



# Sponsors Mentorship Program

July 2017



July's Mentorship Support Group is a Luau! Please join us on Wednesday, July 26th from 6-8 pm at the Oaks at 14th for a Luau event. Wear your best Hawaiian attire, and please bring a luau themed food if possible (otherwise anything for a BBQ-style event will work!). Please RSVP with Amy Bowers at [abowers@sponsorsinc.org](mailto:abowers@sponsorsinc.org) if you can attend. Hope to see you!



### **Bowling at Strike City!**

Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. If you need a ride, come to the Mentorship Program at 4:10 p.m. and we will give you a ride. Otherwise, we will see you at the bowling alley, located at 1170 OR-99 in Eugene. Cost is \$2.50 per game (taken out of match fund), and shoe rentals will be free! Scholarships are available. Amy and Kristie will lead this event. For more info or to RSVP contact Amy at (541) 505-5686 or [abowers@sponsorsinc.org](mailto:abowers@sponsorsinc.org).



### **Crawfishing in the Siuslaw River!** Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup>.

Meet at the Mentorship Program at 9:30 a.m. and return by 6 p.m. at the latest. Join in on the fun as we catch some sun and some crawfish! We'll boil up the crawfish right then and there – yum! We'll provide the equipment. You will need to bring: a sack lunch, plenty of water, sunscreen, clothes and shoes that you can get wet, and a set of dry clothes and shoes to change into afterward. Amy and Kristie will lead this event. Mentors – please let us know if you are available to drive. RSVP to Amy at (541) 505-5686 or [abowers@sponsorsinc.org](mailto:abowers@sponsorsinc.org).

### **NEW MENTOR ORIENTATION**

**The next Mentorship Program orientation for new participants** is on Saturday, July 8th from 10 am-3:30 pm. Mentees only need to attend from 10-1, and mentors from 10-3:30. Lunch is provided. After lunch, the mentors will resume training and the afternoon will end with a program tour of the men's facility.



### **Join us for a Mentorship Program Poker Tournament**

on Thursday, July 27th from 5:30– 8 p.m. We will meet in the conference room behind the Mentorship Program. We will offer first, second, and third place prizes! This is not a gambling activity - we will not be playing for money, only for fun! Beginners and experienced players are all welcome, and fun will be had by all! James and Brett will lead this event but please RSVP to Amy at (541) 505-5686 or [abowers@sponsorsinc.org](mailto:abowers@sponsorsinc.org).



### **The Mentorship Program got bees and we need a mentor!**

We need a mentor to take ownership of our hive and teach the clients about bees. Please call Jen Jackson at 541-505-5663 if you know the right person.

## WHITEAKER BLOCK PARTY

Looking for volunteers to help us table at the Whitaker Block Party! On Saturday, August 5th, we are looking for volunteers to help the Mentorship Program at a tabling event for different shifts between noon-9pm. The block party hosts scores of local bands, performers, Kids' and Arts Zones, a spoken word stage, carnival games, street performances, food and craft vending, and much more! We are looking for a few volunteers to join us at the Sponsors Mentorship table to recruit new mentors at this fun community event. Please call Joel at 541-735-6400 if you want to help.



Looking for volunteers to help us table at the Eugene Sunday Streets! Sunday, July 30th, we need volunteers to table for different shifts between 9 am-4 pm. Please volunteer at this amazing event where over a mile of the city's streets are shut down for people to walk, bike, and roll in a safe, car-free environment. We'll be "Intersection Superheroes", helping with traffic flow and answering questions. We would love to have as many of our amazing participants as possible show up to volunteer with us in an effort to recruit new mentors. To sign up or to get more info, contact Joel at 541-735-6400.



We have free tickets to the Bach Festival! We were gifted four tickets to three different shows of this year's Bach Festival. We have tickets to *Hercules* on July 8th at 7 pm, *The Stangeland Family Youth Choral Academy* on July 11th at 7 pm, and *Taiko Adventure* on July 15th at 10:30 am. All shows will be held at the Hult Center at 7th and Willamette. If you are interested we would love to give you the tickets, so please contact Amy Bowers at 541-505-5686 or [abowers@sponsorsinc.org](mailto:abowers@sponsorsinc.org).



**Open Mentor Conference Room Hours**--Mentors, if you would like to get together with other mentors for an informal "support group" session, please come to the Mentorship Program Conference room on Thurs, July 27th from 2-4 pm. We will have this session on the last Thursday of each month at the same time, so mark your calendars! One mentor who came last month commented by saying "I found meeting with other mentors reassuring and helpful. I received ideas and information that will assist me in being a better mentor in the future. I think this is a great idea and hope other mentors will come on board!"



**July's Match of the Month is... Chris & Chelsey!** "I have had the most rewarding and inspiring experience being in the Mentorship Program," says Chelsey, Chris's mentee. "The staff at Sponsors are always respectful and understanding. Thanks to Brett I was matched with the most amazing mentor I could have asked for. She is always willing to help me in any way she can. She listens to me, and gives me great advice. She is most certainly always reliable for a good laugh! She isn't just my mentor, she has become my friend, and someone I look up to". Chris says, "I must admit I was nervous when I found out I was paired with a mentee. This is my first time doing something like this. Would she like me? Would I be able to add something positive to her life? When I first spoke to Chelsey I was immediately taken with her smile and enthusiasm. She is so easy to talk to and her positive outlook and openness are infectious. I am so enjoying our time together, learning about her life and goals and sharing our stories. While we have different backgrounds, it's amazing how much we have in common: single mom (been there), full time job (been there), going back to school a little later in life (been there). I'm impressed with all of the milestones she has passed so far. Chelsey is super fierce and has unlimited potential. I am honored to be a part of the journey."