



# GRACE CENTER

## *For Adult Day Services*

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Wayne Kradjan, President

### *Dear Friends,*

This is an exciting time for Grace Center, the first and only adult day center in Benton, Linn, and Polk Counties.

Our programs provide seniors and adults with cognitive and physical disabilities a venue for exercise, socialization, therapeutic activities and cognitive therapy while providing family caregivers respite from the challenges of providing full-time care. Amazingly, over 8,000 participants and their families have been served since the inception of Grace Center over 30 years ago! Our participant numbers are currently at an all-time high, averaging between 60 and 80 participants monthly and recently a

## FROM THE PRESIDENT ——— ——— *AN EXCITING TIME*

new record of 33 participants in a single day. Importantly, for every one participant served, at least one caregiver is receiving respite, therefore dou-



Knut using the ambulator

bling the number of people actually benefiting from the skilled and compassionate care of our trained team of staff and volunteers.

**Fortunately**, our co-directors, along with a dedicated board of directors, have the vision and dedication to make the next 30 years even more successful. This is especially significant with the realization that an aging population will continue to greatly increase the

demand for adult day services as a less expensive alternative to in-home or nursing home care. Coincidentally, after nearly a decade in its current location, Grace Center is in need of a new location. Our 10 year lease is ending in March 2016 and we are taking this opportunity to explore sites for the future. While the current location has served us admirably, it is limited by increasing maintenance issues and



Chris playing the drums

the owner's plans to re-develop the property.

**Our** vision is to purchase either an existing 8-12,000 square foot, single story building that can be adapted to

our unique needs or to build a new facility on currently undeveloped



Matilde participating in jewelry making

land. In addition, it is our desire to explore the possibility of a mutually beneficial partnership with an organization whose mission is compatible with ours and that could benefit from a co-location and, perhaps, shared services with Grace Center.

**After** careful consideration of our strategic direction, we are convinced a strong partnership could provide widespread benefits to our participants and give greater visibility to Grace Center and its programs. While ideal-

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**FROM THE PRESIDENT (CONT.)**

ly we will find a permanent location by our deadline of March 2016, we are also exploring interim facilities with the assistance of local commercial real estate firms and a task force of volunteers.

**Realizing** that time is short and development costs will be significant, we are seeking your advice on the feasibility of our goal, potential partners, and possible funding opportunities.

Please contact Rene' Knight, Director of Operations, or Tera Stegner, Director of Com-



Program Assistant Chase leading hand weight exercises with participants

munity Relations at 541-754-8417 to offer suggestions, request more information, or to volun-

teer to help. You can also reach the Grace Center Co-Directors by email at [rene@gracecenter-covallis.org](mailto:rene@gracecenter-covallis.org) or

[tera@gracecenter-covallis.org](mailto:tera@gracecenter-covallis.org).

**Thank you** for your continued support of Grace Center and our mission.

*Wayne Kradjan*  
President,  
Board of Directors

**OUR PARTNERS**

**Over** the years Grace Center has had the privilege of partnering with several fellow non-profits and local organizations in the Linn-Benton area. These collaborations have led to stronger community ties and has helped us diversify and further improve the quality of our services. Here are just a few examples:

**HOME LIFE**

- Lends use of two 15 passenger wheelchair-lift buses for Grace Center's outings into the community
- Grace Center serves as an ATE (alternative to employment) site for Home Life clients who have reached retirement age

**CORVALLIS SCHOOL DISTRICT**

- Caters Grace Center's lunches since 1990
- Grace Center hosted Linus Pauling middle school students for group art projects with our participants

**CORVALLIS ELKS**

- Hosts monthly lunches for our participants through use of Beacon grant funds
- Hosted and donated the catering for our 30 year celebration event in 2013
- Hosted and donated 100% of the profits from our BBQ fundraiser last month
- Catered strategic retreat

**DIAL-A-BUS**

Provides affordable transportation to and from Grace Center

**ARC OF BENTON COUNTY**

- Lends use of 15 passenger bus for outings
- Grace Center participates in resale sticker program

- OSU** - Extensions program supplies master gardeners, canning experts, and other volunteers for our activities
- Grace Center serves as a learning site for interns

