



# Options for Southern Oregon

Annual Report  
January 1-December 31, 2009

***Mission Statement:*** Options for Southern Oregon serves people of all ages in our community who have mental health needs. Our holistic approach addresses housing, advocacy, community integration, crisis intervention, therapy, co-occurring issues, education, work, and economic well-being. We foster the development of mental and emotional health in children, adults, and families, and support our clients' participation as respected members of the community.

***Treatment Philosophy:*** Options serves individuals and families within a climate of respect and positive regard utilizing evidence-based practices. Inherent in our approach is the recognition of each person's strengths and capacity to grow, and the belief that we can be each other's teachers.

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This 2009 Annual Report provides an overview of Options programs and services and highlights the significant accomplishments of the past year.

In the past year Options has enhanced our commitment to our clients and continued to ensure that the agency was meeting the current needs of the community and preparing for the future.

We have also made a conscious effort to increase our public visibility and to highlight our work with multiple community partners; including Josephine County, local schools, partner service agencies and non-profit organizations, and the community.

Options serves all of Josephine County, including the Illinois Valley and Sunny Valley areas, an area of 1,641 square miles. Based on U.S. Census Bureau information, the population of Josephine County is 81,618 and has more than doubled since 1970 when the population was 35,746.

Options offers a broad continuum of services designed to meet the increasing needs of children and families, the growing number of those without mental health care insurance coverage, the increasing prevalence of multiple disorders in adults, and the growing elder population.

# Adults and Families Served 2009

Total Individuals Served by Options for Southern Oregon

All Programs: 3,023 unduplicated

## Adult Services:

Case Management	322
Adult Resource Team	708
Medical Unit	554
Crisis Respite	241
Crisis Outpatient	722
Gambling Counseling	75
Bridges to Success	52
Employment Works	159
Supported Education	59
Mental Health Treatment Study	13

## Family Services:

Children's Resource Team	1,068
Functional Family Therapy	393

## Residential:

### Secure Facilities-

Hugo Hills	17
Carnahan Treatment Facility	14
Ramsey Place	13

### Supported Housing-

Freedom House	28
StarThistle Apartments	14
Red Oak Manor	12
Blackberry Knoll	14
The Willows	14
Manzanita	11

## **2009 HIGHLIGHTS**

- Options successfully completed the *Manzanita project*, which included the purchase and renovation of the property, located in a residential neighborhood in NW Grants Pass. The project was completed using funds from the Oregon Housing & Community Services Housing Plus grant in the amount of \$810,000. The Four Way Community Foundation also contributed to the final improvements to the Manzanita by granting \$3,202 to purchase blinds and outdoor furnishings for the facility. Manzanita provides permanent housing to individuals who have been chronically homeless in Josephine County.
- Carol Mooney, an Options alcohol and drug counselor with our Dual Diagnosis program at the Crisis Resolution Center (CRC), was the 2008 recipient of the coveted governor's Outstanding Community Service Award. She received the award in Salem on January 27 at the Governor's Council meeting. She was also recognized by Options by over 150 of her colleagues who honored her with a standing ovation. Josephine County Commissioner Dave Toler presented a certificate of appreciation award from the Commissioners and Josephine County.
- A community stakeholders' meeting was held in March 2009 to request feedback from our community partners concerning perceptions, concerns and complaints about service delivery and accessibility issues.
- A prioritized goal for 2009 was to improve Options' infrastructure. This was resulted in our improving Quality Assurance and increasing our staff trainings. Joan Kalvelage provided a presentation on Ethics and Boundaries, and numerous other staff trainings were also made available to Options staff. Supervisors attended three supervision trainings in 2009. A performance review process was implemented to evaluate staff.
- Charlene Phipps helped Options complete its strategic plan for 2009-2015. Options established the following priorities:
  1. Improve mental health services from access to discharge.
  2. Develop effective information and billing systems.
  3. Improve staff development and training.
  4. Improve internal communications.

