the medium and appreciated that the institution had allowed for family connections to take place."

The staff had similar reactions. A tenured Sergeant assigned to assist that day stated "Had I not been there to see the event for myself I may have a different viewpoint. It was a positive experience for staff, inmates and their families. I have a different outlook on the whole thing." A physical plant employee expressed, "I was pleasantly surprised...thought it went good." Another staff member stated, "I have waited a long time to see this happen. I'm glad it's here." Additional staff commented that it was a "good bonding experience" and "it went very well." With that said, staff meandered throughout the yard, while families and inmates expressed their gratitude. Inmates who assisted throughout the picnic were all "positive about it" and were very hospitable to other inmates and their families. For instance, they brought water or tea to people who were out. They made customer service look easy.

When it was time to end the family event, the large group of visitors gathered around as each inmate walked back into the facility. Their heads hung low as for many had escaped the reality of prison. Yet, as the last inmate walked back in, the families had their hands in the air waving and saying "bye."





Making this a Joyful Holiday Season

The Center for Family Success creates opportunities for families to link to resources, experience coached family time, enhance life skills and develop positive social networks to build family success.

Each year at this time we reach out to our partners to ask for help in ensuring that the holidays will be a time of joy for the children of families impacted by criminal justice involvement as they travel the road to rebuilding their lives and reintegrating into the community.



If you would like to participate in the
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Thank you to all of those who have and are now serving in the military. We honor your service, and we do not take lightly your sacrifices and those of your family. The department wishes to recognize the following staff who are, or were on, military leave as of August 2011. Thank you for your service and we look forward to your safe return.

Mathew Brady	CCCF Security	Richard Hedges	OSP General Security
Michael Burton	CCCF Security	Alan Humphrey	TRCI Security Staff
Clayton Callahan	CCCF Security	Charles Kliewer	CCCF OISC Admin
Richard Cunningham	EOCI Security	Steven McLay	CCCF Security
Daniel Cushman	MCCF Food Services	Victor Plodovsky	OSP HS - Medical
Michelle Doyle	CCCF Security	Jack Rowlett	CCCF Security
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