



# The Outreach



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## Upcoming Events and Activities;

\* **Open House**

**Thursday, July 23rd**

**4:00 pm to 5:30 pm**

\* **5th Annual Siuslaw Open**

**Saturday, August 22nd**

**9:00 am Registration**

**10:00 am Start**



"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)

## Building Project Completion

Siuslaw Outreach Services has completed its building remodel project. There were a number of compelling reasons to undertake the project on our 1950's era building. The old donations room was very small and

many donated items could not be put on display. This also limited how many donated items we could have on hand at any one time. The roof had been leaking intermittently for years and was long overdue to be replaced. The windows were old, single pane, and many were missing screens. The siding was very old, deteriorating, and was suspected of hiding dry rot.

Fundraising started in early 2013 with a "Buy A Brick" campaign, and over \$13,000 in memorial bricks were purchased by well over 100 local businesses, churches, service clubs, and individuals. These were used to

## Ron's Story

*(The name in this story has been changed to protect the client's privacy)*

Ron is a disabled adult who was living with relatives. His relatives, who themselves disabled, began to see a decline in their mental health expressed their frustration through acts of physical violence and emotional abuse

toward him. Ron did not know where to turn for help until someone he confided in suggested contacting Siuslaw Outreach Services for answers. At first, Ron was reluctant because he still loved his relatives and did not want them to get into any kind of trouble. He feared if he reported their abuse to someone at SOS that they would be forced to notify

demonstrate local support for the project, enabling us to receive foundation grants from Meyer Memorial Trust, Spirit Mountain Community Fund, The Collins Foundation, and Oregon Community Foundation. The target date for completion was June 30, 2015, with an overall budget of

\$123,000. When the first bidding process resulted in bids well beyond our budget, we re-structured the bids and started over. We have now completed the project just under budget, and were able to add a fairly substantial list of extra items to make the building even more functional and attractive.

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**BEFORE**

**AFTER**

(Brick Masonry done by Shawn Prociw Masonry)



Water damage that occurred each winter prior to remodel.

Police and Adult Protective Services. Once he realized that services were confidential and that a report to authorities is not required due to federal law he agreed to seek out help. Today, with the help of Siuslaw Outreach Services, Ron is in a safe place and is enrolled in classes and programs to help him become independent and self sufficient.

# 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 Amazon-smile logo and select Siuslaw Outreach Services as the organiza-

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



# SOS STAFF MEMBER WINS PRESTIGIOUS AWARD



Marie Hickman  
2015 OCADSV Advocate of the year

Marie was recognized for her dedication and tireless work to serve survivors of Domestic Violence or Sexual Assault. She has been an advocate at SOS for the past 6 years. Since that time she has served more than 500 victims while at SOS. She also facilitates a survivor's support group that meets Tuesday evening every week. Prior to her profes-



sional work at SOS, Marie worked in the mental health field as a case worker.

The Coalition is made of 42 agencies and over 150 advocates in Oregon that serve victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

Staff member, Marie Hickman, was awarded with the P.A.S.S.I.O.N. Award at the annual state Oregon Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault this past month in Sun River. The award is presented to the advocate of the Year. The award's acronym stands for Perseverance, Advocacy, Sensitivity, Strength, Integrity, Optimism and Nurture. Marie Hickman exemplifies all those qualities.



Hickman with other award winners at the '15 OCADSV Conf.

# SOS Works To Make Teens Safer

This past spring, SOS staff along with Siuslaw High School Counselor, Steve Moser and SHS Leadership Class members held a school wide roundtable discussion. The discussion was on the topic of dating safety and issues with social media. The event included guest speakers; Judge Richard Brissenden, Sgt. Brian McFarlane of FPD, Dr. Ronald Shearer and SOS Staff member Pamela Long. This has been the third event of this type in the past 3 years involving SOS and Siuslaw School District.

# Volunteers hit their 1 yr mark

SOS Volunteers, Leslie Sanders and Pam Hallerman, recently reached their 1 year anniversary as volunteers at SOS. Each were recognized with a commemorative pin as a token of Thanks for their dedication and hard work serving our community.



Leslie Sanders



Pam Hallerman



# 2014 Statistics

153 Calls to SOS 24 hr Crisis Hot Line.

53 After hour response calls from Police or hospital for SOS advocates to assist.

163 Victims of Domestic Violence/ Sexual Assault received services.

635 Households received financial aid toward past due or disconnected utility bills.

110 households received financial aid toward rent to prevent homelessness.

