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**SPRING BENEFIT
AND
AWARDS DINNER**

GROWING TOWARD THE FUTURE

SAVE THE DATE!

2018 Spring Benefit and Awards Dinner: Growing Toward the Future

You are cordially invited to our 2018 Spring Benefit and Awards Dinner on April 27th.

The festive occasion will feature powerful stories from Sponsors program participants who have overcome enormous challenges. We will also be awarding special recognition to community members, local businesses, and mentors who have been strategic partners in our mission to transform lives.

With your support, we will raise money for various projects, including our exciting new Tiny Homes Project. Ten small houses will be located in a village-style complex behind the Roosevelt Crossing campus on Highway 99. These homes will provide a strong foundation as individuals work to rebuild their lives. Please join us for this special event, and help us build toward the future.

Tickets will be available on our website, www.sponsorsinc.org, in January.

See you on April 27th, 2018!



KEEPING FAMILIES TOGETHER

Sponsors' Women's Program is Family-Focused

As a Sponsors partner, you may know that Sponsors provides wraparound services—including transitional housing, job search assistance, case management, and mentorship—to both men and women. Sponsors' services for women with criminal histories, however, are specifically designed to meet women's unique needs. One of the key features of Sponsors' Women's Program is the broad support provided to women with children.

Many women reentering the community are mothers who have been separated from their children. Outcomes for women who leave prison are much better when they are reunited with their children and can live in a structured learning environment.



Sponsors reunites families.

Photo credit: Thiago Cerqueira



Bothy Cottage provides a safe, healthy environment for women and their children.

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Furthermore, children of incarcerated mothers face unique challenges after their mothers leave prison, and typically respond better when they are able to stay with their mothers.

Sponsors began providing dedicated transitional housing for women in 2001, and expanded in 2013 with the addition of the **Reunite in a Supportive Environment (RISE)** program. Housed in Bothy Cottage on the Downtown Campus, the RISE program can serve five women and their children at a time. Bothy Cottage is more than just a building with beds—it is a warm, inviting, and secure home, with outdoor and indoor play areas for children. Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) classes offering individual and community support are open to Women's Program residents and local area women with criminal histories. Parenting education, available in both the Men's and Women's Programs, helps participants strengthen parenting skills and have healthier families. Women reuniting with their children after incarceration generally reside with their children for up to a year at Bothy Cottage.

Sponsors' innovative Women's Program offers a supportive environment where individuals and families can grow and thrive together to succeed.

DID YOU KNOW?

Breaking News!

Oregon Business ranked Sponsors, Inc. as the **#4 best medium-sized non-profit to work for in Oregon in 2017**. The rankings were based partly on Sponsors staff surveys—Sponsors staff members are inspired by our mission and proud to be part of a team devoted to making a difference.

Your support allows our amazing and dynamic staff to transform lives every day. *Thank you!*



In the top 10, 5 years in a row!



FROM THE DIRECTOR

As the season changes and the autumn leaves tumble, I am reminded of the changes that Sponsors participants make as they engage in the daunting task of reentering the community.

Sponsors' programs require participants to change more in 60 days than many people change in a lifetime. Like bright green leaves bursting forth in spring, they are starting anew. We help program participants establish their roots in fertile soil by providing them with the resources and supports they need.

With The Oaks at 14th fully occupied, we are witnessing the profound impact of permanent supportive housing on the lives of people with criminal histories. The housing crisis in our community is real, however, and providing affordable housing options for the hundreds of men and women who successfully complete our programs each year remains a challenge. To meet

the growing need, Sponsors is embarking on a new, exciting housing project.

With your help, we plan to build a tiny home community that will include 10-12 tiny houses, a community garden, and a community center. The project will be on property we own behind our Roosevelt Crossing facility on Hwy 99.

I am incredibly grateful for the many ways you support our work. You allow us to fertilize the soil and cultivate growth for returning individuals. Because of your support, our community thrives. Thank you for all you do.

Wishing you a most joyous holiday season,

Paul Solomon
Executive Director

DONATED ITEMS TRANSFORM LIVES

Sponsors' Warehouse Provides Items To Help Participants Succeed

Sponsors' Procurement and Maintenance Coordinator, Jerriid Wolflick, manages the warehouse, which helps provide the basic necessities—hygiene items, food, cleaning supplies, linens, clothing, and more—to participants while they are at Sponsors. He also distributes donated items to Sponsors graduates to give them a hand up when moving to their own long-term housing.

Sponsors graduates need many items for independent living—clothing, furniture, beds, household and kitchen supplies, and school supplies—in order to support themselves and their families.

Want to help change someone's life this holiday season? Please consider donating what we need the most right now: new packs of socks, new men's and women's underwear, winter jackets, stocking caps, gloves, men's clothing (L, XL, and XXL), backpacks, and dressers.

Call (541) 485-8341 to arrange a donation drop-off or pick-up.



The warehouse clothes closet.

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Volunteers from Rotary help organize donations.



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Men's Program: A Team Effort Leads to Successful Reentry

The Men's Transitional Housing Program offers a variety of services designed to meet the many needs of participants struggling with the challenges of reentering our community. Starting with a warm welcome and clean, safe housing upon arrival, additional programs include specialized counseling strategies such as Moral Reconation Therapy, Motivational Enhancement Therapy, and Parenting Inside/Out. On-site parole officers offer additional support. Job assistance is provided at our Reentry Resource Center, and mentors are available through the Mentorship Program. The Men's Case Management team is at the heart of all the services in the Men's Program, and the staff brings a wealth of knowledge, training, and experience.

This is an exciting time for Sponsors' Men's Program! Our staff is committed to continue building the long legacy of providing quality reentry services to change lives and make our community a safer place to live.



From left: The Oaks Case Manager Samuel Gutierrez, Men's Program Director Aaron Hafdahl, and Men's Case Manager Jordan Rahier.