- Options' Executive team is committed to staying informed on the latest trends and operations statewide. Executive Director Kim Miller was selected to serve on the Association of Oregon Community Mental Health Programs Operations committee; Karla McCafferty, Chief Operations Director, is a participant in the Oregon Residential Providers Association and Josephine County's Substance Abuse Provider Network; Jeff Krolick, Clinical Director for Options, is a member of the statewide Oregon Supported Employment Center for Excellence, the local Supported Education Advisory Board, the JBH-wide Regional Acute Care Council, the Local Public Safety Coordination Committee, and the Mid-Rogue Independent Physician's Association Child Welfare Performance Improvement Committee. Jim Bryson is a member of the Special Transportation Advisory Committee and the Public Transportation Advisory Committee.
  
- Options for Southern Oregon was awarded a HUD 811 grant in the amount of to develop a new housing project to be located at 1130 West Harbeck. *The Cedars project* will provide 11 living units for psychiatrically disabled individuals. Those involved in the planning process included the Options Board of Directors, the Executive team, managers and staff. The funding for this project will be received in 2010. HUD awarded funding in the amount of \$1,441,900. Oregon Housing and Community Services awarded \$437,250 through Housing Plus and \$100,000 through the Trust Fund toward this project. Community Mental Health Housing Funds were also awarded in the amount of \$115,000. The Cedars project will be using as many "green" products as possible and is anticipated to begin in May 2010.

## ***AGENCY HISTORY***

Options for Southern Oregon, Inc. is an Oregon non-profit corporation with I.R.S. 501(c) (3) tax-exempt status. Options began in December of 1981 as the result of a grassroots, community-driven movement that sought to provide alternatives in the care of chronically mentally ill adults. The governing policies of Options are grounded in a philosophy of individual empowerment, where psychiatric patients are assets and not liabilities. Each of Options' enrolled clients, or "consumers," brings to the community his or her unique set of circumstances and perspectives. Options seeks, first and foremost, to optimize the strengths and abilities of each individual.

The strong commitment to identify and promote clients' strengths and assets has mandated that the agency be creative and resourceful in its initiation of programs that depart from the traditional medical model. Despite its rural

location, Options has always kept in touch with national mental health trends. Using a combination of the best empirical data along with the ongoing empowerment of its consumers, Options has been able to remain innovative.

Originally focused on day treatment, the agency's mission was expanded to include residential services in 1984, and in 1985 a vocational component was added that included the creation of The New Hope Bakery in 1986 and The New Hope Cafe in 1988. Options also developed a Peer Counseling component in which consumers provided significantly meaningful services to others with psychiatric disabilities. A logical extension of the caring that developed among Options members, the Peer Counseling Program was based on the belief that these individuals have a unique perspective and great insight into the effects of mental illness. The project involved teaching basic lay counseling techniques in conjunction with practical applications in increasingly complex situations.

Unable to locate appropriate teaching resources, Options created a training manual for offering group and individual activities, and published it in 1991 utilizing grant fund from the Meyer Memorial Trust. The tenets of the program have been presented at numerous conferences, and Options received a grant to produce a three-hour EdNet presentation, which was broadcast to more than thirty sites around Oregon. A Peer Counseling presentation at a national conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico, in June of 1994 received positive response from mental health professionals from all over the United States.

Options' Day Treatment Program supported adults in identifying and using social, recreational and educational pathways to recovery. Based on the principles of psychiatric rehabilitation, the day treatment program was strongly influenced by the Boston Psychiatric Rehabilitation Center and Fountain House models. Programming emphasized socialization and life skills training rather than a format of continuous group psychotherapies. It functioned as a "psychosocial rehabilitation club," in which consumers were voluntary members and willing participants. Psychosocial skills involving work ethic and cooperation were realized and culminated in activities selected and valued by the consumers. On-site program hours offered both structured and unstructured group activities such as expressive arts, drug and alcohol support and life skills training, as well as unstructured time for individuals to socialize and build friendships. Groups outside of program hours were formed and outreach into the community occurred where staff members worked with individuals and small groups to help them access community-based resources.

