



From the Chief Executive Officer, Bob Lieberman

Fall is anniversary time for us at Kairos. Thirty six years ago, on September 12, 1977, nine people came together to develop an innovative agency that would find new ways to address the needs of young people with severe mental and behavioral disorders. Our vision was that we would grow to become an institute of some sort, a cutting edge organization that would continue to study and learn about the work and also teach others. On October 24th of that same year we accepted our first client, following a six week startup period.

Fast forward thirty-six years. SOASTC, now Kairos, did not become an institute, but has continued to learn and study, has grown significantly in scope, and helps advance training, education, and innovation in Southern Oregon, statewide, and to some degree, nationally. On September 11 of this year, the Kairos Board of Directors took a significant step, authorizing a capital campaign to develop a Children's Mental Health Campus on Nebraska Avenue, around the corner from our Ramsey Avenue locations.

The campus has been designed to respond to the growing need for children's mental health services in our community, region, and statewide. It includes a new Community Services Building to house our Treatment Foster Care program and the School Community Team. These programs have outgrown their quarters, including the space graciously leased to us by Options for Southern Oregon, a key community partner. The next campus development is the construction of a new psychiatric residential building, which will include a crisis unit. The crisis unit responds to a long standing need in Southern Oregon. In 2012, ninety-two young people were admitted to Rogue Regional Medical Center in behavioral or mental health crisis in response to their immediate acute needs, despite that organization not having children's mental health services available. This dramatic increase of such admissions over the proceeding five years stimulated activity by community partners and advocates to develop an appropriate and attuned urgent care capacity in the region. The campus is being made possible on a piece of property made available on very favorable terms through negotiations with the City of Grants Pass.

To help support this development, we have requested over a million dollars in grants and have an attractive financing package. We have also received over \$62,000 in funds thus far, from AllCare Health Plan, the Gordon Elwood Foundation, the Robert and Francis Cheney Family Foundation, and The Four Way Community Foundation, along with sixty-eight individual donors. Our organizational consulting firm, Westby Associates Inc., has significantly reduced their cost to conduct a feasibility study that shows significant local interest in helping support this project, and additionally there is the potential of philanthropy from out of the area. The total development cost will be approximately \$4.6 million, of which we already have over \$1.2 million in cash and in-kind support. We are hoping to raise enough to significantly reduce or eliminate bank financing, enabling us to invest the saved resources in services and supports.

Please contact me or Mary Lynne if you would like additional information about this campaign. Also please consider making a donation to the campaign, using the form in the inside of this newsletter. And above all thank you for your interest in our work and for your support of efforts to help young people and their families build on their strengths to meet their needs and find solutions to their challenges.

Concerts in the Park



The 2013 Chamber of Commerce Concerts in the Park has come to a close. This year we were fortunate to have such awesome staff help with the two Kairos booths. A special and well-deserved thank you to the staff for helping to educate the public about Kairos and sell the amazing jewelry handcrafted by the clients.

This summer proved to be a hot one, but everyone enjoyed themselves and struck up splendid conversations with many concert goers while enjoying the fabulous concerts.

The client jewelry and artwork displays proved to be a huge draw. This led to discussions with the public about Kairos and the important work we do for youth, young adults, and their families. Thanks again to everyone for their support, time, and energy in helping promote and educate our community about Kairos.

Kairos has been making a difference in the lives of youth and young adults with mental and behavioral disorders and their families for over thirty six years. We help them learn skills and find solutions to build a better future for themselves and the community. Your contribution helps us continue this important work. Please feel free to arrange a tour and perhaps meet some of the youth we serve. ***Together, we can build a stronger community and bring hope and promise to the youth and families who need our help the most.***

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Unless you request otherwise your support this year will be directed to the Children's Mental Health Campus.

School Community Team Mentoring Program

Kairos' School Community Team provides services to elementary schools in the Three Rivers and Rogue River School Districts. Included with this program in Three Rivers and Rogue River is a mentoring program that matches at-risk youth with volunteer adult mentors from the community. Michelle Gallas, our Mentor Coordinator, is an outside-the-box thinker who finds creative ways to link people and organizations together.

This summer, Kairos linked with the non-profit organization Pacifica, Josephine County Parks and Recreation, and Imagine That Creative Children's Center to offer a Nature Camp for our mentees and other kids from the community. The weeklong camp was designed to open young eyes to some of the wonders of nature through field trips, demonstrations, hands-on learning experiences, scientific observations and journaling. The children loved it! So did the adult mentors who participated.

Research has demonstrated that the presence of a single caring adult in the life of a child can have a huge positive impact, and can offset risk factors. The Mentoring Program, funded through a grant from the Oregon Community Foundation, has proved to be a successful, cost-effective way of connecting caring adults with needy children. If you or someone you know is interested in contributing an hour a week of your time to engage with a child, contact Michelle at 541-226-6684.



*A benefit to raise funds for three nonprofit mental health agencies:
Family Solutions, Kairos, and Options for Southern Oregon*

Josephine County's largest holiday festival, **Rogue Winterfest** is held at Evergreen Federal Bank's Bear Hotel. Each year, this venue undergoes a spectacular transformation into a winter wonderland, bringing the community together to help support the Rogue Valley's mental health organizations: Family Solutions, Kairos, and Options for Southern Oregon.

Rogue Winterfest kicks off with the popular **Gala Event and Grand Auction** on Thursday, December 5th, which features an exciting selection of creatively decorated trees, artworks, and outdoor displays. For the second year, we are offering the **Golden Social** for our senior community on Friday, December 6th. Family activities take place during the **Weekend Holiday Event** on Saturday, December 7 and Sunday, December 8th. The **Culinary Christmas Classic** on Monday, December 9th will bring the series of holiday festivities to a delicious close.

For additional information about Rogue Winterfest events please visit the website at www.roguewinterfest.org.

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