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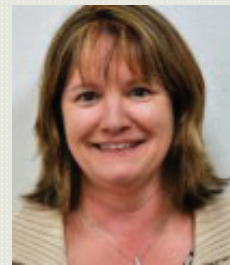
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BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: GINGER SCHMIDT



Ginger Schmidt

Welcome to Lifeline Connections newest board member Ginger Schmidt. Ginger brings a wealth of board experience and strong personal connections in the SW Washington community. Ginger works as a Vice President and Branch Manager at the Vancouver Main Branch of Riverview Community Bank. She began her career in banking in 1988 in her home town of Gresham, Oregon. In 1999 she moved to Camas, Washington where she resides today. An active Rotarian of the Greater Clark County club, Ginger currently serves as Treasurer on the board of Second Step Housing and as President of the Hazel Dell Salmon Creek Business Association. She is a graduate of the 2013 Leadership Clark County Class.

HANDS ACROSS THE BRIDGE

The biggest Recovery Celebration west of the Mississippi River, Hands Across the Bridge and Oxfest came together on Labor Day. Jared Sanford, Lifeline Connections CEO, helped kick off the event. Additionally, Lifeline supported this event by donating food and water for volunteers, distributing literature, and transporting clients who are currently in treatment to the event. Lifeline's newly formed Alumni committee distributed information and recruited former Lifeline clients to a large crowd of those celebrating recovery.



LIFELINE CONNECTIONS 1ST ANNUAL PICNIC

Under cloudy skies that burned off to show beautiful blue sky, Lifeline Connections employees and families gathered at Marshal Park, Saturday, August 3rd for the 1st annual company picnic. The approximately 140 attendees were treated to a traditional BBQ menu of hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, and ice cream. A myriad of games including water balloon toss and kickball kept all who attended entertained either through watching or participating. A highlight was the watermelon eating contests – one for kids 12 and under and one for adults.

Thank you to the following companies that donated products and/or services. The quantity, quality, and variety of the raffle items ensured that most attendees left with a prize: Ac Accounting, Brewed Awakenings Coffee Roasters, Cicilia's Fine Coffee & Tea, Elements Therapeutic Massage, Fred Meyer, Liberty Coin and Currency, Nike, Papa Murphy's Pizza, Salon 1010, Sysco, Sunrise Bagels & More Bakery, Technicuts, Wise Healing.



COOKING MATTERS GRADUATION

Lifeline Connections, Clark County Food Bank, and Juvenile Recovery Court joined together in sponsoring a six week Cooking Matters Class for ten youth. Instructors were Kristen Herron- Registered Dietitian & CCFB program manager, Audrey Williams- Registered Dietitian and AmeriCorps volunteer, Mikeila Nienaber- founder of Project Healthy Lifestyle, and Meredith Terry- volunteer.

Class topics included fruits and vegetables, whole grains, fats, nutrition and a trip to the grocery store to learn shopping skills. To encourage application at home, students received groceries to make one meal item.

The culmination dinner was held Friday, August 16, 2013 at the Clark County Food Bank and was attended by approximately 40 people including JRC youth, families, program staff and Project COMBINE mentors.

HOME DEPOT PARTNERSHIP

Through a generous arrangement with Home Depot in Tigard, Oregon, Lifeline Connections has received thousands of dollars worth of goods that the agency has been able to use to improve the physical appearance and resources of our detox, inpatient and outpatient facilities. The partnership emerged out of Home Depot's need to efficiently donate slow-moving or seasonal inventory to charitable organizations, and has proven to be a winning combination for both organizations.

"We've received some great furniture for our residential units' meeting rooms," said Chris Attaway, Facilities Manager for the agency.

Other goods have included such things as outdoor picnic tables and benches, a 7'x7' storage building, mirrors, shower curtains and tools. Home Depot began supplying these goods in December 2012, and will continue through the rest of this year.

Thank you, Home Depot!

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Lifeline Connections is pleased to announce the following grants have been awarded during 2013:

Gifts For Our Community
\$1,000 for socks & underwear for detox and residential

Free Geek
25 reconditioned desktop computer systems

Rotary Foundation
\$4000 for sheets, blankets, bedspreads & pillowcases

SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH

SEP 10 ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Everyone at the Center for Community Health on Tuesday, September 10 was invited to the patio where Lifeline Connections staff dished up generous portions of ice cream, complete with all the toppings. The event also marked International Suicide Prevention Day, reminding people that when suicidal intent is detected early, lives can be saved.

SEP 20 CLARK COUNTY RECOVERY FORUM

This 12th annual event, sponsored by Clark County Substance Abuse Advisory Board (SAAB), is entitled "Join the Voices of Recovery, Together on the Pathway to Wellness!" It is on Friday, September 20, 2013 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Crossroads Community Church, 7708 NE 78th St., Vancouver. Lifeline will provide complimentary food and beverages.