



2020 Community Vision Awards Nominees

ABOUT THE AWARDS:

These awards were created to give the community an opportunity to recognize and reward the many community helpers of 2020. Those who are busy helping others in the Greater Newport Area are often forwarding the [Vision 2040 Community Plan for the future](#), whether they are aware of it or not.

To help increase the community's knowledge of the Vision 2040 plan, we have this year's 24 award categories organized under the Vision's 6 Focus Areas. For more information on the awards, see the following page. ***To read about this year's nominees, scroll through the complete document or click through the underlined Focus Area links to jump directly to online documents:***

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2020 COMMUNITY VISION AWARD NOMINEES

MORE ABOUT THE AWARDS:

These voters' choice awards are presented by the Vision 2040 Advisory Committee and made possible by a community-building grant from The Ford Family Foundation.

The nominee with the highest scores from ranked voting in each category will receive \$250 and a locally made award.

The Vision 2040 Advisory Committee is starting this annual opportunity to recognize and reward community helpers who are forwarding The Greater Newport Area Vision 2040. Future years' awards may look different as we aim to improve our outreach, communication, and Vision 2040 Network with community feedback and increased participation. If you'd already like to make nominations for Vision-forwarding work underway in 2021, please click this link:

tinyurl.com/nominatehelpers2021

Visit the Vision 2040 Webpage at newportoregon.gov/vision2040 for the most up to date Vision 2040 information.

Please contact Vision Program Coordinator, Leslie Palotas, with any questions on the Vision 2040, these awards, or to vote by phone.

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A. Enhancing a Livable Region

ABOUT THE A. FOCUS AREA, FROM THE VISION 2040:

In 2040, the Greater Newport Area is an enterprising, livable community that feels like home to residents and visitors alike. We have carefully planned for growth, with well-maintained infrastructure, affordable housing for all income levels, robust public transportation, diverse shopping opportunities, and distinct, walkable districts and neighborhoods.

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Wilder Newport

Category:

A. Enhancing a Livable Region

Business



Image from www.wildernewport.com

NOMINATED BECAUSE:

Wilder Newport Neighborhood, and its parent LLC, Landwaves, is a well-planned, sustainable, community-serving business that makes positive impacts on all 6 Vision 2040 Focus Areas.

The Wilder disc golf course, trail system, and dog park are open to the public via a free permit system. These outdoor recreational spaces are developed and maintained by collaborative efforts with government organizations and volunteer efforts. Their involvement in the South Beach Disaster Planning Cache Group shows investment and commitment to the safety of their community members, neighbors, and visitors to the greater South Beach Community. Solar power and an EV Type 2 Charging Station at the commercial Wilder Corner shows their dedication to renewable energy and sustainable practices. More wide-scoping, intentional community information can be found on their website:

<https://www.wildernewport.com/>

FIND WILDER NEWPORT:

Online: <https://www.wildernewport.com/>

[Facebook](#)

[Instagram](#)



Affordable Housing Partners

Category:

A. Enhancing a Livable Region

Non-Profit or Community Group

NOMINATED BECAUSE:

I am nominating the Affordable Housing Partners group because of their impact in the development of new affordable housing.

The Surfview Village Apartments, which opened in May 2020, were the product of years of public/private collaboration and partnership to: establish an affordable housing development incentive program in the City of Newport, attract an experienced high-density affordable housing developer, apply for \$11M in state grants and tax credits to fund the development, secure partnerships with service providers and tenant advocates to educate the public on application processes, assist prospective

renters with the lease up process and provide initial feedback to the development and property management team. No other community coalition, government entity or individual has had this big an impact on the inventory of affordable housing in our community.

WHO'S INVOLVED? UPDATES FROM AFFORDABLE HOUSING PARTNERS' NOVEMBER 2020 MEETING:

CSC, Dina Eldridge: Working in partnership with CHANCE and Grace Winds to provide money for non-congregational shelter services. Project Turn Key, non-profit acquire motels that can be turned into shelter in the short term and supportive housing or permanent housing in the long term. Referral process goes through CHANCE for motels. Will present at the December meeting.

NW Coastal Housing, Sheila Stiley: Working on Project Turn Key identified a hotel in the Lincoln City area, two week turn around, the county will be involved, and need the city to be involved. Non congregational gathering space, need government buy-in, this is a short term, long term goal. Blackberry Apartments are going into permitting in January, breaking ground in April or May in Toledo.

Habitat for Humanity, Lucinda Taylor: Currently accepting applications for HH Housing, encouraging people to apply, deadline is December 1st.

Helping Hands, Elizabeth Koraich: Have permits in place for the east building. Gave a tour to Congressman Kurt Shrader.

First Presbyterian, Don Gray: Formed a new partnership with Safe Families for Children and will be providing a learning lab at the church.

Samaritan House, Lola Jones: Recently awarded funding to purchase wi-fi and computers for residents, in addition to PPE. Able to support the students to attend Apple Tree. Nonprofit Association of Oregon, Offering all their fundraising webinars for free through the end of the year.

https://nonprofitoregon.org/training_convening/online_learning#fundraising
Free fundraising webinars from NAO link

LCSD - HELP Program, Katey Townsend: The school district is working on bringing students back to school based on grades in the hybrid setting. While there is still a continued need for students to have a place to do their virtual school, it would need to be the private groups, non-profits, businesses, parents, etc. that organize these informal groups. The SFFC and 1st Pres group is a great model for that!

TO GET INVOLVED WITH THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PARTNERS:

Contact Lola Jones: lolakathleenjones@gmail.com

Northwest Coastal Housing

Category:

A. Enhancing a Livable Region

Non-Profit or Community Group



**NORTHWEST
COASTAL HOUSING**
Because everyone needs a place to call home



Images from <https://www.nwcoastalhousing.org/>

NOMINATED BECAUSE:

- Provide affordable rental housing.
 - Set aside housing units for victims of domestic violence, homeless families, and the disabled.
 - Engage in community outreach efforts to inform the public of services provided.
 - Network with local, regional, and state efforts and individuals to impact affordable housing policy.
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FIND NORTHWEST COASTAL HOUSING:

Online: <https://www.nwcoastalhousing.org/>

Phone: 541.574.0320

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Anita Albrecht

Landscape Technician, City of Newport

Category:

A. Enhancing a Livable Region
Outstanding Individual

NOMINATED BECAUSE:

Anita is the part-time landscaping technician for the City of Newport. This year, the city had significant budget cuts due to an existing deficit and the impact of COVID-19. Anita has compiled a corps group of volunteers to assist in beautification of the city, and landscaping efforts. Without her organizational skills, in putting this group together, the city would be struggling to keep up. While it is still not easy, Anita's work with her volunteer group has made the city more beautiful, livable, and enhanced the overall quality of life of residents and visitors.

ALSO NOMINATED BECAUSE:

In her role as Newport's Landscape Specialist, Anita has efficiently engaged individuals and Newport's Sister City Committee in volunteering for beautification projects throughout the City. Project sites include: Performing Arts Center, Public Library, City Hall parking lot and our Sister City garden.

Anita has a knack for planning and organizing beautification projects and then providing the supervision needed to see them through. This is demonstrated by the fact that she has a core group of volunteers who keep coming back for more work!

It is financially efficient to make use of volunteers and wonderful to see beautification projects completed with their help.

GARDENING WITH ANITA VIDEOS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE:



[Gardening With Anita on YouTube](#)

TO LEARN ABOUT VOLUNTEERING WITH ANITA:

Email: A.Albrecht@NewportOregon.gov

Lola Jones

Executive Director, Samaritan House

Category:

A. Enhancing a Livable Region

Outstanding Individual



Image from [Samaritan House's Facebook Page](#)

NOMINATED BECAUSE:

As the executive director of Samaritan House, Lola Jones has committed her career to helping one of our most vulnerable populations. Samaritan House shelters, educates, and guides homeless families with children toward independent living with their residence programs, and through wise use of resources and personnel, Lola Jones has changed an untold number of lives for the better. You only have to go through the success stories on the Samaritan House website (<https://www.samfamshelter.org/stories/>) to see firsthand what a lasting difference she makes in our community. Lola's hopefulness and belief in change for the better are truly inspiring.

LOLA SHARING A SAMARITAN HOUSE SUCCESS STORY:

[A Samaritan House Graduate Story](#)

FIND SAMARITAN HOUSE:

Online: <https://www.samfamshelter.org/>

Phone: 541.574.8898

[Facebook](#)

[Donate](#)



Peggy Hawker

City Recorder, City of Newport

Category:

A. Enhancing a Livable Region

Outstanding Individual

NOMINATED BECAUSE:

Stepped in for City Manager, Spencer Nebel, during 2 major emergencies in 2020.

