



# The Outreach



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## Upcoming Events and Activities;

### LIHEAP Sign-ups:

November 2nd, 9:00am

### Mortgage Burning:

October 28th, 3:00pm

### Office Closed

November 11th

November 26th & 27th



"Like" us and "Share" us on your FACEBOOK page to keep up with all the current happenings at SOS. We plan to update our page with news and pictures of our upcoming renovations! Look for us at **Siuslaw Outreach Services** on FACEBOOK. (yes we changed the name)

# WE DID IT!

The Third Annual SOS Soiree was held October 4<sup>th</sup> with the theme "Help Us Burn The Mortgage". The event was held once again at Homegrown Public House, where



Tim Salisbery, Jane Yecny, Megan Mesmer and Rick Yecny enjoying the wonderful food.

Through some very caring and generous individuals, **\$26,353** was raised. "We were very fortunate to have some very generous donations come in, and we have now met our goal of being able to pay off our



Mayor Joe Henry Shares his thoughts about SOS

more than 60 guests were treated to a wide variety of Chef Kelsey's wonderful hors d'oeuvres. Mayor Joe Henry was the featured speaker, and Norman Mesman entertained with flamenco guitar music.

mortgage and become totally debt free. This is a critically important principle for non-profit organizations, especially as operating funds get tight during the inevitable lean budget years" said Executive Director David Wiegan. A brief Mortgage Burning Celebration will be held later in the month of October.

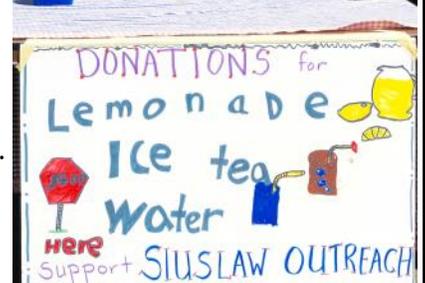


SOS Executive Director David Wiegan makes a big announcement

## When you're handed lemons... make lemonade!

Keeton Sayre, 6 years old, decided to raise funds for Siuslaw Outreach Services at the Power of Florence by selling lemonade. The very warm day contributed to an amazing \$316 in donations for SOS. His cousin, Kaylee Graham, brought the funds to

SOS. "That is an incredible amount, but from someone that young it is even more special! We are so thankful he thought of us." said executive Director David Wiegan.



## Make a difference while you shop

It can be fun and easy to give. Just go shopping!

Fred Meyer Community Rewards and AmazonSmile match a portion of your spending and send a check



to SOS. Just go to [www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards](http://www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards) and link SOS to your Rewards Card

using number **86049**. When you shop online with Amazon, make sure you click on the AmazonSmile logo and select Siuslaw Outreach Services as the organization to

receive benefits. Neither of these will cost the shopper anything.



## Another Successful Siuslaw Open

The Siuslaw Open golf tournament netted **over \$7,000** for SOS Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. It was a beautiful day with very moderate wind, and the Sandpines course was in great shape. There was some real excitement at hole #5 when Jeff Mitchell came within about 18 inches of a hole-in-one, which would have earned him a new Ford Focus from Johnston Motors. The winning team with a low gross score of 61 was Mitchell's Marauders, from Crescent City, California, with Jeff Mitchell, Tom Owen, Rich Taylor, and Norm Wilder. Coming in second with a gross score of 63 was Robert Ybarra, Charlie Acebevos, Aaron Carlucci, and Piper Harris. A low net of 47 was scored by Shankapotamus, with team members Larry Farnsworth, Toby Hansen, Mike Webb, and Bob Edstrom. Second place net at 51 was Jim Kearns, Lee Klein, Tom Malaney, and Mark Moynihan. All 16 of these golfers won \$50 gift certificates to Florence's finest restaurants including Waterfront Depot, Spice, Maple Street Grille, 1285

Restobar, and Bridgewater.

KP prizes were won by Jeff Mitchell on hole number 5, Jim Kearns on hole number 8, Tim DeWeese on hole number 11, and Kurt Hargens on hole number 17.

Straight drive contests were won by Linda Schantol and Mike Webb. Long drive contests were won by Sue Gilday and Ron "Klamponce" Klampe.

A new \$100 "money tree" prize was won in the putting contest by Dr. Brian Holmes, who holed a putt of about 60 feet. The Lane CC Stars, Marv Clemons, David Doctor, Linda Schantol, and Neal Benson, won the "Most Honest Team" prize. Mitchell's Marauders, from Crescent City, California, also won a prize for coming the longest distance to play, something they have been doing for a number of years. Another special prize went to Shankapotamus for best team name. Many other prizes were given out in a random drawing.

SOS is very appreciative of the business and individual sponsors as well as them many volunteers and players who made the event a huge success.