In 1999 Options and the Josephine County Mental Health Department began to re-examine many of the basic assumptions surrounding the purpose and goals of mental health treatment. What became clear is that many of the treatment modalities Options utilized actually served to protect and insulate consumers from the stresses of day-to-day life. While this approach appeared to be relatively successful, it created two unintended side effects: it fostered long-term and unnecessary dependence on the mental health system, and it discouraged people from trying to resume their normal lives in the extended community.

With the help of a Community Action Grant for Service System Change from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Options was able to initiate the process of moving from an illness-based "can't do" approach to an approach of hope, recovery and new possibilities. Two nationally recognized evidence-based practices, Employment Works, a supported employment program, and a strengths-based model of Case Management were selected for implementation by Options. Implementation of these two models by Options has aligned the treatment programs with a recovery approach.

On July 1st, 2006, Josephine County contracted with Options to administer existing mental health and alcohol and drug services in the county. The historic privatization and transfer of mental health services from Josephine County has resulted in Options becoming the largest non-profit mental health agency in Southern Oregon. The transition also resulted in unprecedented growth for our agency. Options staff increased from 43 to 147 employees and we were presented with significant logistical challenges including the immediate need to house new employees and programs. To provide for more effective and efficient delivery of services, we launched capital campaign to move employees to a new \$2.51 million facility, near Three Rivers Community Hospital in Grants Pass. Mental health programs operating out of the new Options Creekside Center, located at 1181 SW Ramsey Avenue, include the Children's Resource Team, Functional Family Therapy, Medical Unit, Case Management, Employment Works, and the Mental Health Treatment Study.

Options is growing to continually serve the expanding needs of the community. Options recently remodeled the upstairs at the G Street location to transfer the Adult Resource Team program, initially housed in the Creekside facility, in the Fall of 2007. Options' currently serves over 3,000 children, adults and families with mental health, alcohol and drug issues. Over 11,000 individuals in Josephine County are eligible for the services Options provides.

Options has developed a regional and national reputation for its quality training and innovative treatment approaches. Award winning programs have been cited by national publications including Getting Better and The Care of the Seriously Mentally Ill, a joint publication of the Public Citizen Health Research Group and the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill. Options was selected by the President's Committee on Employment for People with Disabilities as one of twenty-four programs throughout the nation that exemplify best practices in supported employment and has been highlighted in a national training video in cooperation with Dartmouth Psychiatric Research Center .

Interest in Options projects has brought mental health officials from 34 Oregon counties, Washington, California and Nevada. Numerous mental health programs have begun peer counseling programs and food service operations based on the success of Options' model. Options was selected to be the Center for Excellence by the State of Oregon and is now training numerous sites throughout Oregon in supported employment programs.

A broad cross-section of more than 60 community, state, and national partners are in support of our programs, such as the City of Grants Pass, Josephine County, Three Rivers School District, District 7, Southern Oregon Adolescent Study & Treatment Center (SOASTC), Family Friends/SOSCTC, Coalition for Kids, Oregon Department of Human Services, Vocational Rehabilitation, Oregon Health Sciences University, Portland State University, and the Psychiatric Research Center Dartmouth.

## **PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS**

### ***Services for Adults***

The **Case Management** program at Options began in 2001, after an integration of "strengths based" therapy as we expanded mental health Case Management services in Josephine County. Options uses the Strengths Model because of its proven track record of effectiveness. Case managers are primarily concerned with helping people with psychiatric disabilities recognize and utilize their individual strengths, abilities and potentials to secure the natural community resources. Options' case managers proactively coordinate services to increase consumer self-reliance, promote community activity and decrease unnecessary and prolonged reliance on mental health services. Beginning in May of 2005, Options began providing all case management services in Josephine County. The Case Management program currently has 12 staff members and served 322 consumers in the past calendar year.

