



THE MVRS FOCUS

A publication of Magic Valley Rehabilitation Services, Inc.

Continued Support from the Community

As a non-profit agency providing services in the eight counties of South Central Idaho, MVRS has always relied heavily on community support, fund raising and collaboration with local businesses, agencies and individuals to address the needs of persons with disabilities. Over the past several months, a number of local businesses and individuals have made significant contributions to help MVRS further its mission. These include:

First Federal - The First Federal Charitable Foundation recently awarded MVRS \$2,500 toward the remodel of our participant restrooms. These restrooms have been in serious need of upgrade for an extended period now. The total project cost is expected to exceed \$10,000, and the \$2,500 contribution from First Federal will go a long way in assisting with this. Over the years First Federal has made numerous contributions to MVRS to assist with various projects. If you would like to join First Federal and make a contribution to assist with this project, please detach and return the yellow contribution form on page 3 to MVRS, PO Box 189, Twin Falls, ID 83303. On that form please indicate your contribution is to be used for the remodel.

St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center - St. Luke's, through their Community Health Improvement (CHI) Fund, has once again awarded MVRS \$3,500 to be used for a project which focuses on improving access to services here. MVRS frequently encounters individuals with disabilities who want to participate in services here, but who don't have a funding agency to support them, who are not able to pay for services themselves, and/or who have Medicaid budgets which do not allow them to participate as fully as they want and/or need in our Developmental Therapy and Adult Day Health programs. The award from St. Luke's will help bridge the gap that exists between an individual wanting and needing services and the lack of funding availability.

Wells Fargo - The Wells Fargo Foundation awarded MVRS \$2,500 for the same purpose as St. Luke's . . . to assist persons with disabilities in accessing services here. Their contribution will also be used by individuals who are not able to be agency funded, or who want to participate more fully in services than their agency budget allows. Wells Fargo has previously contributed to this project as well.

Project Mutual Telephone - The PMT Foundation recently contributed \$1,940 to MVRS for the purchase of two new laptop computers and software. The laptops will be used by MVRS Employment Service Specialists to assist them in providing community based employment services (such as job development), particularly in the more rural areas of South Central Idaho. Employment Specialists frequently meet with participants in more rural areas or in situations where they do not have access to a computer. These two new laptops will replace a single, outdated laptop at MVRS that has been less than functional.

Thank you First Federal, St. Luke's, Wells Fargo, Project Mutual Telephone and all our other contributors for your support!



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The 7th annual MVRS Dinner & Auction has tentatively been scheduled for Friday evening, April 15th at the Turf Club here in Twin Falls. Last year about 200 individuals attended, so you may want to get this event on your calendar now. Tickets for the event should be available beginning sometime in late February or early March. The Dinner & Auction is MVRS's primary fundraiser during the year and has been extremely successful in years past. Last year the event grossed over \$19,000. Come join us for a great time!



New Faces at MVRS

Two new Employment Service Specialists have been hired at MVRS over the past few months. These individuals are providing job development, job training and long term support for individuals with disabilities who are looking for work, or who have already been placed in employment.



Kristi Hanni-Eudey, hired in September, is a Jerome resident. She has over 7 years of experience providing services to persons with disabilities in employment, residential and developmental settings. She also has experience in retail sales, and has attended the College of Southern Idaho with a focus on business coursework.



Amy Garza began employment at MVRS in October. She has work experience as a Home Health Care Giver, as an Office Assistant at an agency providing Human Services, and in Advertising Sales. She is fluent in both Spanish and English. Amy is a Twin Falls resident.

Car Detail Gift Certificates For Christmas?

Everybody has someone on their Christmas list who is always hard to buy for. This year why not give the gift that everyone wants . . . a clean ride.

Gift certificates for full or partial car details can be purchased by calling 208-734-4112, or by stopping by MVRS at 484 Eastland Drive South in Twin Falls.



42nd Annual Meeting

The 42nd Annual Meeting of Magic Valley Rehabilitation Services, Inc. was held on September 30th, 2015 at the MVRS facility located at 484 Eastland Drive South in Twin Falls. Over 70 people were in attendance. Board of Director's President Laura Stewart opened the meeting by welcoming those present, and by thanking them for their continued support of MVRS.

Awards were presented to individuals and businesses whose efforts in supporting the training and employment of people with disabilities were outstanding during Fiscal Year 2015. **IHOP of Twin Falls** received an award as the Outstanding Employer of the Year. The F. Dwain Pruitt Memorial Award for the outstanding program participant was presented to **Miguel Galindo**. **Misty Watts** received the Clarke I. Maddox Memorial Award as the outstanding employee of the year. **Jim Monroe**, a Filer resident and transportation provider with TRANS IV Buses, was recognized as the Advocate of the Year. **Dart Container Corporation** from Twin Falls was selected as the Contract Business of Year.