Water Plant failure and Covid. Cool, calm, competent!

Learn more about the work Peggy and her collaborative efforts contributed to in 2020:

[City of Newport Emergency Order No 2020-00A](#) 3/17/2020

[Newport Declares Water Emergency](#)
(Newport News Times, 6/25/2020)

[Newport Restores Water to Commercial Users](#) (Newport News Times, 7/7/2020)

IF RECOGNIZED, PEGGY WILL DONATE THE AWARD MONEY TO:

The Newport Public Arts Foundation

A new 501 (C) (3) to created to expand and upgrade the arts footprint in Newport.

**FOLLOW THE PUBLIC ARTS COMMITTEE FOR UPDATES ON THE NEWPORT
PUBLIC ARTS FOUNDATION:**

Website: <https://www.newportoregon.gov/citygov/comm/pa.asp>



2020 COMMUNITY VISION AWARD NOMINEES

B. Preserving & Enjoying our Environment

ABOUT THE B. FOCUS AREA, FROM THE VISION 2040:

In 2040, the Greater Newport Area lives in harmony with its coastal environment. Our ocean, beaches and bay, natural areas, rivers, and forests sustain and renew us with their exceptional beauty, bounty, and outdoor recreation. We retain our connection to nature, protecting our land, air, water, natural habitats, and biodiversity, and promoting more sustainable ways of living.

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Bike Newport

Category:

**B. Preserving & Enjoying our
Environment**

Business



Images from <http://bikenewport.com/>

NOMINATED BECAUSE:

For more than a decade, Elliott and Daniella Crowder have operated Bike Newport, a vitally important business serving the greater Newport area and beyond. Bike Newport has encouraged countless community members to get outside and enjoy the local environment by selling and repairing bikes, but in countless other ways as well.

They have supported local trail building initiatives, co-sponsored and helped operate the [Coast Hills Classic mountain bike race](#), hosted and helped run a local cycling club, run group rides and local time trials, hosted and organized other bike-related events, and participated in community planning bodies from the city Bike/Ped Committee to Destination Newport to the Chamber of Commerce.

MORE DETAILS FROM THE NOMINEE:

We started and maintain a youth mountain bike team. We donate our time to Direct & Coach the team that is for youth grades 6-12 in all of Lincoln County. We had 22 kids on the team in 2020 and we recruited 14 Coaches.

FIND BIKE NEWPORT:

150 NW 6th St. Newport, OR 97365

Phone: 541.265.9917

Online: <http://bikenewport.com/>

[Facebook](#)



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Nye Beach Cafe

Category:

B. Preserving & Enjoying our Environment
Business

“Good people and good food go well together. Just like my wholesome food, wholesome people are attracted to my cafe. My repeat customers are my family”.

~Judy Buchko

NOMINATED BECAUSE:

Judy provides jobs, is a good employer and has kept the community safe during covid by providing outdoor seating. She doesn't use styrofoam or plastic bags, and supported the bag ban and school activities.

MORE INFORMATION FROM THE NYE BEACH CAFE WEBSITE:

We bake all of our delicious breads on site; including the best gluten-free bread you have ever tasted. We use only organic eggs, grass-fed beef, wild-caught seafood, and locally roasted fair-trade coffee.

OWNER, CHEF: JUDY BUCHKO

Having a small little restaurant where she could grow herbs on site has been her dream since she was thirteen.

Following that dream, Judy Buchko opened Nye Beach Market, and grew fresh basil in her quaint little cafe. Lovingly hand picking it she dressed sandwiches served to her customers.

Using the freshest ingredients...organic whenever possible, Judy maintains the highest standards for her food. Fresh herbs and vegetables are always present in her cuisine along with fresh wholesome eggs from Emerald Hills Farms.

Nestled in the historic Nye Beach District of Newport, Oregon, the Nye Beach Cafe has been a local staple of the community since 2010. Originally opened as a neighborhood market, owner and chef Judy Buchko's desire to make and serve tasteful quality food transformed the market into the established restaurant it is today.

[Take a Virtual Trip to Nye Beach Cafe](#)

FIND NYE BEACH CAFE:

526 NW Coast St. Newport, OR 97365
Phone: 541.574.1599

Online: <https://www.nye-beach-cafe.com/>

[Facebook](#)



Panini Bakery

Category:

B. Preserving & Enjoying our Environment

Business

NOMINATED BECAUSE:

The packaging doesn't include styrofoam and plastic only for lids. Before the pandemic real plates and cups were used. So the garbage waste is low. They supported the bag ban. Panini's continued to stay open safely during most of the pandemic. The employees are treated well and seem happy.

MORE INFORMATION ON THEIR WORK:

Joseph Danna and his team at Panini do all they can to help the community. As just a few examples, they donate bread and pizza to Lincoln County Food Share, even when their business was shut down due to COVID protocols in 2020. After the wildfires, they donated sourdough rolls with cream cheese to Lincoln City emergency shelters for the evacuees and the volunteers. They make holidays brighter by donating bread to non-profits like Samaritan House. It's inspirational just to talk with Joseph about all the regular ways he helps the community break bread together, and all the future plans for continuing to help provide healthy, locally baked products for people in need. The pay-it-forward spirit and mood-boosting power of helping others meet their needs are alive and well in Panini Bakery.

FIND PANINI BAKERY:

232 NW Coast St. Newport, OR 97365

Phone: 541.272.5322

[Facebook](#)

Thompson's Sanitary Service

Category:

**B. Preserving & Enjoying our
Environment**

Business



NOMINATED BECAUSE:

I am nominating Thompson's because of the continuous positive impact they have in our community. Specifically, providing free soil for our gardens last spring, their participation and collaboration on events like the one at Sam Case for Healthy Families of Lincoln County, their willingness to present to school groups and community members on waste management and sustainability, and the education they provide through social media on recycling and eco-friendly practices.

MORE DETAILS FROM THE NOMINEE:

For the last two years, Thompson's Sanitary has made a real effort in improving our business with an annual planning retreat, including many of our employees, in making goals and meeting monthly to achieve those initiatives. The first thing that came from that was setting up our core values:

<https://www.thompsonsanitary.com/our-story/> .

All our decisions and initiatives are made with those in mind. Part of the process leading up to this was changing our logo. See this link for the explanation of change:

<https://www.thompsonsanitary.com/thompsons-sanitary-has-a-new-look/> .

For the last four years our company has been committed to helping Newport Middle School and Sam Case schools in the process of becoming Oregon Green Schools where we worked with both cafeterias to create a lunch composting program diverting thousands of pounds from the landfill into nutrient-rich compost used in agricultural applications. Our company also invests both time and finances to the Green Team elective course at Newport Middle School through field trips and curriculum. Our hope is to continue to grow our support to all Newport schools as well as add additional opportunities for students to learn about how they can reduce their waste.

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FIND THOMPSON'S SANITARY SERVICE:

Online: <https://www.thompsonsanitary.com/> [Facebook](#) [YouTube](#) Phone: 541-265-7249
Newport Recycling Center: 7450 NE Avery Street, Newport, OR 97365 HOURS: Mon-Fri 9am-4pm

This last year also saw the first complete year of our newly launched free residential service app, which includes a Waste Wizard search engine (where customers can search the best method to dispose of their item), personalized service schedule, important service alerts and education, scheduling a bulky item pickup, or paying their bill. Here's the link to our homepage, where the app is featured:

<https://www.thompsonsanitary.com/>

As the nomination included, we offered a free compost community event on Earth Day, April 25 where we back-hauled finished compost from Pacific Region Compost facility (where we haul raw Mixed Compostables from the curb and it's made into compost during a 75-day process). This event is in its fifth year and its purpose is to provide a truckload to each household for their own home gardens.



From March 19 through May 27, we ordered weekly takeout from locally-owned restaurants for our entire crew of 30. We ordered from Clearwater, Café Stephanie, Local Ocean, Sorella, Seadogs, Chalet, Cobblestone Pizza, Gyro Guys, Newport Brewing, Mo's Chowder, and La Maison in an effort to help them get through the initial shutdown due to COVID-19.



We also encourage our employees to volunteer in our community. Some of the organizations we serve in include four employees who are youth or high school coaches, Newport Booster Club, Rotary, Pacific Communities

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Hospital Foundation, and Greater Newport Chamber of Commerce. During the year, our employees volunteer thousands of hours serving our community. This is very important to us because all of us at Thompson's Sanitary live and work in this community and we are invested in making it the best it can be.

