



## CCS Annual Report Available Online

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### **Oregon Knights Help Young Moms Say Yes to Life**

During a time of year when we honor motherhood, we also want to honor and thank those who treat the care of vulnerable young moms and their babies as a sacred trust. At the Annual Oregon Knights of Columbus Convention in April, Catholic Community Services presented certificates of appreciation to Knights councils from all over the state for their support of Father Taaffe Homes and Pregnancy Support Services. [Read More](#)

Thanks to the loyal support from the Knights of Columbus, Father Taaffe moms like Vanessa are able to have a safe, stable, nurturing home to plan for their future, and the future of their babies.

#### *Vanessa's Story*





## Culture of Wellness Corner

The Culture of Wellness Team welcomes new member Kennedy Anderson from Human Resources. If you would like to join the team, please contact [Steve Nass](#) or [Jennifer Blyeth](#) for more information. The team is specifically looking for volunteers to help develop a smoke-free workday policy for CCS.

At the last brown bag lunch in April, Culture of Wellness team members shared and sampled healthy Blue Zones® recipes. At the next brown bag lunch on Tuesday, June 12th, the team will be sharing the [9-Elements](#) of Blue Zones® and bringing their favorite summer salads to share.

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## Safe Families Holds First Collaborative Conference

More than 100 Safe Families for Children (SFFC) staff, volunteers and partners gathered last month for the first Oregon Collaborative Conference: Strengthening Our Community. SFFC Founder Dave Anderson gave an inspirational address during breakfast, followed by workshops throughout the day and a closing presentation by Donna Beegle of Communication Across Barriers.

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### **Spirit Mountain Supports St. Joseph Shelter**

We recently attended a *Potlatch* Ceremony in Grand Ronde to accept a generous grant from Spirit Mountain Community Fund for St. Joseph Shelter. CCS Executive Director Jim Seymour presented a framed thank you from St. Joseph Shelter staff and residents.

Pictured from left to right: Tribal Council and Board of Trustees Member Jack Giffen, CCSF Board Member Norma Jean Fordyce, Jim Seymour and Spirit Mountain Community Fund Executive Director Mychal Cherry.



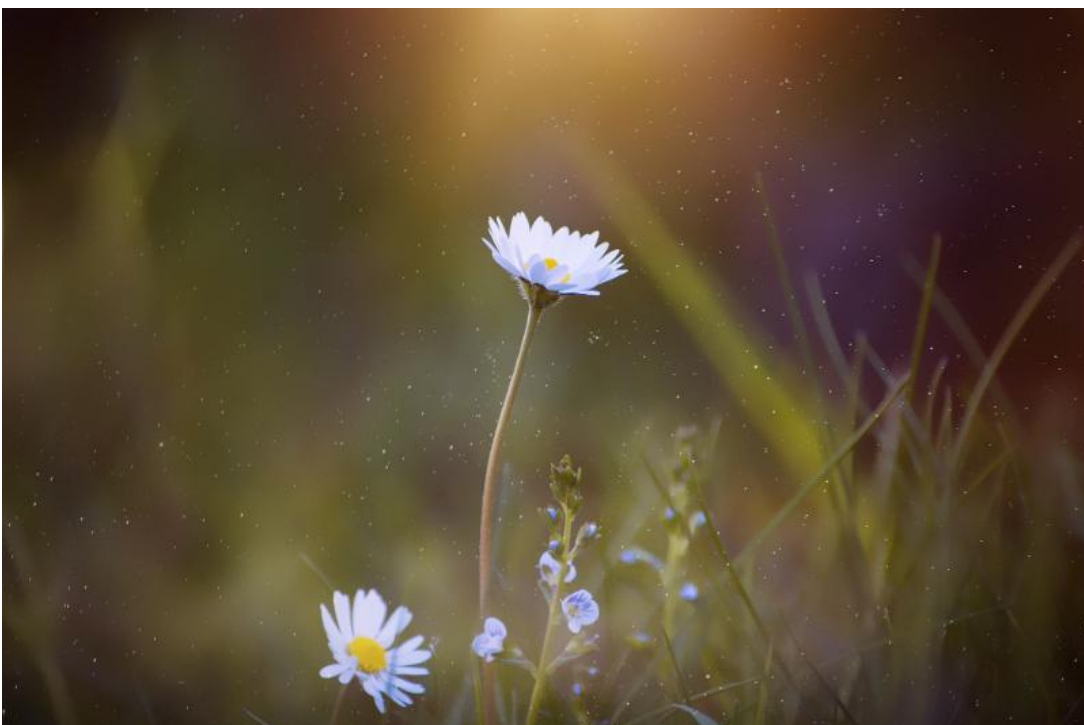
## **Save the Date! Summer BBQ is August 8th**

BBQ season is almost here! Mark your calendars for the annual summer BBQ potluck. Bring a favorite dish to share with co-workers, friends and family. Hamburgers, veggie burgers, hot dogs and drinks will be provided. This year, the Culture of Wellness Team is sponsoring a friendly competition - bring your favorite summer salad and enter it in the salad contest for "Blue Zones®" bragging rights.

Wednesday, August 8th, 11:30am - 2:00pm  
River Road Park, 3045 River Rd N, Keizer ([map](#))

To RSVP or to sign up to bring a lawn game, a side dish, or to enter the salad competition, please contact Marci Holmes at [mholmes@ccswv.org](mailto:mholmes@ccswv.org).

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## Sanctuary Theme of the Month - Growth & Change

As spring awakens, the world around us begins to change. A world of muted grays blossoms into one of vibrant reds and yellows. This is a wonderful time for us to reflect upon our own growth and change by asking ourselves four questions:

1. Who are we?
2. What do we cherish?
3. What shall we do?
4. What do we need to learn?


The answer to these four questions can be the driving force behind achieving our long-term goals. They can also serve as affirmations to help us stay grounded and true to ourselves as we carry out our responsibilities and interact with others throughout the day.



### Wrapping Father Taaffe Moms and Babies in Love

The Catholic Daughters at St. Peter Catholic Church in Newberg recently made a donation of beautiful handmade quilts for young mothers and their babies served by the Father Taaffe Homes program. Father Taaffe Homes Program Coordinator Laura, Father Taaffe Homes expectant mom Maria and House Parent Audrey were delighted to receive and show off the colorful designs.

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