Options is also working with the Josephine County Community Justice by working with people who are in the corrections system to reduce the number of people with mental illness serving time in local jails and reduce the rate of admissions to the Oregon State Hospital. This program helps people with low level crimes through the development of jail diversion programs. In addition, this year Options partnered with Josephine County Community Justice, Josephine County Circuit Court, The Union and the Regional Research Institute at Portland State University to establish a Mental Health Court for Josephine County. Options assisted Josephine County in the application for a full implementation and multi-year expansion grant for the Josephine County Mental Health Court. The award was granted in the amount of \$250,000 in 2009.

Options' **Employment Works** program is based on a nationally recognized model of supported employment known as Individual Placement and Support (IPS). IPS programs around the country have been shown to be highly successful in helping people with psychiatric disabilities to find and keep jobs. This model emphasizes competitive employment as a pathway toward recovery for these individuals. Employment Works focuses on rapid community job search with ongoing support to enable individuals to meet their own personal goals and become actively integrated in the community. We have a staff of five working to provide supported employment services in Josephine County and last year 159 clients were served in that program.

After receiving an award from the Oregon Department of Human Services, Addictions and Mental Health Division, Options partnered with Lifeworks NW, and the Regional Research Institute of Portland State University to establish the **Oregon Supported Employment Center for Excellence (OSECE)**. The Center is focused on helping to implement best practices and evaluate evidence-based employment services provided in 16 participating Oregon counties.

Options was chosen by Dartmouth as one of 20 sites in the U.S. to host a four year **Mental Health Treatment Study**. The study examines the efficacy of utilizing evidence based practices to assist individuals seeking employment. In the past year 13 participants enrolled in Josephine County received mental health and supported employment services through the project.

Options received a grant from the Jefferson Behavioral Health Regional Reinvestment Fund and the State of Oregon to implement a pilot **Supported Education** program in partnership with Rogue Community College. This program is designed to assist consumers in accessing educational resources

and maintaining their involvement with educational institutions. A Supported Education specialist, based primarily on the Rogue Community College Campus, is providing support services to students, and in the past fiscal year provided services to 59 individuals.

Options' "**Bridges to Success**" program is a multi-year year grant that expands the capacity to provide strengths case management for homeless persons with substance use disorders, serious mental illness, or co-occurring disorders. In the past year 52 individuals were served in the program. Case managers and peer support specialists are providing outreach, engagement, strengths assessment, goal setting, action planning, and resource acquisition assistance for eligible homeless persons throughout the county.

The **Adult Resource Team** is a program of mental health specialists and a panel of contracted private providers who perform group and individual psychotherapy, mental health assessments, and other mental health services for adults. Adults are assessed to see which services are appropriate to their situation and they are then referred to the appropriate community resource. Current therapeutic groups offered are Dialectical Behavior Therapy Skills Training Group, Emotional Skills Group, Wise Mind Group (experiential approach to developing healthy emotional and interpersonal skills) and a Dual Diagnosis Group. Last calendar year 708 individuals were served by the program.

The **Medical Unit** of the local mental health system includes psychiatrists, psychiatric nurse practitioners and nurses who provide a range of medical services to residents of Josephine County. These services include psychiatric assessments and evaluations, consultations, referral to community partner staff, consulting via a direct phone line for primary care providers, prescribing medications and tools for management. In the past year 134 individuals were served by the Medical Unit.

The **Crisis Resolution Center** (CRC) provides treatment to individuals who are experiencing a psychiatric emergency and who may have co-occurring disorders. Individual and group therapy, as well as education groups, skills training and medication management are utilized in the stabilization process. The program treats these disorders in a safe, therapeutic, homelike environment and is an alternative to acute hospitalization. In the past year Crisis Respite served 241 individuals and Crisis Outpatient served 722 individuals. Crisis intervention services are available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week through a crisis hotline staffed by Options. Responsibilities of crisis workers include performing mental health assessments, developing and coordinating individualized treatment plans, crisis intervention, clinical documentation, and intensive short-term case management and counseling

to promote eligibility and readiness for step-down or diversion from acute care services. The CRC is fully licensed as a Secure Residential Facility, certified as a Non-Hospital Hold and as a Residential Alcohol and Drug Treatment Program by Addiction & Mental Health Division of the State of Oregon and is also recognized by the Addiction & Mental Health Problem Gambling Services Division.