36 Victims of domestic violence or sexual assault received legal aid through SOS.

90 Participated in classes covering topics such as; financial management, stress management, tenant rights and responsibilities, parenting, employment and safety.

857 Emergency vouchers issued for basic needs such as; heat, transportation, prescriptions, motel, campground, laundry, bathing facilities and food.

Over 1000 use SOS for clothing.



## 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, Fund-raising and Crisis Line. Stop by or call Lori at 541-997-2816, Ext. 14

**Friends Of SOS:** An annual donation of **\$100** or more.

**SOS Endowment Fund**

**Items Needed:** Clothing, Sleeping Bags, Tents, Shoes, Socks, Boots, Blankets and Small Household Items

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



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# Building...

The building now has a new roof and gutters, new windows all around, new siding, an attractive and functional new entryway, a new ADA front door which lets in more light for the lobby, 4 remodeled offices with more usable space in each, new paint in all 4 offices, reception, and the hallways, and new wiring for supplying the Internet to parts of the building. Some additional interior wiring was re-located, and some exterior lighting was corrected. The donations room now has 330% of its previous space by eliminating duplicated hallways and some un-needed cabinets. The donations room also added all new LED lighting which will significantly reduce power usage. Lighted exit signs which also serve as emergency lighting were added. The new double-pane windows all around will save energy. We also added many new clothing and shoe racks to be able to display everything that is available. Last year we served well over 2,000 persons and many of these were seniors, disabled, and low income residents receiving aid in the form of cloth-

ing, footwear, household items, or toiletries, always provided free. The expanded room also allows us to have a special area just for children.

During construction a number of problems surfaced, which is very common during remodels. Most of these were fairly minor, but we did discover some considerable areas of dry rot underneath the siding. This required significant portions of the soffit and siding to be replaced. Needless to say, we are very pleased we were able to catch this problem while it was still able to be fixed at a reasonable cost.

All of our contractors were local, and all did their respective work in craftsman style.

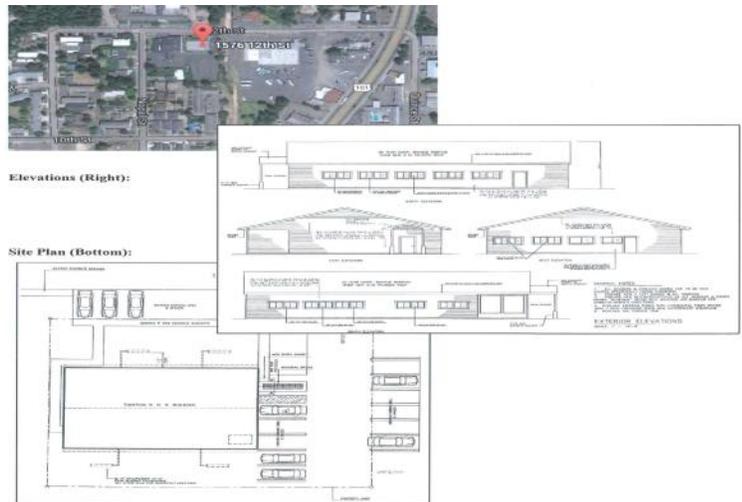
Architect- Paul K. Jensen  
Interior Remodel - Rodet Construction Co., Inc.,  
Plumbing- Chuck's Plumbing Inc.  
Windows – Siuslaw Glass and Mirror  
Flooring – Goodman's Floor Covering, Inc.  
Painting- Brown Paint Co. Inc.  
Electrical – Lighthouse Electrical Contractors, Inc. Siding

and Entryway – Gary Lee Construction Roof – Skyline Roofing  
Memorial Bricks were engraved by Stone Impressions of Milwaukie and placed by Shawn Prociw.

There are a few finishing touches remaining, such as sealing and re-stripping the parking lot, but the project is essentially complete.

Everyone at Siuslaw Outreach Services would like to thank the many people, businesses, and organizations in our community for making this project such a success, as well as the foundations for their critical support. We

now have a building that should serve well for many years in the future.



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## 5th Annual Siuslaw Open

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

Saturday, August 22, 2015  
9:00 am—Registration  
10:00 am— Shotgun Start  
Sandpines Golf Links

