



Amani Center

Columbia County Child Abuse Assessment & Treatment Program
Giving child victims in Columbia County a voice and helping them to heal...



Fall 2008

*While we try to teach our children all about life,
Our children teach us what life is all about.
~Angela Schwindt*

**A special thanks to
our event sponsors:**



Thank you to all our Volunteers:

Tamra Parker	Lori Thompson
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6th Annual Amani Center Luau & Auction Fundraiser

A great time was had by all at the 2008 Amani Center Luau and Auction held on Saturday, September 6th at the Columbia County Fairgrounds Event Complex. The evening full of Food, Fun and Fundraising began with a fabulous feast catered by the Hawaiian Island Café in Scappoose. With full stomachs, the crowd was entertained by the music, colorful costumes & high energy of the traditional Polynesian Dance Group, Kūkui Productions.



The Silver Plate Dessert Competition was a huge success, bringing in \$1350 this year. A variety of incredible desserts were donated by Wild Currant Catering, Houlton Bakery, Hawaiian Island Café & Catering, The Dockside, Red Apple Market, Geppeto's Ice Cream & Deli, Romig's Home Style Restaurant, K'fondike Restaurant & Bar, Mark's On the Channel, Marilyn Naish & Diane Zurick. The winner was a beautiful Guava Chiffon Cake donated by Hawaiian Island Cafe and auctioned for \$200!

The Amani Center is very grateful for the time and services provided again this year by Professional Auctioneer Mark Kuhn. His experience and speedy tongue helped the service and oral auctions raise a combined total of over \$9600. Thank You.

*Thank you to **Everyone** who helped make this year such a huge success. With so much support the Amani Center was able to raise approximately \$34,000! While this is beneficial and much needed funding for the Amani Center, one must still take into consideration the fact that this is money that has already been allocated into our budget. In addition to the extraordinary \$34,000 raised at the Luau Fundraiser, the Amani Center will be required to raise an additional \$56,250 in donations and \$45,000 in grants by June 30 to sustain our current level of services.*



Save the Date !

7th Annual Amani Center Luau & Auction Fundraiser
Saturday, September 12th, 2009
at the Columbia County Fair Grounds.

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From the Director:

I would like to personally thank everyone who attended, volunteered, sponsored, donated, and in anyway touched the 6th Annual Amani Center Luau Fundraiser.

I am honored to be a part of this community. Let me tell you why. In the face of a sluggish economy, our supporters attended the Luau Fundraiser and donated like never before. Our fundraising goal for the 6th Annual Luau was \$42,000, with 300 guests in attendance (an average of \$140 per guest). We achieved \$34,000 with 200 guests in attendance (an average of \$170 per guest). The economy is having an effect on charitable donations throughout the country; however, right here at home, the people who could still donate turned out and gave more than they did last year. Once again, let me say how proud I am to live in and provide services to children in a community that supports and takes care of its' own.

Recently, I have read articles regarding the current economy effect on non-profits. One article states that social-service charities like ours are caught in a double bind, with demand for services increasing but fewer contributions and other resources with which to help needy clients. (Statistically, when the economy is bad and/or unemployment is up, more children are abused). Another article stated that in this current economy, we will be seeing a number of non-profits closing their doors. I know this will not happen to the Amani Center. Our community must continue to assess and treat our child abuse victims. Without the Amani Center, these services will not be available to our children. Additionally, I have felt the arms of the community wrap around the Amani Center and know the doors won't close! United, shoulder to shoulder we stand against child abuse.

Thank you to for making a difference in the lives of our most vulnerable population...*children*. Together we are giving abused children a voice!

Best Wishes,

Lisa Galovich, Executive Director

We worry about what a child will become tomorrow, yet we forget that he is someone today.

~Stacia Tauscher

Special thanks to our fundraising committee members!

- Lori Cardiff
- Gaior Riker
- Bonnie Moss
- Darcy Thomas
- Amani Center Board

If you would like to be an
Event Sponsor of the
2009 Luau,
please call Lisa or Darcy
at (503) 366-4005



The Amani Center wish list:

- 100% Juice Boxes
- Nutrigrain Bars (brand specific)
- High Quality VHS Video Tapes
- New (ONLY) Toys & Stuffed Animals
- DVD+R or DVD+RW
- Subscription to Nickelodeon Magazine, Highlights, Ranger Rick, Parenting Magazines, People, Seventeen, American Girl, National Geographic Kids, etc.
- Shark Transformer Vacuum & Shark Cordless Hand Vacuum
- Office Supplies:
 - Paper (white and color), Pens, Sticky Notes, etc
 - Brother Toner TN-570
 - HP ink # 22, 21, 74 & 75
- Postage Stamps
- Gift Cards for:
 - Safeway, Target, Wal-Mart, Fred Meyer, Office Depot
- An end to child abuse...

Feel free to call Amani Center at 503-366-4005 if you have any questions.

Upcoming Events:

Oct. 11th, 12th, 18th & 19th ~
Oregon Hill Pumpkin
Festival ~Sat: 10-6 &
Sun: Noon - 5.
Parking proceeds benefit
the Amani Center

Friday, Oct. 24th ~Bunco Night
Fundraiser 6:30 pm @
Best Western in St. Helens
Tickets @ SH Book Shop

*Please call the Amani Center for more
information. (503) 366-4005*

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