

THE OUTREACH

WINTER

A Newsletter from Siuslaw Outreach Services

2023

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Tribal Services

Larry* was recently given services coordinated by our recently hired Advocate Adela Wisdom who is very familiar with tribal offerings and services. Larry came to us with tooth pain and was in need of housing. Adela was able to connect with the tribal office in Coos Bay and help him get the services he needed. He is now housed and out of pain after a dental procedure and a visit to a doctor. Each day our advocates see those in need of housing, help with their electric or water bill, clients looking to file a restraining order or seek help after a sexual assault or domestic violence. When we open, we do not know who will need assistance. We are happy to help all who enter. Know we are here to help where we can. We may be limited in funding, but we do what we can.

**The name used in our story has been changed, but the services mentioned are real and were actually provided by SOS and other organizations, doctors and those working with the tribal nations.*

SOS Advocates For Housing

Siuslaw Outreach Services knows all too well the housing struggles facing our community and around the state. Oregon ranks highest in the Nation for the number of unhoused individuals per capita. Executive Director, Bob Teter and his staff are working with several groups to address this crisis. Teter is a member of the City Of Florence Housing Implementation Plan Committee and chairs the sub-committee on transitional housing. In his words, “We want to create a conduit for the development of emergency housing and transitional housing that is managed responsibly and operated with an outcome based approach, because we need it. We have a lot of individuals and families who are struggling to keep a roof over their head.

They are working and contributing members of our community. Then there are those, because of a multitude of reasons, who have barriers beyond their capability to handle. They need our help.” The group is also making recommendations on how such programs could be regulated and monitored. Siuslaw Outreach Services is also partnering with several area social service providers to create a coalition to perform outcome based, wrap-around case management for unhoused individuals with significant barriers to stabilization. This group will work with a small number of local unhoused residents who desire to escape homelessness and transition into permanent housing and have the skill and resources to sustain permanent housing.

Recently, Oregon Governor Tina Kotek, declared a state of emergency regarding homelessness. Teter has been selected to serve on the strategic planning committee for Lane County to determine how those state dollars are administered. Crisis Assistance Program Manager, Kevin Furber is also working with that group by serving on the sub-committee on homelessness prevention.



Siuslaw Outreach Services is also working with three organizations to increase subsidized and workforce housing in Florence. SOS has been working with NW Housing Alternatives for several years to establish a new 63 unit development going up on Hwy 101. SOS is also supporting the work of Homes For Good and Our Coastal Village to bring two new low-rent housing developments to Florence.

Progress is being made but the work is far from over. If you would like more information on these efforts or would like to be part of the solutions and work, please reach out to Executive Director, Bob Teter for more information.

Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday

10:00 am - 3:30 pm

Friday by appointment only

9:00 am - 4:00 pm



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BPOE Elks Lodge #1858 and the Ladies of Elks Lodge #1858

What a wonderful day! The **Elks Lodge** and the **Ladies of Elks** made very generous donations! Thank you so much for your help in the community!



ROBY'S DAY OF GIVING!



In January **Roby's** employees show up and put in hard work for SOS. This year they painted our lobby, gave us a brand new conference room table and the grounds were spruced up as they power-washed and weeded! Thank you!

FUUF GIVES A BIG DONATION

The **Florence Unitarian Universalist Fellowship** gave \$1,320 to Siuslaw Outreach Services as a charitable donation from their fellowship! Thank you so much! You are making a difference in our community.



Megan, Loni and Bob with the huge delivery!

ADA GRANGE #570 DONATES

Each quarter we have **Loni** and her daughter **Megan** stop by with huge collections of food, paper goods, hygiene items, clothes, and water donated by the members of Ada Grange #570. Thank you for collecting, bagging and delivering the items to SOS. We appreciate it!

Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation Lends Support

On Tuesday, January 11, 2023 in Canyonville, Oregon, the Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation awarded over \$600,000 to nearly 70 non-profit agencies. One of those agencies that received funds was Siuslaw Outreach Services. They received \$10,000 to go toward emergency vouchers for shower, laundry, prescriptions, transportation, heating and water bills. The funds will also be use to provide rain gear for the homeless. Last year SOS provided direct aid to over 3,000 individuals in some form of crisis. **The Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation** established in 1997 has been supporting Siuslaw Outreach Services for the past 20 years. To date, the Foundation has awarded nearly \$22 million dollars to non-profits in the seven southwestern Oregon counties from which it accepts grant requests. Foundation Executive Director Carma Mornarich said, "With its emphasis upon meeting the basic needs of people, strengthening families, and assuring educational opportunities, CCUIF, one grant at a time, improves life in southwestern Oregon and beyond." Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation awards are made separately from and in addition to regular philanthropic decisions made by the Cow Creek Tribal Board.

Thank you for your donations we received in answer to our holiday letter. Our goal was \$30,000 and we are pleased to announce, due to the generosity of our donors, we raised a little over \$37,000 to be used for client services!