Our company is also involved at the State level in our industry keeping up to date in current waste practices and serving in those organizations to further our State's goals of reducing waste. Currently, Rob Thompson, owner, is President of Oregon Refuse and Recycling Association, <http://www.orra.net/> and Aimee Thompson, Recycling Coordinator, is the Coastal Liaison for Association of Oregon Recyclers and was recently a speaker at their annual convention, Sustainable Oregon 2020 (held online this year).

Thompson's also frequently works with Surfrider to provide information events to the public including being a part of the Plastic Pollution panel June 11 immediately following the premiere of "The Story of Plastic":
<https://www.facebook.com/SurfriderNewport/videos/2964545590288122>

Beach clean-ups are also heavily supported by us, at the minimum covering the cost of disposal, for groups organized through SOLVE, Surfrider, Rotary, and Youth groups like Climate Coasties. Thompson's Sanitary has been a SOLVE partner since 1984 and has covered disposal for many clean-ups in 2020.



Images provided by Thompson's Sanitary

Lastly, we are dedicated to waste reduction education with the focus on the 3R's in this order – Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle. Check us out on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) where we share a lot of helpful tips and service information. Aimee Thompson, Recycling Coordinator, is also one of the co-founders of the group [Newport Eco-shoppers](#) on Facebook, currently with 397 members, where local residents can join and learn about ways to shop in an eco-friendlier manner as well as supporting local businesses who have sustainable practices. See link here:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/233290907332629>

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Newport Parks & Recreation Department

Category:

**B. Preserving & Enjoying our
Environment**

Government Organization



NOMINATED BECAUSE:

As a stakeholder who works with Mike Cavanaugh and his team on the annual Coast Hills Classic, this year I saw them dealing with COVID restrictions, necessary facility closures, and community challenges with tact and professionalism. It takes a lot of patience and hard work to keep a department running, especially when they had to navigate constantly moving targets and required closures. While the Classic didn't happen this year, planning is already underway for 2021 & 2022's event. More information on their 2020 programming and work online:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxhmr-jH3acN4XKE6vP813w/videos>

and

<https://www.facebook.com/newportparksandrec/>

Turning the Recreation Center into an emergency shelter and command site after the Echo Mountain fire evacuations was no small feat and should also be recognized.

MORE INFORMATION FROM THE NOMINEE:

While closed due to COVID-19, Aquatic staff thought outside the box to safely engage with the community with positive, fun events such as Drive by Easter Bunny home visits, drive-thru

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FIND NEWPORT PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT:

Online: <https://www.newportoregon.gov/dept/par/default.asp>

[Facebook](#)

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Root Beer Floats, and drop-by 4th of July goodie bags. These events lifted the spirits of many community members during a difficult time.

The Newport Recreation Center and 60+ Activity Center were used during the Echo Mountain Fire Complex Incident as a community shelter for 230-250 evacuees and as housing for National Guard units from September 9-18, 2020.

Recreation staff also shifted their mindset for community engagement by providing virtual programs during the 6-month closure. 60+ Center staff had to do a quick revision of how the center could operate while closed. Staff provided virtual lessons on how to use Zoom to connect family and friends. They also presented virtual presentations that included cooking shows, Making Plans, Photography, Camp Adair, Fall Prevention, Basic Estate Planning, the Conflict Cycle, Before the End of Life: Nuts and Bolts, How to use the online library and How to Cope during COVID.

More information starts on page 24 of the annual report:

https://www.newportoregon.gov/citygov/sr/final_2020_year-end_report.pdf

FIND NEWPORT PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT:

Online: <https://www.newportoregon.gov/dept/par/default.asp>

[Facebook](#)

[YouTube](#)

Oregon Parks & Recreation Department

Category:

**B. Preserving & Enjoying our
Environment**

Government Organization



Image by Beverly Beach Park Manager Jered Mangini, from [Oregon State Parks Facebook Page](#)

NOMINATED BECAUSE:

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department worked tirelessly in 2020 against numerous challenges to protect some of our most beloved natural areas in Newport and beyond. Though facing significant budget shortfalls and decreased staff capacity, the agency still did a great job of making sure some access was maintained to the beach and parks, allowing locals and tourists alike to seek solace in the outdoors. Their dedication was greatly appreciated (and needed) as the coast faced unprecedented crowds and greatly increased amounts of litter and other bad behavior.

READ MORE ABOUT THEIR WORK:

[Park Rangers on Beach Patrol](#) (Newport News Times Facebook Post, 6/28/2020)

[Watchia out for Beach Debris!](#) (Oregon State Parks Facebook, 12/23/2020)

[Free Parking & Fishing November 27, 2020](#) (Oregon State Parks Facebook, 11/24/2020)

FIND OREGON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT:

Online: [Oregon Parks and Recreation : Oregon Parks and Recreation Department : State of Oregon](#)

<https://stateparks.oregon.gov/>

[Facebook](#)

[YouTube](#)

350 Oregon Central Coast and Citizens for a Better Lincoln County

Category:

B. Preserving & Enjoying our Environment

Non-Profit or Community Group



Image from <http://350oregoncentralcoast.org/>

NOMINATED BECAUSE:

350 Oregon Central Coast and Citizens for a Better Lincoln County have been working tirelessly for the well-being of Newport and Lincoln County by sponsoring public in-person and now Zoom meetings for the past three years. Members of the two organizations have been testifying far and wide with elected officials including the Newport City Council, Lincoln County Commissioners, Lincoln City Council and Toledo City Council about climate change. Members have gone to Salem to testify on state climate bills. The following members helped draft the [Lincoln County Climate Action Plan, a 70-page document](#) outlining [what is needed in combating Climate Change here](#) including Martin Desmond, Bill Kucha, Joanne Cvar, Fred Holzmer, June O'Connor, Mike Broili, and Tom Kerns. In addition, the individual members sponsored both primary and general election candidates' forums on the environment.

THE COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS HAVE HELPED TO RAISE AND PROMOTE AN EFFORT FOR LINCOLN COUNTY TO BECOME CARBON NEUTRAL BY 2035.

[Celebrating Lincoln County Community Forests Online](#)
(Newport News Times, 5/26/2020)

[Local Groups Release Lincoln County Climate Action Plan](#)
(Newport News Times, 8/6/2020)

[Time to Change](#) (News Lincoln County, 8/25/2020)

[Climate Action Plan & Video Available Online](#) (Newport News Times, 8/28/2020)

[Toledo Hosts Carbon Neutral Discussion](#)
(Newport News Times, 10/6/2020)

[Candidate Forum on the Environment](#)
(Newport News Times 10/8/2020)

FIND 350 OREGON CENTRAL COAST:

Online: <http://350oregoncentralcoast.org/>

[Facebook](#)

[YouTube](#)

Newport Trail Stewards

Category:

B. Preserving & Enjoying our Environment

Non-Profit or Community Group



Image from <https://newportnewts.org/>

NOMINATED BECAUSE:

The Newport Trail Stewards (NEWTS) is a community group dedicated to building multi-use trails in Newport. An initiative of the mountain biking community in the greater Newport area, NEWTS has built and maintained trails in the forested lands near the Wilder community in South Beach, and is now partnering with the City of Newport to build a new set of trails on the city-owned property around the Big Creek Reservoir.

While the Big Creek project has been in the planning stages for about two years, 2020 was a watershed year for NEWTS, as it negotiated the final touches on a formal agreement with the city and achieved a number of other milestones. Despite the limitations of the pandemic, this year NEWTS has:

- Finalized an agreement with the City and carried out all administrative tasks necessary to begin volunteer trail-building
- Purchased insurance for trail workers
- Finalized a Big Creek trail map and a phased trail-building plan
- Flagged the routes of some trails on the property
- Received a grant of \$5,000 from the Oregon Coast Visitors Association as part of OCVA's Dirt Wave initiative, a plan to construct mountain biking trails to attract riding visitors to the Oregon coast
- Consulted with a professional trail builder
- Purchased hand tools
- Built two new trails at Wilder as demonstration projects: a machine-built flow trail called Social D and a hand-built trail called Upper Crazy Train. These trails were built with all-volunteer labor on designated trail building days

The trail system at Big Creek will be a critical outdoor recreation amenity for locals and visitors alike. It will include trails appropriate for walking and hiking as well as purpose-built mountain biking trails, and will likely be usable year-round.

