

FOCUS ON COMMUNITY October – December 2023

Airs on Friday at 1:00 pm – approximately 8 - 10 minutes in length

Date: 10/6/23

Guest: Amelia Reising,

Founding Director,

Adventure! Children's Museum

Topic/Issue: Early Education

Formed in 2015, ***Adventure! Children's Museum*** is a hands-on museum created by community members to help kids grow as artists, explorers, and innovators by providing an environment dedicated to the spirit of adventure and discovery. Discussion covered the following:

- Their mission and how they are going about achieving it
- Where they are located
- Their expansion project
- Current exhibits
- Details about their upcoming ***Family Halloween Party*** and ***Live Pumpkin Auction***
- Volunteer opportunities
- Where to go for more information

Date: 10/13/23

Guest: Keaton Sunchild,

Communications Specialists,

Crisis Assistance Helping Out On The Streets,

C.A.H.O.O.T.S.

Topic/Issue: Homelessness

Launched in 1989 by ***White Bird Clinic, Crisis Assistance Helping Out On The Streets***, or C.A.H.O.O.T.S. is a community-based public safety system that provides first response to a crisis involving mental illness, homelessness, and addiction. Discussion covered the following:

- Their mission and how they are going about achieving it
- A brief history
- What is required to volunteer
- Services they provide
- Who they help
- What to do if someone is in distress
- Ways to help in their efforts

Date: 10/20/23

Guest: Holly Bollman,  
Community Engagement and  
Donor Relations Coordinator,  
Lumina Hospice and Palliative Care  
Topic/Issue: Health Care

Founded as Benton Hospice Service in 1980. ***Lumina Hospice and Palliative Care*** is a community-grown nonprofit that provides compassionate care and support for individuals, families and caregivers facing serious illness or end of life. Discussion covered the following:

- Their mission and how they are going about achieving it
- What palliative care means
- Where they are located
- Who they serve
- A brief history
- Who they support
- The types of care they offer
- Details about their annual event ***Illuminate***
- Ways to help in their efforts
- Where to go for more information

Date: 11/3/23

Guest: Jesse Quinn,  
Community Engagement Director,  
Lane Workforce Partnership  
Topic/Issue: Homelessness and Employment

***Lane Workforce Partnership*** is a 501c3 nonprofit organization that is the designated local Workforce Development Board of Lane County. They fund and provide programs that empower job seekers to meet the current and future workforce needs of employers. Discussion centered on their collaborative project ***Constructing a Brighter Future*** and specifically the following:

- Their community partners
- Details about ***Everyone Village*** and ***Square One Villages***
- How many shelters have been built so far
- Ways to help in their efforts
- Where to go for more information

Date: 11/10/23

Guest: Katie Brown, Founder,  
Scorpion Creek Ranch

Topic/Issue: Homelessness

Still in the planning stages, ***Scorpion Creek Ranch*** aims to be an organization that helps homeless and underserved teens reboot, rejuvenate, and redirect their spirits through clinical and hands-on programs in a healing environment. Discussion covered the following:

- Their mission and how they hope to go about achieving it
- Areas of focus
- What has been done so far
- How volunteers will help
- Where to go for more information

Date: 11/17/23

Guest: Michelle Hankes,  
Chief Executive Officer,  
ShelterCare

Topic/Issue: Homelessness

***ShelterCare*** provides a range of housing programs and services to individuals and families who are experiencing, or on the verge of, homelessness. Discussion covered the following:

- Their mission and how they are going about achieving it
- Their programs and services
- A recently received grant from the Governor of Oregon and what the funds will go towards
- Their ongoing campaign ***Agents for Change***
- Success stories
- How volunteers help in their efforts
- What to do if someone needs help
- Ways we can get involved

Date: 12/1/23  
Guest: Brooks McClain,  
Development Director,  
H.I.V. Alliance  
Eric Braman,  
Program Director,  
Lane Arts Council,  
JD Terrapin,  
Planning Committee Member,  
Eugene P.R.I.D.E.  
Topic/Issue: Health (H.I.V./AIDS)

**World AIDS Day**, designated on 1 December every year since 1988, is an international day dedicated to raising awareness of the AIDS pandemic caused by the spread of HIV infection and mourning those who have died of the disease. Discussion covered the following:

- The mission of **H.I.V. Alliance**, **Lane Arts Council**, and **Eugene P.R.I.D.E.** and how each organization are going about achieving it
- The significance of **World AIDS Day**
- Who Gilbert Baker was
- The stealing of the Gilbert Baker flag and plans for replacing it
- Plans for **World AIDS Day**
- Details about the upcoming **Art Walk**.
- Volunteer opportunities
- Where to go for more information

Date: 12/8/23  
Guest: Laura Dahill,  
Director of Marketing and  
Communications,  
The Arc of Lane County  
Topic/Issue: Health and Equality (Social Services)

The **Arc Lane County** is a grassroots advocacy organization, ensuring people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families have the supports they need to live full lives in the community. Discussion covered the following:

- Their mission and how they are going about achieving it
- The kinds of Programs and Services they offer
- Details about a future **Arc Park**
- Details about **Sensory Santa**
- How volunteers help in their efforts, including current opportunities
- Where to go for more information

Date: 12/15/23

Guest: Tim Black,

Emergency Response Coordinator,

Egan Warming Center,

St. Vincent de Paul of Lane County

Topic/Issue: Homelessness

St. Vincent de Paul of Lane County assists the vulnerable and those in need of consolation, seeking out and using every resource. Discussion centered on the ***Egan Warming Center***, a program run by St. Vincent de Paul and specifically the following:

- The mission of St. Vincent de Paul and how they are going about achieving it
- An update on how the season is going so far
- Their efforts to recruit new volunteers for the center
- How they are addressing past trauma
- Tim Black's year-end wish for the community