



# Sponsors

## Mentorship Program

### October 2017



#### **Please join us at the Mount Pisgah Mushroom Festival!**

Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> we're off to hang out with our fungal friends at Mount Pisgah! We'll enjoy a mushroom-themed guided nature walk, scarecrow contest, mushroom exhibit, live music, and dozens of vendors selling food, drink, art, crafts, books, mushrooms, and plants. Minors will be present, so P.O. permission is required to attend for those with a no-minor restriction. Please meet Ben and Brett behind the Mentorship House at 12:50 pm for a ride, or meet us at the main entrance at Mount Pisgah at 1:30 pm. We'll return by 4:30 pm. Mentors, please let us know if you can help with transportation. If you RSVP by noon on Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, entry is free. If you RSVP after that, your entry will be \$8. Please RSVP to (541) 505-5686 or [abowers@sponsorsinc.org](mailto:abowers@sponsorsinc.org).



**Want to get your GED but need extra help?** Sponsors is hosting twice-weekly GED tutoring classes to help you accomplish that goal! Tutoring sessions are facilitated by experienced tutor Randy Frost, and take place Mondays and Wednesdays 6-8 pm in the Community Room at The Oaks at 1424 Oak Patch Road. If you are interested, please contact Kristie for more details at (541) 505-5665.



**Want to work out?** Visit the Mentorship House to pick up a free 2-week pass to Oakway Fitness! They have gender specific workout rooms and loads of classes.



**Pinochle Tournament and Pizza Party!** Join the fun on Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 8 p.m. in the conference room behind the Mentorship House. 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. Ben and Joel will lead this event, but please RSVP to Amy at (541) 505-5686 or [abowers@sponsorsinc.org](mailto:abowers@sponsorsinc.org).



**Want a free haircut?** Visit Chad in the RRC to pick up a certificate for a free haircut at Sport Clips!

**October's Mentorship Support Group: Lane County Parole and Probation Supervisor.** On Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8 pm, we are fortunate to be joined by Kim Menjou, Lane County Parole and Probation Supervisor. We will meet at the Oaks at 1424 Oak Patch Road. The focus of this month's discussion will be on the supervision of sex offenders. Kim has been working with sex offenders for 20 years, and has a wealth of knowledge to share with us that will help us become more informed as mentors, clients, and staff. This is a potluck dinner. Please RSVP with Amy at [abowers@sponsorsinc.org](mailto:abowers@sponsorsinc.org) or call (541) 505-5686.



**Love to sing and want to join a choir?** The Eugene Gleemen are looking for male singers to join up. Rehearsals are every Tuesday at 7 pm at the chapel of the First Christian Church. They are looking for enthusiasm more than talent. Rather than a traditional Fall Concert, they are doing a Holiday Concert, so it should be very accessible to someone who hasn't sung in a while. While there are member dues, the first 6 months are free, they have scholarship opportunities, and you can use your match funds.



**Need volunteers to table on behalf of the Mentorship Program at the Womenspace Wonder Run!** On October 14<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am - 12:30 am, Womenspace will be hosting the Wonder Run at Alton Baker Park. Runners and supporters alike are encouraged to dress up as their favorite superhero to celebrate the heroism of survivors who have overcome abuse and the communities who stand against violence in intimate partner relationships. Intimate partner violence is a community issue, and they've invited us to table at this event! Joel will be setting up at about 10 am and is asking for volunteers to help him spread the word about Sponsors Mentorship to those in attendance. Please let him know if you are interested in tabling by phone at (541) 735-6400, or drop him a note at [jsmith@sponsorsinc.org](mailto:jsmith@sponsorsinc.org).

## ORIENTATION

**we'll help you find your way**

**The next Mentorship Program orientation for new participants is on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 4 pm.** Mentees only need to attend from 10 am – 1 pm, and mentors from 10 am – 4 pm. Light breakfast and lunch will be provided. After lunch, the mentors will resume training and the afternoon will end with a tour of the men's facility.



**Free tickets to Oregon Contemporary Theater's "Marjorie Prime"** - Marjorie Prime is showing on Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Oregon Contemporary Theatre located at 194 W. Broadway. "It's the not-too-distant future in the age of artificial intelligence, and 85-year-old Marjorie has a handsome new companion programmed to help her recount the distant, fading memories of her life. This wondrous play explores what it means to be human in the digital age." Arrive at the theater by 7:15 pm to pick up your tickets at will call. If you are going to this play, please sign up, if you can, for the theater clean up the next day (see details on the following page of this newsletter). Reserve tickets at (541) 505-5686 or [abowers@sponsorsinc.org](mailto:abowers@sponsorsinc.org) by Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. If you reserve tickets and do not attend, you may be banned from reserving tickets in the future.



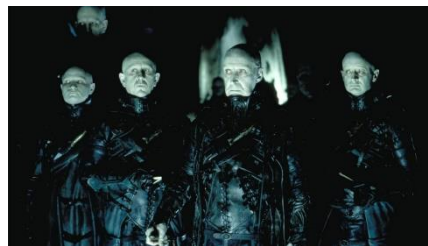
**October's Financial Planning Class: "Financial Wellness Score Overview."** Do you have questions about your personal finances? Come to the main conference room at The Oaks at 1424 Oak Patch Road on Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 7 pm for help. It will be taught by Stephen Snyder, experienced branch manager for Key Bank in the Eugene area. Contact Shane Hagey at (541) 735-6408 for more info or to RSVP.



