

Press Release – SOS Soiree Raises \$15,000.

The first SOS Soiree was held Sunday, September 22nd, at the home of hosts Tom Bassett and Rich Bailey from Florence Antiques. They came up with the fundraising idea last spring and offered their beautiful home for the event. Over 100 guests were chauffeured by limousine from a parking area at Woahink Lake to the home where they were treated to a wide variety of gourmet hors d'oeuvres from Mon Ami. Entertainment was provided by flamenco guitarist Norman Mesman, and wines from Tartan Cellars were served. A short program about Siuslaw Outreach Services was emceed by board president Diane Bailiff including comments from a recipient of SOS services. County Commissioner Jay Bozievich, executive director David Wiegand, and host Tom Bassett also spoke. Thus far, over \$15,000 has been raised with additional donations still coming in.

The SOS Board of Directors is thrilled to have such a successful event in its very first year. We thank all of the donors and participants, and especially Tom and Rich, for their generosity. The financial support is extremely important, of course, but the encouragement, recognition, and awareness from the community is equally valuable. All of the comments received afterward were extremely positive and we are already looking forward to next year.