FIND THE NEWPORT TRAIL STEWARDS (NEWTS):

Online: <https://newportnewts.org/>

[Facebook](#)

[Donate](#)

Oregon Coast Community Forest Association (OCCFA)

Category:

B. Preserving & Enjoying our Environment

Non-Profit or Community Group

NOMINATED BECAUSE:

OCCFA 2020 Activity

1. Three years ago OCCFA was chosen as one of the Northwest Community Forest Coalition's pilot projects focused on all 50 Oregon Coast watersheds. This project continues to the present. OCCFA has continued to stay engaged in educating groups and municipalities in Lincoln County, and we and our partners have continued to complete an analysis of the Big Creek Watershed in Newport. Our partner Ecotrust completed the watershed mapping of the 50 coastal watersheds in 2020. Also, our partner Sustainable Northwest has recently completed Velma watershed modeling for the Big Creek Watershed.

We expect to have a work meeting in early 2021 with the City of Newport to present this important modeling science that will help build a clear understanding of creating a forest management and ownership strategy.

2. Olalla Family Center's outdoor therapy Walden Project has continued to operate at OCCFA's Forest Hill in the era of Covid 19. They were able to provide therapy services for groups and individuals in a socially distanced manner. Also several private practice therapists have been able to book consistent days to provide Mental Health support for community members.

3. We welcomed a socially distanced Women's retreat at the OCCFA's Forest Hill and will offer the same organizers two retreat time slots this coming summer. Several County organizations also were able to book time for outdoor meetings at the Pavilion.

4. With Lincoln County School District as a partner, OCCFA added new signage to Newport's Forest Park. We are advocating for a Forest Management/Stewardship plan for Forest Park.

5. Lincoln County has initiated a conversation with OCCFA regarding a troubling contaminated property, and we have begun a multiple partnership planning process to remediate and restore this property and transition it into a community asset.

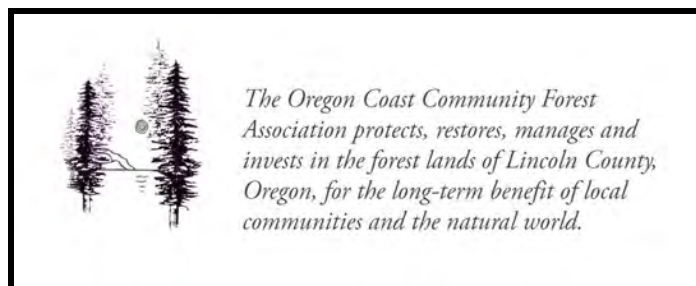


Image from <https://occfa.net/>

FIND THE OREGON COAST COMMUNITY FOREST ASSOCIATION:

Online: <https://occfa.net/>

[Take Action](#)

[Donate](#)

Charlie Plybon

Surfrider Oregon Policy Manager

Category:

**B. Preserving & Enjoying our
Environment**

Outstanding Individual



Image from [The Surfrider Foundation Website](#)

NOMINATED BECAUSE:

Charlie works tirelessly to improve our Coast's livability, preserve our natural world and keep our coastline and ocean clean. This helps both residents and our tourism business which, in turn, helps the Newport area thrive.

LEARN MORE ABOUT CHARLIE'S WORK WITH SURFRIDER:

[Charlie's Surfrider Foundation Profile Page](#)

[Charlie Hosting the Plastic Pollution Panel](#)

[Surfrider Oregon Reflects on Racism, Equity, and Inclusion](#) (Charlie Plybon, 6/15/2020)

[Disturbing Newport Beach Find like "Breaking Bad" on Oregon Coast](#) (Oregon Coast Beach Connection, 2/8/2020)

[Guest View: It's Time to be your own Ranger on the Coast](#) (The Register-Guard, 7/2/2020)

FIND THE SURFRIDER FOUNDATION:

Online: <https://www.surfrider.org/> [Newport Chapter](#) [Facebook](#) [YouTube](#) [Donate to Surfrider](#)

Chris Urbach

Harbormaster for South Beach Marina

Category:

B. Preserving & Enjoying our Environment

Outstanding Individual



Image from [Port of Newport Website](https://www.portofnewport.com/)

NOMINATED BECAUSE:

Chris Urbach is the Harbormaster for the recreational port (south beach marina) in Newport. He worked diligently and with great fervor during 2020 to keep the recreational port open for the locals as well as the visitors. He has given over 30 years of his life to the port and during that time never ceased to make improvements and dream of big plans for all of Newport.

ALSO NOMINATED BECAUSE:

Chris works tirelessly; without the thought of reward, To keep the Recreational marina an open and safe place for residents and tourists alike. With 30+ years under his belt, he is a staple of the Port of Newport and a living legacy!

MORE INFORMATION FROM THE NOMINEE:

It's not just me it's my whole team.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE SOUTH BEACH RECREATIONAL MARINA:

[Meet Chris Urbach and his Team](#)

[Port of Newport's Recreational Marina Page](#)

FIND CHRIS AND HIS SOUTH BEACH MARINA TEAM:

Online: <https://www.portofnewport.com/recreational-marina-a731fc8>

[Facebook](#)



2020 COMMUNITY VISION AWARD NOMINEES

Joanne Cvar

Environmental Activist and Publisher of Coast Net Newsletter

Category:

**B. Preserving & Enjoying our
Environment**

Outstanding Individual

NOMINATED BECAUSE:

Joanne has been an activist in over a dozen organizations for decades advocating as a volunteer in several areas of concern ranging from human rights (health care) to conservation. Currently, Joanne publishes a valuable weekly digital newsletter called 'Coast Net' which addresses important civic, social, and environmental issues and serves as a resource and contact bulletin. She has contributed to the Lincoln County Climate Action Plan and participates regularly in the business and meetings of 350 Oregon Central Coast. At 88 years of age, she is an inspiration and light in our community.

JOANNE'S WORK ON THE LINCOLN COUNTY CLIMATE ACTION PLAN:

[Joanne Cvar's Presentation on Sea Level Rising](#)

[Download the full Lincoln County Climate Action Plan Here](#) Joanne's section starts on Page 16

SIGN UP FOR JOANNE'S COAST NET NEWSLETTER:

Email Joanne to sign up or to submit your brief, local announcements: cvar@peak.org



2020 COMMUNITY VISION AWARD NOMINEES

C. Creating New Businesses & Jobs

ABOUT THE C. FOCUS AREA, FROM THE VISION 2040:

In 2040, the Greater Newport Area collaborates to create economic opportunities and living wage jobs that help keep Newport dynamic, diverse, and affordable. Our economy is balanced and sustainable, producing living-wage jobs in the trades and professions, while supporting new start-up companies and small businesses based on local talent, entrepreneurship, ideas, and resources.

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LEARN MORE ABOUT THE C. FOCUS AREA AND ITS 15 STRATEGIES:

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Columbia Bank, Newport Branch

Category:

C. Creating New Businesses & Jobs
Business

NOMINATED BECAUSE:

The Newport Branch of Columbia Bank worked diligently to help ensure local businesses were able to access SBA PPP funding. They provided timely communication that clearly outlined what would be needed under a very tight timeline. The first round of funding ran out almost immediately, and the team helped clients complete and submit all the required paperwork for the second round so they were ready when it opened. They were poised and ready to come in at midnight to start processing applications once the SBA made the portal available. Thankfully, the timing of the opening didn't require this, but the fact that they were prepared to do this demonstrates their commitment to the success of local businesses.

Columbia Bank also stepped up after the Echo Mountain Fire Complex destroyed nearly 300 homes in Lincoln County. Staff at the Newport Branch reached out to affected families and supported applications for emergency assistance grants from the Bank, helping families with funding to get through the first difficult days. The level of compassion demonstrated by Columbia Bank staff, combined with competence and professionalism, is a huge asset for our community.

FIND COLUMBIA BANK, NEWPORT BRANCH:

506 SW Coast Highway Newport, OR 97365

Phone: 541.265.6666

Online: <https://www.columbiabank.com/locations/newport>

[Facebook](#)

Local Ocean Seafoods

Category:

C. Creating New Businesses & Jobs
Business



NOMINATED BECAUSE:

Laura Anderson* has devoted herself with a personal and professional passion to food sustainability. Her choices to pay local boats a fair wage for their product has transformed the fishing industry in this town, and the bayfront itself. She not only provides a living wage for an untold number of people in our community, but she does so with thoughtful regard to the wellbeing of both staff and consumers.