## GC SPOTLIGHT: CHICKENS!

Yes, you read right – chickens! Grace Center has recently welcomed four fancy-feathered ladies to our family. It all



Mona with Lucky as a chick

started when our Activities Coordinator, Corinne Butzin, purchased 11 chicks from Coastal Farms in Albany last April. For an animal therapy activity, Corinne brought a few of these little puff balls in so participants could hold them, pet them, and learn more about them. Having raised chickens at home for 5 years, Corinne is our in-house expert on all things chicken. The positive

reaction from our participants sparked an idea – why don't we raise chickens here at Grace Center in our beautiful garden? With that idea in mind, Corinne brought the chicks in for one more visit and afterward created an activities board that displayed several of her chicks and gave a bio and some highlights for each breed. Participants voted on their favorites and the



Dick with Lucky all grown up

top four were chosen – a Buff Orpington, a Barred Rock, a Rhode Island Red, and an Ameraucana. The following month, the activities board displayed the

winners and asked the participants to suggest names for each of the four ladies. The most popular names were posted and voted on and



Martha, Joanne, and Tera holding Butterball, Rusty, and Lucky

our hens were officially dubbed Pearl, Rusty, Lucky, and Butterball. In mid-June, our four little ladies moved into Grace Center, comfortably situated under the apple tree in a pen made by Corinne. The participants have been thoroughly enjoying these four characters and love to feed them lettuce and apples from our garden and watch them hop about in their pen. Everyone is excited for September when the first eggs will appear. All the ladies will be laying brown eggs except

Lucky, who will bring some variety with light blue and green eggs. The latest project now is building a large coop and a creating a fenced off area for free-range roaming. So far, Corinne and a few of the participants have painted all of the exterior walls of the boards being used for the new coop and plan to assemble it soon. Activities surrounding animals are a very successful form of therapy for people with disabilities and seniors with cognitive impairment, particularly those with Alzheimer's disease. Lucky, Pearl, Rusty, and Butterball have brought smiles to faces, caused eyes to light up, and sparked conversations about times past growing up on farms or raising chickens in their own backyards.



Come by sometime and visit our lovely little ladies!

Wish List					
Giant Playing Cards	Culinary Knives	Hand Sanitizer	Bingo Prizes	iTunes GiftCards	Piano Player for Lunch Hour
Indoor Plants	Juice/Decaf Teas	Hair Clippers & Trimmers	General Office Supplies	DVD Movies & Documentaries	Specialized MSE Therapy Room Items (call for specifics)
Basketballs	Sugar Free Snacks	Emery Boards/Polish	Printer Ink (call for specifics)	Watercolor Paper	Plastic Rolling Organizer Carts
Party Supplies	Kleenex	Body Wash	Printer Paper	Board Games	
Paper Plates/Cups	Incontinence Supplies	Shampoo & Conditioner	MP3 Players	Radios—Motorola CLS 1110	
Plastic Cutlery	Non-Scented Lotion				
Straws/Napkins					





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Sunday, October 5th  
5:00pm—7:30pm

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*Please join us for a delicious and memorable evening!*

Save the date October 5th from 5pm to 7:30pm for the **8th Annual Chefs Jubilee** located at Grace Center. Indulge in delectable creations from some of our area's best chefs, farmers, brewers and vintners. Bid on one or more of the assorted silent auction items, or purchase a ticket for a chance to win the 50/50 raffle. Use the order form below to buy your tickets in advance!

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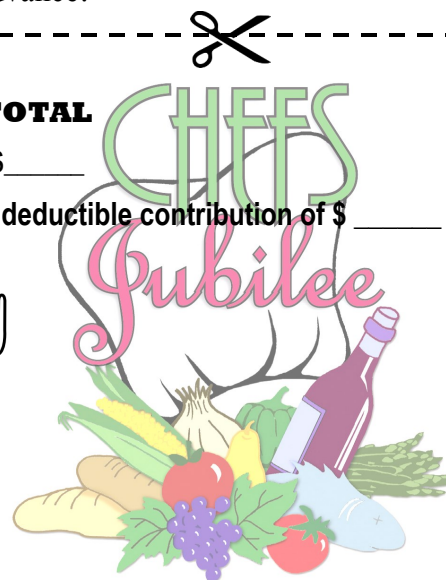
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