At the CRC, **Options Gambling Prevention** services also include prevention and outreach programs such as:

- Community awareness presentations
- Exhibit/displays on problem gambling
- Classroom presentations
- Educational materials, handouts, pamphlets
- Consultation to community groups
- information for parents, educators, health professionals and others

In the past year Options Gambling Prevention program served 54 individuals.

### ***Services for Families***

The **Children's Resource Team** (CRT), managed by Options for Southern Oregon, includes mental health specialists and skills trainers who provide individual, group, and family treatment, skills training for children and adolescents, and parent training. Referrals for this program are made for appropriate psychological and child psychiatric services.

CRT also provides regularly scheduled outreach services to all Josephine County public elementary and secondary schools, and alternative education centers. The CRT model of outreach to schools for mental health services is recognized by the State of Oregon for its excellence. In the past year the CRT served 1,068 individuals and many additional family members.

The CRT provides individual, group, and family therapy in a variety of settings and uses established models. Currently, grants are funding two programs: *1 2 3 Magic* and the *Children's Crisis Service*. *1 2 3 Magic* is a program that provides parent training classes to high risk families with children ages two to eight.

Other programs available through CRT include **Functional Family Therapy**. This evidenced-based program aims to reduce juvenile crime and increase the healthy functioning of families. More than 950 families have been referred to the program since April of 2002. The CRT has a Master's level therapist assigned to each public school and alternative education

center in Josephine County. A therapist is assigned to each individual and then assesses the child's needs for therapy and the level at which that service should be provided.

Our skills trainers do individual work with children, adolescents and adults. They lead many groups for both youth and adults, run a parenting program for the Courts (which mandates all divorcing parents to attend a one-time parenting class), provide groups in some of the public schools (paid for by the schools for those children not on the Oregon Health Plan), teach all the *1 2 3 Magic* groups. *Love and Logic* classes were also offered as part of the CRT programming in 2009. Multi-Generation Parent Training classes were implemented in 2009 thanks to a grant from Jefferson Behavioral Health.

### ***Residential Care***

Options has been designing, funding and managing affordable housing projects for more than two decades. Options became a housing provider in 1984 with the purchase of Carnahan Court. We have always had a *three part approach* when creating our projects: safe, affordable and attractive housing. Options has collaborated with other nonprofits and assisted in the creation of affordable housing for a variety of special-needs populations including adults with mental illness, homeless youth, drug and alcohol affected adult victims of domestic violence and agricultural workers.

Most of Options' consumers paid more than half of their monthly income for substandard housing while waiting to become eligible for one of the few available HUD subsidized rental units. Residents living in Options housing today pay a third of their income for safe, decent, affordable housing in a supportive atmosphere.

### ***Supported Housing***

#### **The Willows Apartments**



The goal in building the Willows Apartments in Grants Pass was to create safe, affordable, attractive, non-institutional housing for low-income psychiatrically disabled adults. The complex opened in March of 1993. In 1994, the Willows received a Maxwell Award for Excellence in Low Income Housing and a grant from the national Fannie Mae Foundation, identifying the project as one of the 25 best low-income housing projects built in the United States.

### **StarThistle Apartments**

In 1996 Options began development of a third Housing and Urban Development (HUD) 811 housing project. This 12-unit project, StarThistle Apartments, was built in Ashland. A nonprofit subsidiary called Ashland Housing Opportunities, Inc. was created. Construction of this complex was completed in September of 1998.