*Laura was nominated as an Outstanding Individual in this Focus Area. She chose to be recognized with the entire Local Ocean Seafoods team.

ALSO NOMINATED BECAUSE:

For their DockBox pivot - growing the "cook at home" market both locally and distributed to a larger region - and allowing them to keep their employees working!

MORE INFORMATION FROM OWNER, LAURA ANDERSON:

DockBox was a big success for us in the most challenging of all times. These articles and two videos can be found at:

<https://localdockbox.com/blogs/news>

Credit for DockBox should fall on the entire team: Issie Corvi for managing the growth and development of the program, Chef Enrique for creating and adapting the menu recipes for people to cook at home, Tony Bixler for managing all the staff. It takes almost the whole crew of 50+ people to make a DockBox week happen. From buying and filleting the fish, to cutting the veggies and making sauces, to packaging the components and filling boxes, to driving and distribution. It has been a welcome, addition to the Local Ocean brand and a successful new way to bring people the best seafood experience of their life-- at home! People often ask me if DockBox will continue once the restaurant can resume normal operations. To that I say- "I sure hope so- as long as people want DockBox, we will continue to make it!"



FIND LOCAL OCEAN SEAFOODS AND DOCKBOX:

213 SE Bay Blvd. Newport, OR 97365

Online: <https://www.localocean.net/>

[Facebook](#)

[Instagram](#)

Phone: 541.574.7959

DockBox Online: <https://localdockbox.com/>

[DockBox Facebook](#)

[DockBox Instagram](#)

2020 COMMUNITY VISION AWARD NOMINEES

Mo's Seafood & Chowder

Category:

C. Creating New Businesses & Jobs
Business



NOMINATED BECAUSE:

Mo's is always willing to put forth time and resources to help our community. Nearly every fundraiser I've ever attended has had food donated by this heritage business, and their generosity seems boundless. In addition to their contributions, Mo's provides security

for countless families within the Greater Newport area, from the restaurant to the chowder floor. Mo's has bravely navigated the ever changing waters of restaurant business during a pandemic, at times volunteering time and banding together as a family to ensure employees have jobs to return to when we (hopefully) reach a new normal. Newport's Historic Bayfront has been the home of Mo's Seafood and Chowder since 1946, and although many things have changed in so many years, the family providing warmth and comfort over a cup of chowder remain the same, and Newport is lucky to have them.

MORE INFORMATION FROM OWNER, GABRIELLE MCENTEE:

There is no denying that year 2020 was crazy. Just when you thought you had a handle on how to run your business during a pandemic covid cases would rise and back to take out only again. And then there were the fires...

At the start of the pandemic I thought to myself could this be the end on my 75-year old family business? It could have been.

We are still here and there are many reasons why.

Employees: In March of 2020 we had to lay off almost every single person. This was probably the most heart-breaking day of my life as a restaurant owner. In the darkest moments of the shelter in place when anxiety and uncertainty reined our employees always asked what can I do to help? A handful of staff stayed on to work day in and day out to get us through. They learned other jobs and never complained.

Family: My family banded together like never before. My mom came out of retirement to take over the

FIND MO'S SEAFOOD & CHOWDER:

Mo's Original Newport: 622 SW Bay Blvd. Newport, OR Phone: 541.265.2979

Online: <https://www.moschowder.com/>

[Facebook](#)

[Instagram](#)

[YouTube](#)

[Fundraise with Mo's](#)

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baking of cobblers, bread, cookies and brownies. In order to keep our heads above water my brother's 4 children, his wife, my son and my husband worked together to run the business. We took ourselves off the pay roll in order pay the staff who stayed on during the shut down.

Customers: We would not be here with out our amazing and generous customers. They supported us with take out orders either by calling in or stopping by. We received food delivery orders from customers who wanted us to take food to Newport Police and all of the fire departments in Lincoln County. This all helped.

Innovation: It is said that necessity if the mother of invention. In times like these businesses must become nimble and as creative as possible. We decided to take some of our homemade products on the road- store to door type concept. From March until the end of June we traveled all over Oregon, Idaho, Washington with clam chowder base, home baked bread, garlic cheese butter, mini cobblers and canned tuna. These sales literally saved the business. In each community that we visited we donated a portion of the proceeds to their local food banks. Mo's was founding was built giving back and that didn't change in 2020.

Relationships: In September Oregon was not only suffering from rising covid cases but wild fires were out of control. The coast historically has been spared by the damage of wild fires but not in 2020. Otis just north of Lincoln City burned. Hundreds of people were suddenly in need of shelter and food. Many residents of Otis ended up in Newport staying at the Rec. Center or area hotels. Mo's Newport partnered with Local Ocean and Clear Water Restaurants to prepare meals for 200 to 300 people. This brings me to another reason we are still here...collaboration. One of the silver linings of these unprecedented

times is the de-emphasis of competition and the emphasis on working together to make things better in the community that we share. Relationships with other restaurant owners were key to survival. We were able to help each through each and every struggle 2020 presented.

MORE ON MO'S SEAFOOD & CHOWDER'S WORK IN 2020:

Gabrielle shared the feature article on Mo's Seafood & Chowder from Oregon Coast Waves Magazine's October 2020 Issue: [It Isn't Newport Without Mo's](#)

[Mo's Seafood and Chowder to bring famous chowder base to Utah; portion of proceeds to go to Utah Food Bank](#) (Cedar City News, 4/2/2020)

[Western Oregon Restaurant Making Trip to Eastern Oregon](#) (East Oregonian, 4/28/2020)

[Cast a net at Mo's for the PAC](#) (Newport News Times, 1/9/2020)



Image from the [Fundraise with Mo's Webpage](#)

FIND MO'S SEAFOOD & CHOWDER:

Mo's Original Newport: 622 SW Bay Blvd. Newport, OR Phone: 541.265.2979

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[Facebook](#)

[Instagram](#)

[YouTube](#)

[Fundraise with Mo's](#)



Nye Beach Wine Cellar

Category:

C. Creating New Businesses & Jobs
Business

NOMINATED BECAUSE:

Good vibes, great wine,
helped with the bag ban.

**NYE BEACH WINE CELLAR'S
NOMINATOR WAS SHORT, SWEET,
AND TO THE POINT!**

Please visit Nye Beach Wine Cellar to enjoy what they have to offer! This business supported many searching for delicious wine and pairing suggestions in 2020. Even if you're not a fan of wine, the selection of snacks and cheeses are worth a stop!

FIND NYE BEACH WINE CELLAR:

255 NW Coast St. Newport, OR 97365

Phone: 541.265.3292

[Facebook](#)



2020 COMMUNITY VISION AWARD NOMINEES

Oregon Coast Community College's Small Business Development Center (OCCC SBDC)

Category:

C. Creating New Businesses & Jobs
Government Organization

NOMINATED BECAUSE:

The OCCC Small Business Development Center provided outreach, training, and counseling to help small businesses weather the impact of COVID-19. They assisted businesses in navigating the PPP and EIDL loan processes, helping sustain local small businesses and the jobs they support. The team is knowledgeable, friendly, and easy to work with. They explain things in a way that makes sense and ask pertinent questions to help each business find the best path forward. The SBDC is a vital resource in our community and I'm grateful for the education and resources they provide - free of charge.

FROM DAVE PRICE AT THE SBDC:

This is a kind nomination. Our advisors' work can be found at oregoncoastbusiness.com should you need additional information.

FIND RESOURCES AND SUPPORT TO HELP NAVIGATE THE COVID-19 BUSINESS CHALLENGES:

[SBDC's Coronavirus Resources for Lincoln County Businesses and Employees](#)

FIND THE SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER OF OCCC:

Newport Campus: 400 SE College Way, Newport OR 97365

Online: <https://oregoncoast.edu/sbdc/>

[Facebook](#)

Economic Development Alliance of Lincoln County (EDALC)

Category:

C. Creating New Businesses & Jobs

Non-Profit or Community Group



NOMINATED BECAUSE:

In 2020, under new leadership of Executive Director, Paul Schuytema, the Economic Development Alliance of Lincoln County (EDALC) has launched an updated

website, and created an ambitious map of the Lincoln County Economic Support Ecosystem, all of which are linked and detailed in their [December 2020 Newsletter](#).

More of the organization's information can be found in their "About Us" details below, and in the other pages of their new website: <https://businesslincolncounty.com/>

About The Economic Development Alliance: Supporting Lincoln County's Economic Vitality for 25 Years. Working every day to support our local business ecosystem.