To become a financial supporter of SOS, Donations can be made by Check, Direct Deposit or:



DONATIONS WELCOME

ITEMS NEEDED:

- ◆ Blankets, Bedding & Linens
- ◆ Socks, Coats, Clothing & Shoes
- ◆ Men's Jeans, Boots & Undergarments
- ◆ Wet & Cold Weather Clothing
 - ◆ Camping Gear
 - ◆ Basic Household Needs
- ◆ Individually Wrapped Snack Items

**WE CANNOT ACCEPT
BABY EQUIPMENT OR ELECTRICAL ITEMS**

Chip In For The Cause

Saturday, May 13, 2023



It is time once again to “Chip In For The Cause” at the 13th annual Siuslaw Open to support programs at Siuslaw Outreach Services. We are seeking local businesses and individuals to be sponsors. This year’s tournament will be held **Saturday, MAY 13th** at beautiful Florence Golf Links (formerly Sandpines). In 2022, Siuslaw Outreach Services provided support to more than **3,000** needy individuals through rent assistance, homeless prevention, advocacy for victims, self-sufficiency education, and more. The Siuslaw Open tournament is one of our major fundraising events of the year to help fund those assistance programs. SOS also assisted over **400** persons who were survivors of domestic violence, and **28** survivors of sexual assault. Another statistic which is often overlooked is that there were **104** children in the homes where this abuse occurred, and these kinds of experiences are extremely traumatizing. SOS provides advocacy, support, information, shelter, and assists with accessing legal services.

Last year SOS raised over \$11,000 to help those needy individuals and families. We hope to exceed that amount this year. If you would like to support this event in any way, please contact Bob Teter or Justin Young at 541-997-2816.

A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT



It is truly inspiring to hear of the amazing success stories of clients. This cannot be done without a group of devoted people that make this happen. This includes staff of SOS, Board of Directors, Donors and volunteers. All four of these categories are integral to achieving the mission of our organization.

Chris Saltmarsh

Today, I want to highlight and thank our amazing volunteers. They are donating the most precious resource we could ask for: time. This selfless act helps SOS save money while providing essential services. I, as well as the rest of the Board of Directors, are extremely grateful to our volunteers and their commitment to serving those in need.

-Chris Saltmarsh, SOS Board President

SOS Partners with Soroptimist of Florence to Address Trafficking

Yes, human and sex trafficking does happen in Florence and the surrounding area. Human trafficking and sexual assault has been on the rise on the Oregon Coast and especially in the Florence area. Teens are especially vulnerable and are unaware of the tactics of predators as well as behaviors that put them at risk. Siuslaw Outreach Services has reported that at least 3 incidents of sex trafficking cases, in the last 30 days were reported. Local law enforcement agencies states that at any given time, anywhere from 20-80 people are being trafficked in Lane County.

Siuslaw Outreach Services and Soroptimist International of Florence have been in discussions for the past two years to create a community wide awareness campaign including informational assemblies for youth and parents. In April, the agencies are bringing speakers from In Our Backyard, Sexual Assault Supportive Services, Federal Bureau of Investigation to speak to students and parents. Ron Moore of Old Town Inn and the Riverhouse Inn is working with local motel and hotel owners and staff to get involved in the campaign and to train staff.

The events will be held April 12th and 13th with one event designed for students at Siuslaw and Mapleton High Schools and one event for the general public to be held at the **Florence Event Center on April 12, 2023 at 6:00 pm**. Stay tuned to the **Siuslaw News** and **KCST Radio** for details.

2022 STATISTICS

TOTAL NUMBER OF CLIENTS SERVED IN 20222,008

Males—842 Females—1,162 Other Genders—3 Seniors over 62—269 Disabled—321 Homeless—611 Veterans—90

Clients Receiving Domestic Violence Advocacy Services ...305	Sheltered Nights For DV/SA Survivors.....1,335
Clients Receiving Sexual Assault Advocacy Services.....40	DV/SA Survivors Participating In Support Group.....92
Clients Receiving Energy Assistance (LIHEAP).....504	Households Receiving Emergency Rent Assistance.....107
Response To After Hours Calls From Police/Hospital.....82	Participants in Parenting Education Classes.....10
Total Number Of Trained Volunteers.....24	Participants in Self-Sufficiency Classes & Workshops.....36
Total Number Of Volunteer Hours.....6,692	Total Visits.....12,056
Clients Served with Emergency Vouchers, Clothing and/or Rent Assistance (unduplicated).....1,372	

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Classes Available to the Public*

- ◆ Budgeting Square Pegs Into Round Holes
- ◆ Financial Management/Banking Basics
- ◆ Managing Stress So It Doesn't Manage You
- ◆ Employment Tips & Tricks
- ◆ Tenant Tips & Information
- ◆ Introduction to Family Law

For more information about attending these classes, please visit us at 1576 W. 12th Street or call us at 541-997-2816

** Reservations are required*

~ LEAVE A LASTING LEGACY ~

If you are 70 or older please consider a legacy bequest to Siuslaw Outreach Services. Your gift will help you with financial planning and ensure Siuslaw Outreach Services will continue to be here for people in need for many years to come. Those who contribute to our Legacy Campaign will receive special tax benefits, have their gift forever recognized and remembered, and gain the satisfaction that they have made a long-lasting impact on the health and livability of our community.

Please contact SOS Executive Director:

Bob Teter at 541-997-2816

or a member of our Board of Directors for more information.

SOS is looking for committed volunteers to staff our Focus 4 Crisis Line. Please contact our Volunteer Coordinator Lori Olman for more information by calling (541) 997-2816



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