Catholic Community Services

January 2018

All-Staff Christmas Party

Staff and customers gathered together in December at St. Edward Catholic Church to celebrate the holidays at the annual CCS Christmas party.

Each guest received a gift bag and was entered into a raffle. Some of the raffle prizes included gift cards, blankets, and other holiday goodies.

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St. Joseph Shelter Transfer Ceremony

On December 6 at Queen of Angels Monastery in Mt. Angel, the Benedictine Sisters of Mt. Angel and Catholic Community Services celebrated their partnership in sustaining St. Joseph Shelter, Mission Benedict and Casa Adele. The celebration included a tour of the Shelter, a transfer ceremony held during afternoon Vespers in the Monastery Chapel and a reception and dinner in the Sisters' dining hall.

In the presence of community partners and long-time supporters, the Benedictine Sisters shared the mission of St. Joseph Shelter. Then, Pastoral Administrator Sr. Jane Hibbard, SNJM, St. Mary Parish Pastor Fr. Philip Waibel, OSB, and Mt. Angel Abbey Prior Vincent Trujillo, OSB, passed a mission candle to CCS and CCS Foundation Board Members Scott Weigal, Maria Palacio and Lynda Harrington.

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In the Spirit . . .

Through the holidays, CCS programs partnered and gathered with community members to celebrate the season in the spirit of unity and generosity...

Mission Benedict Christmas Boxes

Mission Benedict collected enough food for 150 boxes for families in need, more boxes than ever before. St. Mary Parish also put up a giving tree for St. Joseph Shelter residents and accepted cash donations totaling more than $6,000 to purchase items for the boxes and provide emergency assistance for community members in crisis throughout the year. This would not have been possible without the generous support of St. Mary Parish, the Benedictine Sisters and Oblates of Queen of Angels Monastery, the Knights of Columbus, St. Mary's School, Kramer's Nursery, the Sunshine Division of the Portland Police Department, Marion Polk Food Share and Regis High School. On behalf of the families served, we extend our deepest gratitude.

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ILP Christmas Craft Night

Our Independent Living Program (ILP) recently hosted a Christmas craft night at the Kroc Center where youth created gifts for Christmas ranging from neck warmers to cozy tied blankets. Each year, ILP helps nearly 200 foster youth develop life skills on their way to becoming responsible, independent adults.

United Way Campaign a Success!

As we wrap up the United Way Campaign this year, we can do so feeling proud! This year, CCS raised nearly $2,000 for United Way.

The winners for each event competition were announced at the big basket blow out and potluck on December 14. Marci Rutten Holmes came in first place for her chicken

tortellini at the Souper Social, followed by Tonya Sorensen in second place with her baked potato soup.

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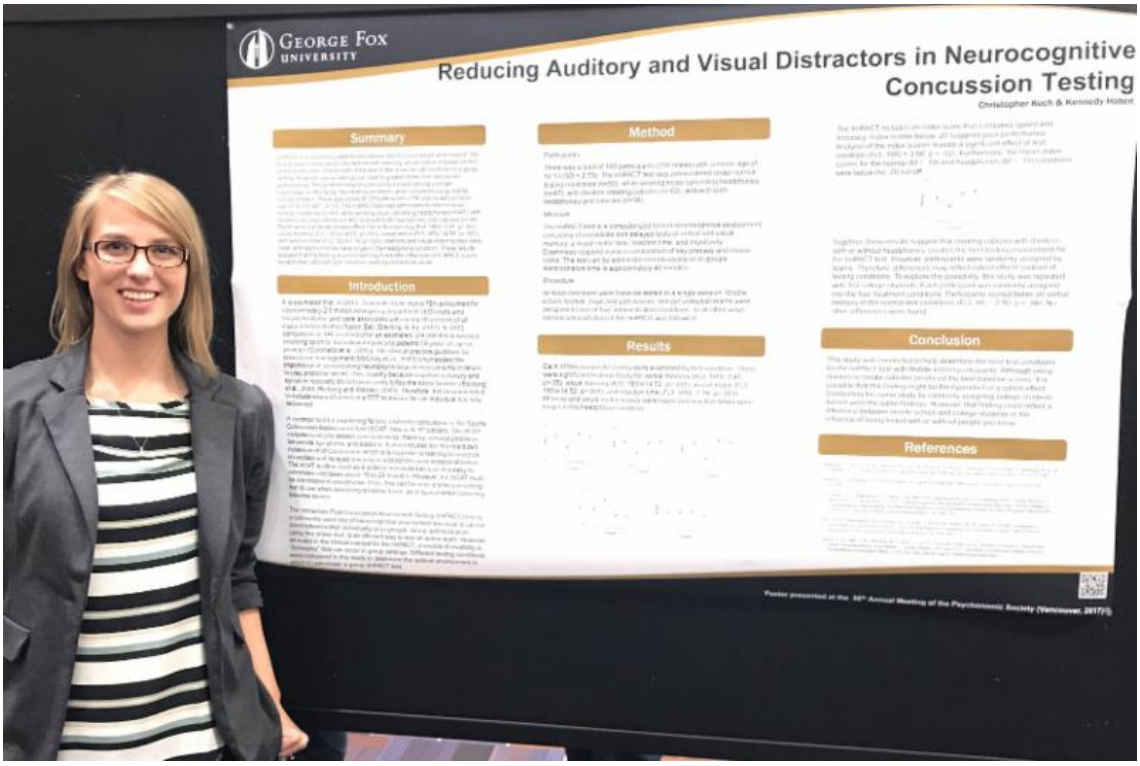

CCS Spotlight - Kennedy Hobert

HR Executive Coordinator by day and scholar by night, CCS's Kennedy Hobert graduated from George Fox University last spring. As a part of her capstone experience, Kennedy conducted research alongside her professors about concussion testing. Upon finishing her research, she was invited to present her findings at the Psychonomic Society Conference in Vancouver, Canada.

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Sanctuary Theme of the Month - Self-Determination

The New Year represents a new beginning, a fresh start, and 365 opportunities to change ourselves for the better. We feel a sense of hope. Our commitment to Sanctuary calls us to honor and practice self-determination, which encourages us to exercise control over our life decisions and meet the goals we set for ourselves.

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