The Economic Development Alliance of Lincoln County (EDALC) is an Oregon 501(c)(6) nonprofit organization, governed by a local Board of Directors. Our mission is to deliver professional economic development services to facilitate the creation, growth and retention of Lincoln County businesses. The EDALC is funded by Lincoln County and the generous support of its member businesses.

OUR MISSION – To deliver economic development services to facilitate creation, growth and retention of Lincoln County businesses.

OUR VISION – The Economic Development Alliance of Lincoln County leverages information and relationships to enhance an environment for investment in Lincoln County.

SEE THE “MIND MAP” OF LINCOLN COUNTY’S ECONOMIC SUPPORT ECOSYSTEM:

https://businesslincolncounty.com/file_uploads/LincolnCountyEconomicSupportEcosystem_dec2020.pdf

FIND THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE OF LINCOLN COUNTY:

Online: <https://businesslincolncounty.com/>

Phone: 541.265.4544

Email: info@businesslincolncounty.com



2020 COMMUNITY VISION AWARD NOMINEES

Greater Newport Chamber of Commerce

Category:

C. Creating New Businesses & Jobs

Non-Profit or Community Group

NOMINATED BECAUSE:

The Greater Newport Chamber of Commerce has been an integral part of the Newport Area economic system for many years, and 2020 was no exception. When the COVID emergency affected their regular, historically successful events and community gatherings, and the many businesses they support, the Chamber responded with ingenuity, perseverance, and multiple collaborative efforts with other community organizations. For a few examples, they created the Newport Area Takeout Facebook Group to allow any local restaurant to

keep the community updated on their current offerings through all phases of COVID restrictions. They followed COVID protocols and safely held their Leadership Lincoln Program in partnership with Oregon Coast Community College, "to develop leadership and management skills for individuals who have interest and commitment in the future of Lincoln County and to provide networking opportunities that will enhance positive professional and organizational growth." They were able to hold the annual 2020 Seafood & Wine Festival before the COVID emergency impacted our community, and they have been busy planning a [creative, pandemic-safe alternative for the 2021 event](#).

With all the Greater Newport Chamber does, and all they've adjusted to and accomplished in 2020, it's impossible to list everything here, so instead I'll link to all the information available on their [Facebook Page](#) and their newly improved [website](#).

FROM THEIR WEBSITE:

"Who We Are

The Chamber is a non-profit organization of more than 500 local businesses, organizations, and individuals.

Our Mission

To unite the efforts of the citizens in promoting the civic, commercial, agricultural, tourism, marine and industrial welfare of the City of Newport and its surrounding economic area."

FIND GREATER NEWPORT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:

555 SW Coast Hwy, Newport, OR 97365 Online: <https://www.newportchamber.org/> [Facebook](#) [Instagram](#)

Phone: 541.265.8801 Seafood & Wine Festival: <https://www.newportchamber.org/seafood-wine-festival/>

Newport Fishermen's Wives

Category:

C. Creating New Businesses & Jobs

Non-Profit or Community Group



Image from [Newport Fishermen's Wives Website](https://www.newportfishermenswives.com/)

NOMINATED BECAUSE:

Year after year, this organization steps up, providing direct assistance to local fishing families in need and advocating for the interests of the commercial fishing industry at local, state, and federal levels. This year they adapted their holiday outreach program to provide food, clothing, and gifts to local families as they do every year but were also able to offer COVID-19 related needs (cleaning and medical supplies) and COVID-safe pick up options.

NEWPORT FISHERMEN'S WIVES IN THE NEWS IN 2020:

[Blessing of the Fleet 2020 Planned Online](#)
(Newport News Times, 5/19/2020)

[Watch the Virtual Blessing of the Fleet 2020](#)

[Oregon Fishing Industry Hit Hard During COVID-19 Pandemic](#) (KGW8, 8/8/2020)

[Mutual Aid in Fishing Communities: The Need and the Response](#) (Nonprofit Quarterly, 8/12/2020)

FIND NEWPORT FISHERMEN'S WIVES:

Online: <https://www.newportfishermenswives.com/>

[Facebook](#)

[Shop Online](#)

[Donate](#)



2020 COMMUNITY VISION AWARD NOMINEES

Dave Price

Director of Marketing & Community Engagement, SBDC Director

Category:

C. Creating New Businesses & Jobs
Outstanding Individual

NOMINATED BECAUSE:

Dave Price's leadership of the Small Business Development Center was a beautiful thing to watch this year. He participated in the Joint Information Center for COVID as much as he could and was perhaps the biggest reason we're able to make sure our businesses got the information they needed. He and his team helped small businesses apply for loans. He often had information on his SBDC website before we could even get it onto the county website! He hosted zoom calls with business and elected leaders. His work was instrumental in keeping some businesses afloat in Newport.

FROM DAVE PRICE AT THE SBDC:

It's a team effort. Learn more:

oregoncoastbusiness.com

FIND RESOURCES AND SUPPORT TO HELP NAVIGATE THE COVID-19 BUSINESS CHALLENGES:

[SBDC's Coronavirus Resources for Lincoln County Businesses and Employees](#)

FIND THE SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER OF OCCC:

Newport Campus: 400 SE College Way, Newport OR 97365 Online: <https://oregoncoast.edu/sbdc/>

[Facebook](#)



2020 COMMUNITY VISION AWARD NOMINEES

Lyle & Diane Mattson

Owners & Operators of Newport's JC Market Thriftway

Category:

C. Creating New Businesses & Jobs

Outstanding Individual or Duo

NOMINATED BECAUSE:

Lyle and Diane Mattson own and operate the local JC Thriftway Market. It was started by Diane's father in 1971. 50 years they have been giving to the community. Hiring and training high school students with their first jobs. Maintaining livable wage jobs for 60+ employees for all those years. Providing them with health insurance, full time employment and retirement benefits. All that in a challenging and stiff competitive market.

During this past year's Covid19 crisis they, as an independent retailer, did absolutely everything they could to continue offering jobs to their employees and access to food and supplies to the community in a safe environment. They donate thousands to help the community through Food Share, Altrusa, all of the local schools, just to name a few. When someone in need has contacted them I have never seen them be turned down. They have helped in some way. They are deeply involved in Lincoln County Search and Rescue. Donating countless hours in that capacity. Their love and commitment to Newport and Lincoln County and the people who live and work here are seen daily in their actions and how they live their lives.

FIND NEWPORT'S JC MARKET THRIFTWAY:

107 N Coast Hwy, Newport OR 97365 Online: <http://www.jcmarket.net/> [Information for Store 44569](#) [Facebook](#)



D. Learning, Exploring, & Creating New Horizons

ABOUT THE D. FOCUS AREA, FROM THE VISION 2040:

In 2040, the Greater Newport Area takes pride in our community's education, innovation, and creativity, helping all our residents learn, grow, and thrive. Our schools are appropriately funded through diverse means of support to meet the highest standards of educational achievement. Our college and university prepare students for rewarding lives and productive careers. The arts and opportunities for creative expression and learning are high quality, diverse, and available, and accessible to everyone.

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LEARN MORE ABOUT THE A. FOCUS AREA AND ITS 12 STRATEGIES:

Scroll to page 17 on [The Vision 2040 Document](#)

ABC Preschool & Daycare

Category:

**D. Learning, Exploring, & Creating
New Horizons**

Business



Image from [ABC Preschool & Daycare's Facebook](#)

NOMINATED BECAUSE:

2020 showed how important multiple childcare, preschool, and elementary school options are for a community. The pandemic guidelines gave everyone involved in childcare and education additional hurdles to navigate, and I am grateful that ABC Preschool & Daycare was able to pivot their services to support the Greater Newport Community to the full capacity allowed by the State's rules and pandemic restrictions.

They have role-modeled how a Daycare/Preschool/Elementary School/Learning Center business can help supplement the government and non-profit run childcare options in our community. Their current waiting list of eligible students shows even more interest and need in our community. Kudos to the entire ABC team for doing all they can to add childcare and education options in the Greater Newport Area!

Find out more information on ABC Preschool & Daycare's accomplishments in 2020 on their Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/abcpreschoolanddaycare>

FIND ABC PRESCHOOL & DAYCARE:

Phone: 541.265.2654

[Facebook](#)



Crossroads Nonviolent Education LLC

Category:

**D. Learning, Exploring, &
Creating New Horizons
Business**

NOMINATED BECAUSE:

Nonviolent education is needed. Don Chapin works really hard to make the world a better place.

MORE INFORMATION FROM THE NOMINEE:

Our Educational Program is one part of our local community coordinated efforts to increase safety for victims and accountability for offenders of Intimate Partner and interpersonal Violence.

