Aloha All!

At the Celebration of Hope luncheon in Coos Bay, I appreciated everyone listening to my thoughts on HOPE and how hope is nurtured through RELATIONSHIP. I shared a personal story of my mom experiencing significant health issues and how it was affecting my mental health and hers and how we made a decision as a family to visit her. That simple act of relationship and sitting and talking with each other until late at night did wonders for both of our souls. Healthy and vibrant relationships really do matter. Though my mom’s body still fights the illnesses, both of our souls were reinvigorated. Our purpose was renewed and our passion for life strengthened. The SPACE between people is sacred and powerful, much like the space between you as donors and community partners and those we serve. We get to choose what we want to invest in that space, and when we choose kindness—“aloha,” respect, and positive assumption/intent—HOPE is nurtured and HEALING occurs. We thrive best when relationships are built upon healthy ideas and practices.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our Board of Directors for their time, service, and commitment to our agency.

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Celebration of Hope Luncheons

Kairos hosted two Celebration of Hope luncheons this year: one to celebrate Coastline Services and the other to applaud the Rogue Valley programs. The luncheons were a tremendous success! Please join us in thanking our luncheon sponsors:

- AtCare Health
- Evergreen Federal Bank
- Hart Insurance

Clients and family members gave truly moving speeches focused on the hope Kairos has provided them. Below are a few quotes from their emotional, heartfelt talks:

“When I came to Kairos, I was a broken mess. I was angry at all the people who had doubted. Now I rarely ever get angry, and I have learned a lot of coping skills.” Young adult resident at Momentum Community Partnerships are vital to Kairos. By collaborating with others, we have the unique opportunity to find solutions and raise funds to support our programs. At the Coastline Services Celebration of Hope, we awarded three crucial community partners:

1. Dutch Bros of Coos Bay/North Bend for our two “Kairos Give Back Days.” This collaboration has raised $7,098.94 to date.
2. North Bend School District has housed Coastline Services Family Support Group. This generous contribution has been a critical component to the success of Coastline, and we are very thankful for their continued support.
3. Faith Lutheran Church granted $5,000 to support the Coastline Services Family Support Group. This generous contribution has helped sustain this important group on the Coast.

We also acknowledged three invaluable community partners at the Rogue Valley luncheon:

1. The 541 Outlaws, a car club, began purchasing Christmas gifts for the youth at New Beginnings in 2013. To date, the 541 Outlaws have donated $5,904 of holiday presents. WOW!
2. Through the collaboration and partnership with CareOregon, Kairos has opened two Outpatient Services sites in Jackson County. Last year, we received a $150,000 grant from CareOregon to purchase the new Electronic Health Record (Carelogic).
3. We acknowledged Evergreen Federal Bank’s Bear Hotel Staff for their role in Rogue Winterfest, the five-day Festival in which Kairos is one of the three benefitting agencies. The Bear Hotel Staff go above and beyond for the Festival as well as for Kairos. Without the Bear Hotel Staff, this one-of-a-kind community event would not be possible.

We also had the opportunity to recognize and thank the below Board members for their service and dedication to the agency:

- Janet Greek (2014–2018)
- David Lorenzen (2012–2019)

Thank you to everyone who helped make these events possible—including program staff for helping youth, young adults, and family members write their speeches as well as staff who helped with registration, photography, and providing client support at the luncheons. #TeamKairos

We are proud of the work Kairos does in the communities we serve. Your help makes it possible for us to continue that work. Approximately one in four children and young adults suffer from a mental or behavioral disorder at some point, and only about a third receive treatment. The increasing stresses in our society make it difficult for young people to achieve or sustain optimum mental health.

We continually strive to improve our ability to meet the needs of the most vulnerable youth, young adults, and their families. Your support is as critical as ever. The generosity of our donors and supporters helps us provide desperately needed services and supports in the communities we serve. Using the form below, please help us promote mental health awareness and provide critical services that empower youth and young adults to build on their strengths as they overcome challenges, find solutions, and develop hope for their future. On behalf of all those who will benefit from your commitment, we thank you for your consideration.

#TeamKairosChallenge

On July 1, Kairos will once again be launching the #TeamKairosChallenge. Our goal is to raise $17,500 by August 31. During the #TeamKairosChallenge, Kairos staff members and the Board of Directors are challenged to raise $100 each for the agency. The idea behind the staff driven #TeamKairosChallenge came from the 2017 All Staff Meeting when a majority of Kairos staff asked to be involved in raising funds for the agency. All involved are encouraged to reach out to those they know to not only raise funds but to also raise awareness of Kairos.

Ways to donate:

- Online at our website: kairosnw.org/donate
- Mail donation to: Kairos, Development Department 1750 Nebraska Avenue, Bldg. A Grants Pass, OR 97527

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Kairos has been making a difference in the lives of youth and young adults with mental and behavioral disorders and their families for forty 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. Together, we can build a stronger community and bring hope and promise to the youth and families who need our help the most.

Please mail this form and your check to:
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You can also make a donation online at kairosnw.org/donate.

We collaborate with young people, families, and communities to provide intensive mental health services and supports, promote mental wellness, and instill hope.