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OPB to air documentary on Marion County's foster children

August 7, 2008, Salem, Oregon...A compelling film offering remarkable insights into the lives of foster children in Marion County, Oregon, and those who care for them, will air next weekend.

Oregon Public Broadcasting (OPB) will show the one-hour documentary by Portland film producer, Ralph Cunningham, "Fostering Hope: Restoring Shattered Lives," at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 17 on Channel 10.

The documentary shows how Marion County, with the highest rate of foster-care cases in the state, has become a model for bringing together government, business and faith-based organizations to address this growing problem. One in every 100 children in Oregon is officially confirmed as a victim of child abuse or neglect, often due to parental abuse of methamphetamine or alcohol.

"Fostering Hope" seeks to put a face on foster children statistics and invites viewers to consider that everyone has a stake in assuring every child's well-being.

To learn what you can do to help foster youth or to purchase a DVD of the film, visit www.FosteringHopeTheFilm.org. For more information or to talk about the film, call 503-485-5964.

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Interviews and Photo Ops are available.

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