Jeff Mitchell about 18" away from winning a new Ford Focus

## r.a.d. KIDS

The **radKIDS®** Personal Empowerment Safety Education program is a 10-hour family centered safety education program that emphasizes essential decision-making skills as well as physical resistance options to escape violence. **radKIDS®** is a life skills educational model that enhances natural instincts with real skills while increasing the foundational resiliency skills we all need to not only survive but excel. Children from 5-13 years of age participate in the program with their adult partners to create a true safety partnership.

Since its inception in 2000, **radKIDS®**, Inc. has been committed to providing education that enhances the ability of children and parents to utilize knowledge, skills, and power to protect themselves from violence and harm.

Through **radKIDS®** training, children become empowered and learn to replace the fear, confusion, and panic or dangerous situations with confidence, personal safety skills, and self-esteem.



Recently Siuslaw Outreach staff member, Pamela Long attended this training through a grant she received from the Florence Rotary Club. She plans to use this training to work with various groups in Western Lane County to reduce the occurrence of child abuse and bullying.

# Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. We know that awareness of a problem is a necessary first step in finding solutions, and that domestic violence is not always something people feel comfortable talking about. With this in mind, SOS conducts a number of awareness activities just before and during the month of October.



Members of Siuslaw High School football, cheerleading and cross country teams lead the march down Bay Street.

Siuslaw High School cheerleading squad and football team joined the community in our annual awareness march along Bay Street. About 100 participated, and once again this year the march served as an incentive for a domestic violence survivor to seek our services afterward. Our thanks to all for their support.



SOS staff member Bob Teter thanks the crowd

SOS advocates made a presentation at the September 2nd Florence Area Community Coalition meeting. Mayor Joe Henry issued a Mayoral Proclamation in support on September 21st, and also delivered an address at the SOS Soiree. We published a 4 page supplement in the Siuslaw News



on September 26th, featuring articles by male community leaders including Florence Police Chief Tom Turner. SOS ran a series of radio ads on KCST, and board members Stuart Henderson and David Dumas placed purple "Awareness" banners all through Old Town. On September 27th members of the



FPD Lt. John Pitcher and Volunteer Fireman Ned Hickson

## BURN THE MORTGAGE

You Are Invited

To our mortgage burning celebration

October 28th 3:00 pm

SOS Parking Lot



## Thank You Peg and Stuart

It's with a thankful but heavy heart to say good-bye to long time board members; Peg Peters and Stuart Henderson. Peg Peters served on the board for 4 years and was a member of the Building Committee, which oversaw the major remodel project over the last 2 years. Stuart Henderson was our longest tenured board member, having served continuously since 2001. Stuart has served on innumerable committees, projects, and fundraisers over the years. We are indebted to both of these community leaders for their service.



Peg Peters



Stuart Henderson

**Siuslaw Outreach Services Board of Directors**

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 Jane Yecy	 David Dumas	 Diane Balliff	 David Wiegman Executive Director

**Tribute gifts are a special way to celebrate or honor someone important in your life while also supporting SOS.**

We will send a letter recognizing your gift.

Donation: \_\_\_\_\_ Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Their Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Their Address: \_\_\_\_\_

# L.I.H.E.A.P

## Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

Low Income Home Energy Assistance, otherwise known as LIHEAP (Liheap) is a federal funded program designed to help low income households deal with the increased cost of heating that comes during the winter months. These federal funds are disbursed to the local county health and human services departments who then contract with local non-profits to process the requests. On November 2nd starting at 9am, individuals may go to or call Siuslaw Outreach Services at 541-997-2816 to be placed on a waiting list. Space on that list is determined by the amount of funding provided at the county level. Those who are age 60 or older have the option of signing up with Senior Connections in Florence.

Those who are able to get their names on the wait list will be contacted soon after to schedule an intake appointment at which time they must provide documentation of members in the household, income and heating burden. The average one time payment is \$285 which is sent directly to the heating company. Last winter Siuslaw Outreach Services was able to provide financial aid for over 500 households through this program. Over half of these households had someone disabled in the home and on a fixed income. LIHEAP funds can go toward electricity service, propane, oil and wood.



### SOS Crisis Line Needs You!

SOS is looking for committed volunteers to staff our Focus 4 Crisis Line. Please contact our Volunteer Coordinator for more information by calling 541-997-2816 ext. 14 or stop by to see Lori at SOS.

#### Siuslaw Outreach Service Mission Statement

Siuslaw Outreach Services is a non-profit organization dedicated to assist individuals and families in leading safe, dignified and secure lives by offering a range of services from basic needs to self-empowerment.



To become a financial supporter of SOS, donations can be made by check or:



**HOW YOU CAN HELP**

- We are always looking for **volunteers** for: Front Desk Reception, Donation Sorters and Crisis Line. Stop by or call Lori at 541-997-2816, Ext. 14
- SOS Endowment Fund** is a fund that individuals can contribute to help ensure long-term stability of the organization.
- Tribute Gifts** are a way to make a donation in a friend or loved one's name.
- Items Needed:** Clothing, Sleeping Bags, Tents, Tarps, Rain Gear, Shoes, Socks, Boots and Blankets

For more information on how you can help or get involved please contact SOS staff at 541-997-2816



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