



Amani Center

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



Fall 2007

“Children are the hands by which we take hold of heaven.”
-Henry Ward

A special thanks to our event sponsor:



Together we have made this year's luau our most successful yet!

Thank you to all our volunteers:

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5th Annual Amani Center Luau & Auction Fundraiser

This year's Luau was held at the Columbia County Fair Grounds on September 8th, 2007. The event began at 5 p.m. and shortly following the Kaleo & Company Polynesian Revue band began to play. Entertainment lasted two hours allowing over 290 attendees to begin bidding on silent auction items. Dinner was catered by Hawaiian Island Café & Catering as fire dancers shocked and amazed the crowd.



Sheryl Stewart, from 105.1 The Buzz, was an outstanding auctioneer for the dessert auction, raising \$2,025.00. The silver plate dessert competition consisted of desserts donated by Wild Currant Catering, Houlton Bakery, Hawaiian Island Café & Catering, Red Line Sports Bar & Grill, Peggy Jo's, and Klondike Restaurant & Bar. The winner was a 4-layer carrot cake donated by Houlton Bakery and auctioned for \$200!

Professional Auctioneer Mark Kuhn also donated his time, taking on both the service and the oral auction. With Mark's skills, and speedy tongue, the service and oral auctions combined raised \$13,234.00.

This year was a huge success! With the help of MANY, the Amani Center was able to raise \$37,000! 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 \$37,000 raised at the Luau Fundraiser, the Amani Center will be required to raise an additional \$30,000 in donations and \$25,000 by June 30 to sustain our current level of services.



Save the date!

6th Annual Amani Center Luau & Auction Fundraiser
Saturday, September 6th, 2008
at the Columbia County Fair Grounds.

Capacity building made possible by:

Meyer Memorial Trust; awarding grants that help nonprofit organizations increase earned income, realize new efficiencies, or otherwise build capacity to advance their missions.

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If you would like to be an event sponsor of the 2008 Luau, please call Lisa at (503) 366-4005

Special thanks to our fundraising committee members!

- Lori Cardiff
- Pattie King
- Gainor Riker
- Sam Fisk
- Pam Fisk
- Teresa Sommers
- Bonnie Moss

“Child abuse casts a shadow the length of a lifetime.”

-Herbert Ward

From the Director:

Last year the Amani Center had our first annual *Friend of Amani Center Award*. Last year we were proud to give the award to Jude Dennis.

This year we are honored to give the *Friend of Amani Center Award* to Linda Gaskill. Linda has been a Victim Advocate volunteer for the Columbia County Victim's Assistance Program and District Attorney's Office for eight and a half years. Over one year ago, Linda took on another adventure. She became the Columbia County Multi-Disciplinary Team Coordinator (a volunteer position). This position is critical to ensuring that child victims of abuse have a coordinated, collaborative county-wide inter-agency response to child abuse allegations to ensure child safety and hold offenders accountable. Linda became a volunteer many years ago after having victimization touch her life. Linda has been able to stay motivated in her volunteer efforts due to her strong sense of faith, morality and desire to "give back." Linda recently told me, "As long as I have the time and energy, I am going to go for it." This is not an easy task as she has been raising her seven and a half year old granddaughter during her volunteer career. Some how Linda makes balancing family and her volunteer career look easy, however, all working parents like Linda know this can be a very difficult task. Linda and her husband, Charles, have been long time donors/supporters of the Amani Center.

Thank you to Linda for making a difference in the lives of our most vulnerable population...children. Linda is an excellent example of an *Amani Center Friend* giving abused children a voice!

The Amani Center wish list:

- 100% Juice Boxes
- Nutrigrain Bars (brand specific)
- High Quality VHS Video Tapes
- 24 exposure 35mm film
- DVD+R or DVD+RW
- Subscription to Nickelodeon Magazine, Highlights, Ranger Rick, Family Fun, 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, 15, 78, 23, 45
 - Postage Stamps
- Gift Cards for:
 - Ace Hardware
 - Safeway
 - Target
 - Wal-Mart
 - Fred Meyer
 - Office Depot
- An end to child abuse...

Volunteer Opportunities

We need YOUR help!

Call Lisa @ (503) 366-4005

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