FIND CROSSROADS NONVIOLENT EDUCATION LLC:

Phone: 541.574.4479

[Facebook](#)

Nye Beach Montessori School - Preschool & Childcare

Category:

**D. Learning, Exploring, &
Creating New Horizons**

Business



Image from [Nye Beach Montessori Facebook](#)

NOMINATED BECAUSE:

Linda continues to work during the pandemic to allow parents to work. She has helped parents and children in Newport for 38 years. Linda is good to her teachers, and has done so much for the Newport community.

WATCH NYE BEACH MONTESSORI IN ACTION FOR THEIR 2020 HOLIDAY PERFORMANCE:

[Nye Beach Montessori Presents: The Polar Express](#)

FIND TEACHER & OWNER LINDA YAPP'S MUSIC:

Linda Yapp & Friends' Music:
<http://lindayappmusic.com/>

Parent's Choice Award Review:
[A New Day \(parentschoice.org\)](#)

FIND NYE BEACH MONTESSORI SCHOOL:

Phone: 541.265.3027

[Facebook](#)

Newport Public Library

Category:

**D. Learning, Exploring, &
Creating New Horizons**

Government Organization



Image from [January 2021 Library Newsletter](#)



Image from [Newport Public Library Facebook](#)

NOMINATED BECAUSE:

The Newport Library, under the direction of Laura Kimberly, maintained the community's access to books, movies, and information during this past crazy year, despite having to keep the building closed and with the twin blows of severe staff cuts and cuts to materials budgets. Take-away kits, virtual programs, and prizes were offered, and the Library was able to respond to the rise in need for public wifi by expanding wifi access into the parking lots, and by securing a grant to loan out hotspots to library patrons.

DISCOVER & LEARN MORE WITH NEWPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY:

On Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/newportlibrary>

On their Website:

<https://newportoregon.gov/dept/lib/>

By E-Newsletter:

<https://mailchi.mp/14a6254d65ba/january-1-31-news>

On YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/NewportPublicLibrary>

FIND NEWPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY:

35 NW Nye St. Newport, OR 97365 Phone: 541.265.2153

Online: <https://www.newportoregon.gov/dept/lib/>

[Facebook](#)

[YouTube](#)

Newport Symphony Orchestra

Category:

**D. Learning, Exploring, &
Creating New Horizons**

Non-Profit or Community Group



Image from [NSO's Facebook](#)

NOMINATED BECAUSE:

In a year when arts organizations struggled to stay afloat in the face of the many challenges presented by the COVID pandemic, the Newport Symphony Orchestra found ways to engage the community, provide a welcome ray of musical sunshine during a dark time, and maintain its audience so fans will return in full force when conditions allow.

Like most arts organizations, the NSO was forced to cancel its spring and summer 2020 programming, including its beloved annual free Independence Day concert, and its 2020-21 season. COVID forced the closure of the Performing Arts Center and made mass audience gatherings unsafe, and it also became dangerous for musicians themselves to gather to create ensemble music. Rather than completely “closing up shop,” the NSO immediately pivoted to a variety of kinds of creative programming.

First they provided short videos of NSO musicians making music at home, dubbed “NSO to Go!” One delightful video featured the orchestra’s conductor, Adam Flatt, playing a violin-violita duet with his friend and neighbor Erik Peterson, concertmaster of the Denver Philharmonic. The two masked musicians recorded themselves playing Mozart at a safe distance outside. Seventeen other videos of this type followed, all shared

FIND NEWPORT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA:

Online: <https://www.newportsymphony.org/welcome.html>

[Facebook](#)

[Donate](#)

on the NSO's website and social media feeds.

Next the NSO refused to disappoint the community on Independence Day. Because the ensemble could not present their usual free concert that day, typically attended by about 1,000 people, they offered an encore performance of the 2017 concert broadcast on local radio stations. They also provided streamable video from the NSO website.

Patrons were able to purchase tickets to a Zoom performance of the Element String Quartet, made up of musicians from the orchestra, for a very special pre-recorded performance and a live discussion afterward. In addition, the NSO developed a short series (with more to come) called Musicians' Living Room, in which paying patrons could participate in an hour-long Zoom presentation by NSO musicians and the conductor.

Social media blew up with the partnership between the NSO and the Oregon Coast Aquarium in which two cellists played on location at the otter exhibit at the aquarium. The video was made available to the aquarium for pandemic-period fundraising.

Finally, the Friends of the NSO presented a Zoom wine-tasting event led by Adrienne Marler (Casa Bruno Winery), cohosted with JC Market, who offered wine selections at reduced prices. The event was free to attend, and attendees purchased wine to participate in the tasting. The NSO did

fundraising at the event and provided the contributions, over \$1,500, to the victims of the Otis Fires

In any year, the NSO is a community treasure. This year, their dedication to the community and their ingenuity are to be especially commended. I hope they will get your vote for a 2020 Community Vision Award.

DISCOVER & LEARN MORE WITH NEWPORT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA:

Website:

<https://www.newportsymphony.org/welcome.html>

Videos of Newport Symphony Orchestra Musicians for your Pleasure:

<https://www.newportsymphony.org/watch-listen-news/>

Upcoming Events:

<https://www.newportsymphony.org/events/great-music-and-intimate-evening---valentines-day.html>

<https://www.newportsymphony.org/events/musicians-living-room.html>

Past Events:

<https://www.newportsymphony.org/events/intimate-evening-number-1.html>



FIND NEWPORT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA:

Online: <https://www.newportsymphony.org/welcome.html>

[Facebook](#)

[Donate](#)

Nye Beach Banner Project

Category:

D. Learning, Exploring, & Creating New Horizons

Non-Profit or Community Group



Image from [OCCA Webpage](https://coastarts.org/events/nyebeachbanner/)

NOMINATED BECAUSE:

I'm nominating the Nye Beach Banner Project because it has sparked learning and exploring new horizons in arts and arts education in our community and beyond. The annual Nye Beach Banner Auction has funded youth arts education classes, administered through Newport's Visual Arts Center, over the past decade. With the Covid pandemic in 2020, arts education support for other organizations, such as the Public Library, was provided as well.

The Nye Beach Banner Project also engages regional artists in learning and exploring as they create banners for the annual auction. A suggested theme in 2020 was our Sister City, Mombetsu, Japan. This was a fun way to learn about our Sister City. Then those viewing the banners displayed on Nye Beach streetlights can learn and appreciate original artwork and new ideas.

There have been numerous articles in our local newspaper, The News-Times.

ALSO NOMINATED BECAUSE:

Veronica Lundell has been organizing the Nye Beach Banner Program since its inception. The program allows various artists in the community to paint banners that are hung in Nye Beach during the summer, and auctioned off in November. The proceeds are used to fund youth art education. This

FIND NYE BEACH BANNER PROJECT:

Online: <https://coastarts.org/events/nyebeachbanner/>

[Facebook](#)

[Donate to OCCA](#)

year, artists from Newport's Sister City, Mombetsu, Hokkaido, Japan, were sent eight blank banners. They painted them and returned four of them which hung in Nye Beach this summer. These were also auctioned off in November. Not only does this program provide much needed funding for youth art education, but it has enhanced the city's relationship with its Sister City. Veronica volunteers her time to make the blank banners, and oversee the entire program.



Image from the [Banner Project's Facebook](#)

GOOD NEWS FROM FACEBOOK:

Annual Nye Beach Banner Project

November 8, 2020 ·

\$10,214 raised!

Thank you to EVERYONE who participated!

It was a crazy year, and we're so grateful to you all.

Artists, their families, patrons, and lovers of art...thank you. ❤️

ADDITIONAL PRESS ON NYE BEACH BANNER PROJECT:

[High Flying Art in Nye Beach](#)

(Newport News Times 6/3/2020)

[Nye Beach Banner Project Goes](#)

[International](#) (Oregon Artswatch 10/28/2020)

[Nye Beach Banner Auction Celebrates 12th](#)

[Anniversary](#) (Newport News Times 10/29/2020)



Image from the [Banner Project's Facebook](#)

FIND NYE BEACH BANNER PROJECT:

Online: <https://coastarts.org/events/nyebeachbanner/>

[Facebook](#)

[Donate to OCCA](#)

Darcy Hogan

Category:

D. Learning, Exploring, & Creating New Horizons
Outstanding Individual

NOMINATED BECAUSE:

Darcy Hogan is a force of nature, and has seemingly limitless artistic talent and creativity. A Newport resident, she is a graphic designer, playwright, performer, and active community member, particularly in the performing arts (for example, she serves on the board of the Oregon Coast Council for the Arts). She would be deserving of this honor in any regular year for the immense entertainment she brings to the community as a director, playwright and performer. But in 2020 she is an especially good candidate.