**NEW HOURS for the Open Mentor Drop-in Group.** Mentors, please come for an informal mentors-only "support group" with other mentors. We are trying a new time: 4:30-5:30 pm on the same days as the monthly Mentor Support Group program event (which is always the last Wednesday of each month, 6-8 pm). We will open the room early for mentors to get together for an hour, then staff will take half an hour to set up for the Mentor Support Group program event. This means the next mentors-only group will be on Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 4:30-5:30 pm. It will always be at the same location as the support group (usually at the Oaks at 1424 Oak Patch Road).



**Volunteers needed for the Oregon Contemporary Theater clean up!** Are you a fan of live theater? Wonder if there's more to theater than bad wigs and silly accents? Want to learn more about Eugene's professional theater company? Or do you just want to help out a local arts group? We need four volunteers to join Oregon Contemporary Theater in making OCT's building sparkle for the opening of a new show. We will volunteer on Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 11 am to 1 pm at the OCT Theater at 194 W. Broadway. Volunteers will work together to move some light furniture, clean the theater and lobby, and set up for the opening night reception. If you want a ride, meet us in the lot behind the Mentorship House at 10:45 am, or meet us at the theater at 11 am. If you can help out, contact Amy at (541) 505-5686 or [abowers@sponsorsinc.org](mailto:abowers@sponsorsinc.org).



**October's movie of the month at the Oaks: Dark City.** Please come to the community room at the Oaks at 1424 Oak Patch Road on Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm to see this apocalyptic film. For more info, contact Tree in Mentorship at (541) 505-5698.



DONATE BLOOD

### **Blood Drive and HIV/Hepatitis C Testing at the Mentorship Program**

Did you know that by donating just one pint of blood, you can save three lives? On Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 4 pm, we'll be saving lives with a blood drive in the lot behind the Mentorship House. There will be a raffle for everyone who signs up to donate blood (if it turns out you are ineligible to donate, you will still be entered in the raffle), as well as snacks and drinks for eligible donors. **You must make an appointment ahead of time in order to donate**, so please call Lane Blood Center at (541) 484-9111. HIV Alliance will also be on hand during the event offering free, quick and easy HIV and Hepatitis C testing and services – no appointment necessary! For more information about these HIV and Hepatitis C tests and services, contact HIV Alliance staff Anthony Fischetti at (541) 342-5088 ext. 131.





### Connecting Compassionately: An Introduction to Nonviolent Communication.

This is a full-day course taught by Gary Baran on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm at the Center for Spiritual Living in Eugene. Gary is a Certified Nonviolent Communication trainer who has taught these courses for many years. Please contact him at (541) 343-3885 or [garybaran@gmail.com](mailto:garybaran@gmail.com).



**Join the Rotarians to organize the Sponsors Warehouse!** On Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> the local Rotary Clubs are holding a Day of Service event to celebrate 30 years of women in Rotary. Sponsors was selected as one of the six local nonprofits to partner in the Day of Service from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. Feel free to come work alongside approximately 20-30 volunteers in the Sponsors warehouse stacking, storing, re-arranging, and generally organizing our donations to make it easier for our clients to access. No need to RSVP, just come on by!



### October's Match of the Month is Jerry and Greg - Congratulations!

Jerry and his mentor Greg have been getting together for coffee almost every week since they were matched at the beginning of the year. Mentor Greg recognizes and respects the amount of hard work Jerry has been putting into his life. Jerry once told Greg, "I'm not going back, and I mean it" - and Greg says he can see Jerry sticking to this in everything he does. Greg says his mentee is honest and straightforward, which he really appreciates. Greg also says Jerry is a man of many talents, including fishing, metal working, and being a fast learner. Jerry appreciates that his mentor is down to earth and that he makes time in his schedule for their weekly meetups. Many matches center around getting together for new and exciting recreational activities, but Jerry and Greg have a match that shows the strength of their relationship through dependable, small moments over a long period of time. They know that they are there for each other when one needs to just sit and rest from a packed schedule. Here's to many more coffee conversations for the foreseeable future!



**Halloween Decoration-Making at the Women's Program!** Join us on Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 to 12:30 pm at the Sponsors Women's Program at 767 W. 8th in Eugene. Men who have children and are allowed to be around minors are welcome too! Sterling Israel from OSLP's Arts and Culture Program will share with us some history about Halloween, then help us create spooky (but artful) decorations. There will also be an activity for little ones. Plus – free pizza for lunch! This event will be led by Amy and Kristie. RSVP to Amy at (541) 505-5686 or [abowers@sponsorsinc.org](mailto:abowers@sponsorsinc.org).



**Want to learn more about bees and beekeeping?** Please join Kelly Goodwin, beekeeper and student in the OSU Master Beekeeper Program, on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 2 pm to get into our beehive! Just come to the back parking lot of the Mentorship Program. We have extra bee suits and some great books to read. This event recurs on the third Saturday of each month at 2 pm. Hope to see you!