





Join us for a Beach Trip! On Saturday June 3rd from 9:30-6, we are headed out for our annual Sponsors Mentorship Program trip to the beach! This year we are in search of tide pools. We will work our way towards the northernmost point of Lane County to Neptune State Scenic View Point and will go searching through tide pools for cool sea creatures. We will also hang out on the beach, have lunch and play games with Frisbees and footballs. On the way home we will stop for ice-cream at BJ's in Florence. Meet at 9:30am behind the Mentorship Office and bring a sack lunch. We will be back by 6pm. Please RSVP with Kenji to volunteer to drive or sign up 541-505-5686 or khammon@sponsorsinc.org.



The next Mentorship Program orientation for new participants is on Saturday, May 13th from 10 am-4 pm. Mentees only need to attend from 10-1, mentors from 10-4. Lunch is provided. After lunch, the mentors will resume training and the afternoon will end with a program tour of the men's facility.



Come to an afternoon of crafting at MECCA (Material Exchange Center for Community Arts)! On Wednesday, May 17th from 4-6 pm, we are renting a small craft space and allowing each participant up to \$5 per person to choose whatever craft supplies you want to make whatever project you want! MECCA is an arts and craft store that sells used and recycled craft supplies, including everything from tiles and picture frames to old gift cards and beads! If you need transportation or can provide transportation, please let know. Otherwise please meet us there at 4 pm at 449 Willamette St, next to the train station. There is a maximum of 11 people who are allowed to sign up. If you sign up and don't show up, \$10 will be deducted from your books.



Sponsors in the news! If you missed it... Take a look at the editorial that ran in the Register-Guard, on April 9th entitled "Pinch the prison pipeline" which explains how Sponsors reduces homelessness, recidivism, and crime in our community.



Ever tried Qi-gong? Join us for our third monthly Qi-gong Class! We will have two classes in May, one at the Sponsors Mentorship conference room, and the other at the new Oaks Conference Room located at 1424 Oak Patch Rd. Stay tuned for dates on these events. Qigong practices can be classified as martial, medical, or spiritual. All styles have three things in common: they all involve a posture, (whether moving or stationary), breathing techniques, and mental focus. The gentle, rhythmic movements of Qigong reduce stress, build stamina, increase vitality, and enhance the immune system. We have an amazing teacher who wants to introduce people to this practice. We would love to have you attend, so RSVP with Kenji 541-505-5686 or khammon@sponsorsinc.org



May's Mentorship Support Group is a Post-Memorial Day BBQ! Come to the conference room behind the Mentorship House on Wednesday, May 31st from 6-8 pm to eat good food and hang out. We will provide the meat and drinks, and ask that everyone who attends brings a side dish to share. You must RSVP with Mentorship staff for this event so we can ensure we have enough food.



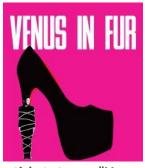
May's Match of the Month is.... Charles (mentee) and Dick (mentor)! Congratulations, please enjoy your gift card! Charles and Dick were matched in August 2016 while Charles was still incarcerated. Their relationship started with letters back and forth due to Charles having complications with his hearing aid. In October, Charles got his hearing aid back and Dick went to visit him. The two sat and talked for a couple hours. Charles said, "That really showed commitment on his part. He is easy to get along with and he communicates effectively". When Charles released in December, Dick met him at Sponsors and spent two days straight running errands together, which really meant a lot to Charles. And the match took off from there! Dick encourages Charles to stay sober and the two attend AA meetings and get a meal on a weekly basis. When I asked Charles what he enjoyed about the match, he said, "All the great food at the support groups, building relationships with other people, and getting to know them. But, more importantly, I feel like Dick is my friend". When Dick was asked "why do you mentor?" he said "getting involved with a person who needs a friend and a little guidance after release is very rewarding. Mentoring Charles has been a real treat for me. His improvement in his decision making is noteworthy. But, seeing him shake off layers of fear and slowly coming to the realization that we really do want him to make it on the outside is a real gift to me. Charles is a good guy and is becoming a good friend. Hopefully a friend for life, it doesn't get any better than that!"



May's Documentary Night is a screening of "What Makes you Click" on Tuesday, May 23rd from 5-6:30 Drinks and popcorn will be provided. We will be watching this short film in the conference room behind the Mentorship House, and will follow the film with a lively discussion about our relationships with technology. The film is described as this--"Your likes, passions and habits are best known by people you've never met. They have the power to read your mind, mold your thoughts, and determine where you spend your hard-earned dollars. They're the capitalistic kings of the new digital age - the online persuaders - and they're the subject of this documentary". Hope you can join us!



Come to the Mentorship Program for Game Night on Sunday, May 21st from 5-7pm. We will be hosting this event in the main Sponsors Conference room. Pizza, snacks, and drinks will be provided for those who stay and participate by staying and playing games. We will have a number of board games, video games, and card games for people to enjoy on a Sunday night. If you are interested please RSVP with Kenji 541-505-5686 or khammon@sponsorsinc.org.



Get free tickets to see "Venus in Fur" at Oregon Contemporary Theater on May 18th from 7:30-9 pm at 194 W. Broadway. Doors open at 7 and are locked by 7:30. We will have twenty free tickets, and all you have to do is sign up and show up! Tonvnominated, scintillating, smart and sensual by the always brilliant and hilarious David Ives. The lines between reality and fantasy are blurred when the determined, uninhibited actress Vanda wiles her way into an audition for Thomas, the writer-director of a new play. Venus in Fur has power, masochism and seduction abound in this sexy, funny, unforgettable play. If you are interested RSVP with Kenji khammon@sponsorsinc.org or 541-505-5686.



OCT Theater Clean Up! Going to the play? Please give back by helping prep the theatre for upcoming plays. We will meet at OCT on May 5th from 11am-1pm at 194 W. Broadway. We need 5 volunteers to help us clean the theater in exchange for all of the free tickets that we get! Please RSVP with Kenji khammon@sponsorsinc.org or 541-505-5686.