### **Blackberry Knoll Apartments**

Blackberry Knoll was completed in July of 1996. By offering more intensive training and increased accessibility to staff, individuals with greater levels of disability are able to successfully maintain an apartment in the community. In 1997, the City of Grants Pass presented Options and Blackberry Knoll's contractor, William Lovelace, with a second Exemplary Design and Building Practices Award.



### **Red Oak Manor**

Options received a grant from the Oregon Housing and Community Services Division and HOME funds to construct Red Oak Manor, an eight-unit project in Grants Pass. Options created a partnership with Grants Pass Area Habitat for Humanity. Construction of the complex was completed in February 2000.



### **Manzanita**

Options received a grant from the Oregon Housing and Community Services Division Housing Plus program to refurbish Manzanita, a seven unit project in Grants Pass. Construction of the project was completed in May of 2009. Manzanita houses individuals in our community who have been chronically homeless.



## ***Transitional Housing***



Options provides transitional drug and alcohol free housing for individuals who are developing the life skills they need to acquire permanent, clean and sober housing. Freedom House is a 7-room residential setting for women in recovery from alcohol and chemical dependency.

## ***Transitional Residential Treatment Facilities***

**Carnahan Treatment Facility** at Carnahan Court is a licensed transitional residential program for adults with a severe and persistent mental illness. The mission of the Carnahan Treatment Facility is to teach residents the skills they will need to be as successful and self sufficient as possible in their preferred living situation upon graduation from the program. Over the past year 14 clients were served at this facility.

## ***Secure Residential Treatment Facilities***

The **Hugo Hills** facility is designed to serve adults with severe and persistent mental illness, who, when discharged from state hospitals, need continued support and structure to integrate back into the community. Programs offered for residents include psychiatric, therapeutic and life skills development. We also provide nursing, medication management and coordination of residents' medical, dental and vision service. Over the past year 17 clients were served at this facility.

**Ramsey Place** is the newest of all the residential treatment facilities, opening in July 2005. It is a long-term residential treatment program specializing in residents with psychiatric disorders and polydipsia. Our program provides the residents with a homelike environment and encourages residents to become as independent as possible. In the past fiscal year 13 clients were served.

## WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY

We held our annual fundraising benefit, *Rogue Winterfest* which is in its seventh year. The Festival raised significant funds for the agency and helped educate the public on our programs while giving the community a public display of holiday trees, wreaths and specialty items with various special events for entire families. Options partners with Family Friends and SOASTC to share proceeds from the event. All events were held at Evergreen Federal Bank's *Bear Hotel*. Overall proceeds for the 2009 event totaled \$49,000. Options will be using our funds as a barrier removal fund for clients agency-wide.

Now entering its sixth year, the *Options Community Garden* provided 30 plots, available to individuals and nonprofit organizations at a nominal annual fee of \$25. Five of the plots are held as "scholarship" plots. These plots are available at no charge to individuals who agreed to donate a percentage of their produce to agencies who work with hunger.

Options' *Empty Bowls* event was held on Thursday, October 15th. Guests were served a simple bowl of soup and a homemade roll. The event is a reminder that there are always empty bowls in the world. Some of our consumers and staff made bowls that were auctioned off. Program coordinators and clients provided statistics and information to the community regarding homelessness in our community. This year Options asked the Josephine County Food Bank to partner with this community event. This year the event raised more than \$4,100, which was divided equally between the Josephine County Food Bank and Option's homeless outreach program, Bridges to Success. Many local artists, including Grants Pass High School, donated handmade bowls to this event.

Options' Second Annual *Golf Tournament* was held Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. This event is a fundraiser for barrier removal funds for the Children's Resource Team. The 2009 golf tournament was held at Dutcher Creek and raised more than \$3,000. Funds have been used to purchase school supplies, shoes, coats, gas cards to attend therapy appointments, and many other items that might prevent individuals from attaining success and recovery in their lives.