In addition, nine members of the MVRS janitorial crew received annual safety awards. These awards are given as memorial awards in honor of Steve Slatter, former Janitorial Crew Supervisor at MVRS. The individuals receiving the awards for Fiscal Year 2015 were **Bonnie Creech, Nathan Ellsworth, Zach Herzinger, Wayne Kinchloe, Rick Nelson, Gregg Poppino, Doyle Reaves, Jared Ursenbach and Alfonso Villasenor**. This crew had worked over 7,000 hours without an accident during the year.

Sherri Albrecht was recognized for 10 years of employment at MVRS. Outgoing Board Members **John Bonnett, Linda Howar, Danielle Barzee, and Marci Golay** were all recognized for their years of service on the MVRS Board.

In reviewing Fiscal Year 2015 activities at MVRS, Executive Director **John Bodden** noted the agency had served 200 persons with disabilities during the fiscal year, and over 7,400 individuals in the agency's 42 year history. He also noted that one of the true highlights of the year was that MVRS Employment Specialists were able to find competitive employment for 86% of persons referred to MVRS for placement at an average starting wage of \$8.92 per hour. Bodden also thanked the Board of Directors for their leadership in FY 2015, and the staff for their continued commitment to the MVRS mission and the participants served.

The members of the Board of Directors for the upcoming year were also elected. Board members selected for the 2015-2016 term were **Laura Stewart** (President), Twin Falls; **Rob Atkins** (Vice-President), Twin Falls; **Barry Knoblich** (Secretary), Twin Falls; **Thomas High** (Treasurer), Twin Falls; **Gene Bright**, Twin Falls; **Lisa Hollibaugh**, Kimberly; **Anjie Howard**, Hagerman; **Jim Howard**, Hagerman; **Brent Jussel**, Twin Falls; and **Theresa Robinette**, Twin Falls.



MAGIC VALLEY REHABILITATION SERVICES, INC. -Contribution Form-

YES, I do care about people with disabilities and want them to have an opportunity to learn the skills to become as self-supporting and independent as possible. Enclosed is my contribution payable to Magic Valley Rehabilitation Services, Inc.
Mail to: MVRS - PO Box 189 - Twin Falls, ID 83303-0189

\$10.00 \$15.00 \$25.00 \$50.00 \$100.00 \$250.00 \$500.00 _____ (Other amount)

USE YOUR BANK CREDIT CARD: Mastercard Visa

Account Number: _____ Bank Number (Mastercard only): _____

Card Expiration Date: _____ Mr. Mrs. Miss

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Please check if you do not want your name and address shared outside of Magic Valley Rehabilitation Services, Inc.

Magic Valley Rehabilitation Services is a nonprofit tax exempt organization. Depending upon your tax status, contributions may be tax deductible under the United States Internal Revenue Code, and are also eligible for a tax credit under the Idaho Tax Code

If You Can Help . . .

Though it's hard to believe, the Holidays are already upon us again. Christmas has always been a time of giving, and a time to reflect on the fact there are many people in this world that don't share the same opportunities and blessings that others do. The generosity of community members and businesses from across South Central Idaho has always been remarkable. Much of which MVRS has been able to offer in the way of services is a result of the ongoing community support that has been provided.

We think that businesses and individuals who have made contributions to MVRS in the past have done so because they know and believe in the MVRS mission, and feel that persons with disabilities should have the same opportunities as others to work and fully participate in community life. If you can make a contribution this year, please detach and complete the yellow contribution form on page 3 and return it to MVRS, PO Box 189, Twin Falls, ID 83303. All contributors will receive a receipt for tax purposes. Your decision to make a contribution can make a difference in the lives of **People with Abilities!** Thank you all again for your generosity.



Members of the community both individually and collectively have a right to know about the activities of MVRS and shall be provided accurate information upon request as long as the information to be divulged is not protected by applicable privacy laws. Information to be provided shall include, but is not limited to, financial information, IRS Forms 1023, 990 and 990-T, the organization's conflict of interest policies, accreditation status, effectiveness of services, and consumer and customer satisfaction with services. Requests for information can be made by telephoning 208-734-4112, by sending a fax to 208-734-1514, or by sending an email to mvrs@mvrehab.org.

Mission

Magic Valley Rehabilitation Services, Inc. affirms the worth of all individuals. Through a variety of programs MVRS actively strives to:

- **Empower** individuals to achieve maximum participation in employment and community life,
- **Encourage** individuals to explore and enhance their unique skills and abilities,
- **Promote** a work ethic that leads to greater social and economic independence and self-reliance, and
- **Develop** within the community a knowledge that supports the strengths and talents of a diverse population.

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