



United Way Campaign Underway - Mark Your Calendars for the Souper Social!

Mark your calendars for the United Way Campaign's Souper Social on October 20th. Bring your a-game and enter a batch of your favorite soup for the chance to win a custom-made trophy. Tasters will decide whose soup reigns soup-reme. The Souper Social will be held in room 300 and 301 in the Bishop Steiner Building from 11:30-1:00. To RSVP, email Stephanie Stoker at sstoker@goisn.org. If you're interested in volunteering for any of the United Way campaign events, email Heidi Frederick hfrederick@ccsvv.org.

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Volunteer Today!

Our Annual Luncheon is Tuesday, October 18, and we are looking for volunteers to help assemble gifts before the event, and to provide on-site support including help with set up, take down, greeting, registration and seating guests. If you're interested in helping out, email Heidi Frederick at hfrederick@ccswv.org.



Cavazos Coalition for Latino Youth and Families

Though the Cavazos Center has closed, the vision of serving Latino youth and their families lives on and is being carried forward by a newly formed coalition. Catholic Community Services together with Mano a Mano are hosting an event to facilitate conversation about positive youth development and family strengthening for Latino youth and families in the juvenile justice system. The event will take place on September 20th at Willamette University. For more information, email communications@ccswv.org.



Sanctuary Theme of the Month - Loss

When you think of loss, a lot of times you think of the passing of a loved one or perhaps the loss of something material, but in reality any time a change occurs in your life, so does loss. Loss can be a challenging thing to face, but the S.E.L.F model is a

helpful tool when trying to acknowledge and move past loss. The acronym S.E.L.F stands for safety, emotion management, loss and future. The model helps facilitate important dialogue that will guide you through big changes in your life. Recognizing and sitting with the vulnerabilities and emotions that come with loss are vital steps in the process of grieving so that you may focus on moving forward to what lies ahead.



Save the Dates: Open Enrollment and Annual Wellness Fair

Don't miss your opportunity to choose your benefits for 2017 during **Open Enrollment October 17-31**. This will be done in Ultipro and must be completed during this time frame. Contact your supervisor or Marilee Darby in HR at mdarby@goisn.org if you have questions about completing the process.

You also won't want to miss the **CCS Health and Wellness Fair on November 16th**. Come and meet our benefit providers and find out how your CCS benefits can help you live a balanced and healthy life. [Learn More](#).

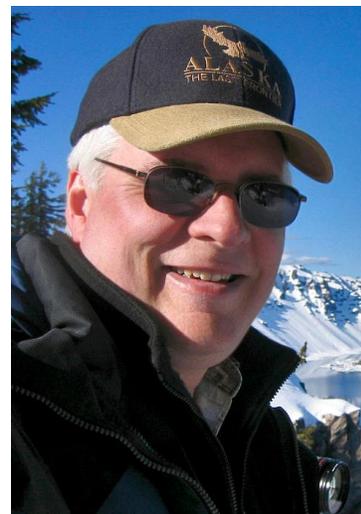


Welcome Ben Carlson, Our New "Safety Guy"

CCS's new Safety Coordinator Ben Carlson worked for an insurance company for 27 years first conducting accident investigations and then loss prevention safety consulting. He has also been an occupational safety officer at the University of Oregon. Besides making sure CCS safety programs are up to date, part of Ben's job is looking for ways to increase safety awareness and motivate each person to follow best practices to reduce injury exposure.

"Sooner or later shortcuts only lead to people getting hurt." said Ben. "My goal is to have everyone go home at the end of the day in at least the same condition they arrived, injury free."

"Besides my sweet wife of almost 36 years and spending time with our adult children, my off-the-job passion is photography. I do landscape, still life, and light-painting photography," said Ben. Above is an example of Ben's award winning photography. [Read More.](#)





Direct Care Professional Career Fair Set for September 29

Encourage friends and colleagues to attend the CCS Direct Care Professional Career Fair on Thursday, September 29 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Interviews will be conducted on site for those who apply online ahead of time.



Vision for St. Monica Gains Momentum

Thanks to the St. Monica Apartments Capital Campaign committee, approximately \$1.3 million has been raised to provide safe, affordable housing that also offers wrap around services for young mothers in crisis, allowing CCS to continue to carry out the vision and legacy of Reverend Monsignor Charles Taaffe. [Read More.](#)



Freecycle: Give what you can, take what you need.

Freecycle is a program that connects people with an outlet to share unused items with employees, peers, foster parents, and community members. Freecycle is a program for everyone, give what you can, take what you need. If you have an item you want to share, or an item you or someone you know has a need for, please contact freecycle@ccsvv.org.

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