## OPTIONS FOR SOUTHERN OREGON 2009-2010 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The governing board of Options for Southern Oregon is a diverse group of leaders in Southern Oregon. The Options Board of Directors know that through dedication and time commitments they contribute much to the soundness of the organization, as well as to our community as a whole. The board members also greatly appreciate the entire staff at Options for their continuous loyalty and commitment to its consumers, programs, and goals.

**Ralph Trigg, President**, has been on the Options Board for ten years. He has been a Financial Planner since 1994. He is also a licensed general contractor and has built planned retirement communities.

**John Sawyer, Vice President**, has been on the Board for nine years. He is a business owner in Medford and is affiliated with the Kids Health Connection at Phoenix Elementary School. He is actively involved as a volunteer and in fundraising activities at Kids Health Connection and Options.

**Felicity Elworthy, Secretary**, has been on the board for over seven years. She is the Family/Community Partnerships Manager at Southern Oregon Head Start. Her background is in direct service, as well as nonprofit management.

**Mike Kohn, Treasurer**, owns two fireplace shops and service companies. He has been a board member for over two years. He was an elected member of the Three Rivers School District Board of Directors for 13 years. He has also served on the Applegate Valley Community Action Committee and currently serves on the state board for his trade organization.

**Denise Olson, Board Member/Development Subcommittee Member**, is the Treatment Services Manager of the Josephine County A & D Service. She has been working in the substance abuse arena for 16 years and has held her current position with Josephine County Justice for 10 years. Denise also participates on the Rogue Community College Advisory Board, the local Alcohol and Drug Planning Committee, and is a Zonta board member. She has been a board member for over three years.

**Ida Saito, Board Member**, is the Operations Director of La Clinica in Medford. She served on the Options Board from 1981-1993 and came back to serve Options in April 2007. Ida currently serves as a board member of

Jackson County United Way and Our Community Health Information Network. She was with the Department of Human Services for more than 27 years. She has also served on the board of the Josephine County and Jackson County Commissions for Children and Families, and the Josephine Health Advisory Committee.

**Joe Maier, Board Member** since March 2008 has been an attorney with the Southern Oregon Public Defender office for the past 12 years and is an attorney for the Josephine County Drug Court. He is the current Secretary of the Oregon Criminal Defense Lawyers Association Board, and a board member of the Josephine County Drug Court Steering Committee.

**Craig Johnson, Board Member**, is a Deputy District Attorney with the Josephine County District Attorney's Office. He is assigned to Josephine County's Mental Health Court. He also has a background in finance and mortgage banking.

**Leslee O'Brien, Board Member**, has been a nurse for 38 years and was the Director of Health and Human Services for Josephine County. Prior to her employment with Josephine County in 2002, Leslee was a healthcare consultant and worked with healthcare organizations across the country to achieve national accreditation and state licensing. Leslee is the vice-chair for the United Community Action Network (UCAN), and is a member of the Josephine County Public Health Board, and the Mental Health Advisory Board.

**Korinda (Kori) Bieber, Board Member**, is the Dean of Students at Rogue Community College. She has been with RCC for 13 years. Kori started working in community colleges in 1990 and has worked in California and Washington before coming to Oregon.

# **DONATION SYNOPSIS**

January 2009-December 2009

**Bank of the Cascades - \$500**

*Support for the Empty Bowls project*

**Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation - \$10,000**

*Functional Family Therapy program*

**DiMarco Harleen Family Fund- \$10,000**

*Functional Family Therapy program*

**Federal Emergency Management Administration- \$3,000**

*Emergency Shelter Funds*

**Four Way Community Foundation- \$3,202**

*Improvements to Manzanita*

**Oregon Housing & Community Services Housing Plus - \$810,000**

*Manzanita project, a new housing facility for chronically homeless individuals*

**U.S. Bank- \$4,000**

*Support for Manzanita, as a fund to remove barriers for residents.*

**Oregon Department of Transportation - \$39,455**

**Special Transportation Advisory Committee**

**Public Transportation Advisory Committee**

**Josephine County Transit**

*Two vehicles for the Children's Resource Team*