

# Compassion News

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## From the Director



### Northeast Oregon Compassion Center

Cliff Cole ~Director

#### INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITY

I would like to thank everyone who has invested in the Northeast Oregon Compassion Center to help us continually invest in our community and county to make a difference in peoples' lives. Thank you for being involved in all we do in the realm of spiritual, mental, emotional and physical needs for

others.

**The banner I uphold today comes from Philippians chapter 2: 3, 4:**

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than your-selves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Compassion, accountability, building relationships, faith based community involvement and partnering with community resources will always create a positive ripple effect.

When you pray for us, encourage us with words, help with volunteer time or support us financially, we thank you for your investment!

Cliff Cole, Ministry Director

## Caregiver Corner~ Jarri McClarin

Fifteen Individuals, representing community churches and agencies, attended "Caring for People Gods Way" Care-Giver training January-March, 2014. The materials were provided through the American Association of Christian Counselors. The classes were facilitated by trained care-givers, Ian Howarth, Billie McClure, Dick and Jarri McClarin, and Kimberly Hughes.

Subjects covered included sub-

stance abuse, ethics, marriage, divorce, sexuality, grief, depression, anger management, and a wide variety of topics. All participants completed the course and took the exams for the course.

The training will be repeated this fall. There is a cost to take the course. Contact Compassion Center Director Cliff Cole, if you would like to sign up for the course and make arrangements for payment at 541-523-9845.

"The topics covered are so timely," says Jarri McClarin, "Everyone can benefit from the course. We all have people in our lives dealing with difficult issues and we are called to be salt and light. I am proud of all these individuals who invested their lives in receiving help through this venue to see broken people healed and be better people helpers."





Ford donated by Finks. Trailer donated by the Harvey's



GMC donated by Dan Garrick

## What's happening in our Firewood Ministries!

Our Wood Ministry, headed by Russ Brouer, has been blessed by some truly generous donations. We have received from Bill and Lorrie Harvey a dump trailer. Don and Roberta Fink recently donated a 1984 Ford F 700 pickup truck and Dan Garrick has donated a White GMC pickup truck. The Matthew Long Community Foundation has donated a chainsaw and Greg Barreto of Barreto Manufacturing in La Grande donated a hydraulic log splitter. The log splitter does not use the typical chains, belts and gears that wear out faster therefore, lasting years longer. Matt Sand donated time and labor to the repair of the brakes on the dump trailer. The Wood Ministry is shaping up to be more effective than ever. The Ministry, which donated over 400 cords of wood last year, should easily pass that number with the donations that have been made. The need in our community seems to be rising and the donations will help our Wood Ministry meet the demand. As with most of the services offered by the Compassion Center, the Wood Ministry relies heavily on volunteers. We are blessed to have those that can and do so much to make this valuable service successful and achievable. Thank You to all that have contributed and continue to donate and support this valuable worthwhile cause.



### Upcoming Events

- ◆ May 16th-17th Compassion Center Outdoor Sale
- ◆ June 20-22 Take the City Prayer and Worship

Donations of food and clothing items are accepted during business hours Tuesday through Friday 9-4. You can call and schedule donation of your time or skills that may be of help to your community. All other donations can be made on our website!

### Services Offered

Celebrate Recovery  
Christian Care-giving  
Clothing Boutique  
Communication Skill Classes  
Domestic Violence Intervention

Financial Peace University  
Firewood Ministry  
Food Bank  
Home service Projects  
Learning to Change  
Parenting Classes  
Prison Ministry at

Powder River and Snake River  
Restoration ministry Classes

**2013 STATISTICS**

We distributed 600 boxes of food through our food bank totaling 24,000 lbs of food in 2013.

Conducted 160 1hr sessions on learning to change.

Conducted 71 reunification and healthy communication skills classes.

Conducted 185 Christian counseling sessions

Conducted 30 DVIP interviews and intervention sessions.

Conducted 41 anger management sessions

Firewood ministries provided over 400 cord of wood in our community.



Thank you Janet Van Diepen

**From the Board:**

**Ian Howarth~**

Spring is in full swing here in beautiful Eastern Oregon and speaking of swing the weather is as well. The weather changes between sunny and rainy so quickly, one has to dress in layers just to be prepared. Being apart of the Northeast Oregon Compassion Center is much like spring weather. You might plan on spending the day in the office providing pastoral care and encouragement only to find yourself outside loading a trailer with firewood for a local family. Always keep a pair of gloves in your car. Paul gives us sound wisdom in 2 Timothy 4:2 "Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage--with great patience

and careful instruction." The key is to "be prepared" to preach the Word and keeping in line with Francis of Assisi use words when necessary. The food, firewood, clothing, and counseling ministry speak very loudly to the people of our community the Love of Jesus Christ. Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

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We would like to thank Janet Van Diepen for her 9 years of service on our Compassion Center Board. Thank you for your time, effort, and support throughout the years. It has been a pleasure to have you serve in our Compassion Center family.

**Food Room**

God has blessed us with the mail carriers food drive, thank you to the community for your donations among all the local food banks. We administer food and support to over 30 families a month regularly. The support from our volunteers Vicki Freeman, Carol Shack, and Jessy Raczkowski is remarkable. We couldn't do it without you. They dedicate so much time and support for this wonderful cause.

***The significant problems we face cannot be solved at the same level of thinking we were at when we created them we created them***

The Compassion Center is in need of volunteers to watch children on Tuesdays 6:15-8pm while parents attend Celebrate Recovery. Please contact our office if you would be willing to help in any way. Thank you!

### Amy Micka~

I have been involved with Celebrate Recovery for the past five years. Initially, Cliff asked me to assist with the women's small group. With Cliff's support and guidance, my role has increased. I now give the large group a message as well as facilitating the small women's group and mentoring other women in their twelve steps. CR has enabled me to lean on God even through some rough times. Recently, I was privileged to attend a public testimony of a man who had attended CR.

He thanked the Lord for changing his life and helping him conquer his addiction. He turned to a row of us in the audience and thanked us for helping him. I was humbled to be included. This was an awesome experience. I thank God for using and leading me. I will be a part of CR as long as He uses me.



### ~Testimonies~

Cassie Glerup~

This place is truly amazing. I work with the most wonderful people. Being able to work and volunteer doing what I love most is the biggest blessing. Helping and giving gives my life purpose.

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### **Restoration Ministries —Russ Brouer**

**Restoration is a 16 session course offered to inmates at Powder River Correction Facility which is done in 8 weeks. We meet on Thursday evenings and Sunday mornings and have an average of 10 inmates during the course. We do 4 complete courses each year and inmates can go through it 4 times. It teaches them biblical principles of God's way to live their life. I have enjoyed being a part of this ministry, each course is a new experience and great opportunity**

## **Outreach and Ministry Goals for 2014**

- \*To continue to respond to the growing needs of the community in economic down times.
- \*Continue to partner with local churches and other organizations to develop a process to identify and assess needs.
- \*Continue to establish a network of services to meet needs by matching the client with available resources.
- \*Continue to secure the resources needed to meet staffing and office requirements to accomplish the ongoing partnering in the faith based community

### **Clothing Boutique— Barb and Sue**

Spring is in the air and we are stocking our shelves with spring and summer outfits. We are also gearing up for our outside sale the 16th and 17th. If you have any donations feel free to bring them by! Call the Compassion Center office at 541-523-9845 for office hours and drop off availability! Our clothing room hours are Wednesdays and Thursdays 9am-12pm and 1pm to 3pm