I am nominating Darcy because during the pandemic this year, when the Performing Arts Center was shuttered and live performances of all kinds were put on hold, she rolled up her sleeves and organized a wonderful program for Newport: the PAC Picture Show. The PAC Picture Show was the local version of a drive-in movie, with family-friendly films projected on a large screen on the side of the PAC on many summer weekend evenings. Audio was provided by tuning one's car radio to a given station.

Every detail was considered in the planning of this program. Reservations were easy, admission was by donation so all families could enjoy the shows, the movies chosen were broadly appealing, and all the logistics went smoothly. These movies allowed the community to gather in a safe way and to be

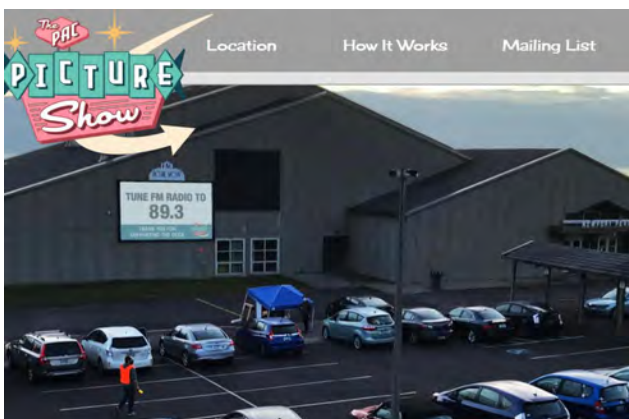


Image from [The PAC Picture Show Website](http://www.pacpictureshow.com/)

FIND DARCY'S PROJECTS ONLINE:

Red Octopus Theatre Company Online: <https://octopusonstage.com/>

PAC Picture Show Website: <http://www.pacpictureshow.com/>

[Facebook](#)

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entertained by something other than Netflix. Families could do something together, while also getting out of the house. And the proceeds went to OCCA as well, at a time when revenues were desperately needed.

The logistics required to pull off this program must have been confounding and immense, and Darcy was not alone in planning this program. But she was the organizing force, and was even out there directing traffic at every show I attended. For bringing this bit of joy to the community during a dark and frightening time, Darcy deserves a 2020 Community Vision Award.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM THE NOMINEE:

"I am touched and humbled by what Nancy wrote in her nomination of me. I was happy to have helped bring the community together in a safe way at the PAC Picture Show, as well as endeavor to engage local writers and actors by organizing a few online performing arts projects throughout 2020. (A playwriting challenge in May for Red Octopus Theatre Company, a video PSA for the Oregon Coast Council for the Arts in July, and a community Holiday greeting for Red Octopus which premiered on Christmas Eve and involved more than twenty local actors.)

LEARN MORE ABOUT DARCY'S WORK:

[A Holiday Greeting From Red Octopus](#)
(Newport News Times, 12/22/2021)

[Red Octopus Theatre Company Website](#)

[Parking Lot Picture Shows](#) (Newport News Times, 6/11/2020)

[PAC Picture Show Website](#)



Image from [The Red Octopus OCCA Webpage](#)

FIND DARCY'S PROJECTS ONLINE:

Red Octopus Theatre Company Online: <https://octopusonstage.com/>

PAC Picture Show Website: <http://www.pacpictureshow.com/>

[Facebook](#)

[Donate to OCCA](#)



Veronica Lundell

Category:

**D. Learning, Exploring, &
Creating New Horizons**
Outstanding Individual

NOMINATED BECAUSE:

Beautification. Arts. Child education.
International relationships!

Veronica has been working to promote Nye Beach Neighborhood for over 17 years. She organized regular cleanups of trash and weeds. She was instrumental in starting and now remains a prime mover of the Nye Beach Banner Project, which has recently expanded to Mombetsu Sister City.

ADDITIONAL PRESS ON NYE BEACH BANNER PROJECT:

[High Flying Art in Nye Beach](#)
(Newport News Times 6/3/2020)

[Nye Beach Banner Project Goes
International](#) (Oregon Artswatch 10/28/2020)

[Nye Beach Banner Auction Celebrates 12th
Anniversary](#) (Newport News Times
10/29/2020)

**FIND MORE ON VERONICA'S WORK WITH THE NYE BEACH BANNER
PROJECT:**

Online: <https://coastarts.org/events/nyebeachbanner/>

[Facebook](#)

[Donate to OCCA](#)



E. Improving Community Health & Safety

ABOUT THE E. FOCUS AREA, FROM THE VISION 2040:

In 2040, the Greater Newport Area is safe and healthy, equitable and inclusive, resilient and always prepared. We volunteer, help our neighbors, and support those in need. Our community's physical, environmental, social, and economic assets allow all of our residents, including families and children, young people, and seniors, to live healthy lives and find the support and services they require, including excellent, affordable, and accessible healthcare and childcare.

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Integrity Women's Health and Wellness

Category:

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Business

and integrity; delivering high quality, personalized care to every patient we encounter; and treating each individual with dignity and respect in all aspects of care. We are committed to providing a safe, respectful, welcoming space to the LGBTQIA2S+ community. We are also proud to be the only medical practice on the central Oregon coast offering specialty health services specifically to trans individuals."

In December 2020, Dr. Shumate also presented two well-attended sessions at 2020's CEDARR Virtual Harm Reduction Conference. These trainings focused on educating health care and social service providers on Trans-Affirming Care and Safe Spaces. For more information on this business, please visit their:

[Website](#)

[Facebook](#)

[Greater Newport Chamber Listing](#)

[Gynecologist Opens Private Practice](#) (Newport News Times, 9/22/2020)

NOMINATED BECAUSE:

As described on Integrity Women's Health & Wellness website, this private practice launched in 2020 to meet the healthcare needs of women and trans individuals in the Greater Newport Community:

"Transforming gynecology on the Oregon Coast

As the new specialty provider of choice, we are dedicated to serving our community with justice

ALSO FROM THEIR WEBSITE:

"About Us: Integrity Women's Health & Wellness, LLC, is a single specialty practice, providing full spectrum of GYN services, and specialty services to the LGBTQIA2S+ community, including transition support."

FIND INTEGRITY HEALTH & WELLNESS:

1010 SW Coast Hwy, Suite 102 Newport, OR 97365

Phone: 541.265.4523

[Facebook](#)

Online: <http://integritywomenshealth.squarespace.com/>

Email: info@integritywomenshealth.net

Pacific West Ambulance

Category:

E. Improving Community Health & Safety

Business

NOMINATED BECAUSE:

PAC West has been a fabulous partner to Lincoln County during the Covid-19 pandemic. They entered into a contract with the County to provide non-emergency rides for people who needed to get to a testing site. They were so helpful and easy to work with during this year of crises. In the beginning when we all were so unsure of how to protect ourselves they rose to the occasion to maintain their services to the community. Now they have stepped up again to help with the vaccine distribution. The years of practicing for disasters in Lincoln County have paid off this year. It is a pleasure working with Jeff Mathia and his crew.

MORE INFORMATION FROM THE NOMINEE:

Pacific West Ambulance provided above and beyond service to Lincoln City during their Echo Mountain Complex Fire. Evacuated a hospital, provided additional ambulances and personnel to respond to the increased 911 calls for medical emergencies. Provided fire standby medical services for crews working on the fire line during that time.



Image from [Pacific West Ambulance Website](http://pacificwest.us.com)

FIND PACIFIC WEST AMBULANCE:

609 NW Coast St. Newport, OR 97365

Online: <http://pacificwest.us.com>

Non-Emergency Phone: 541.265.3175

[Facebook](#)



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Rogue Ales and Spirits

Category:

E. Improving Community Health & Safety

Business

NOMINATED BECAUSE:

In 2020 with the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic Rogue stepped up to the requirement for additional hand sanitizer for the community and regional emergency responders. Without being asked the company stopped production of their standard products and started the production and distribution of a hand sanitizer with their on hand and ordered materials, provided distribution and carried out this vital mission without any cost to the emergency services community for this critical commodity. The effort of Rogue in the view of the emergency responders was as critical at the time of their involvement as the rapid development of the COVID vaccine has been to the rest of the world. The local impact was critical in bridging the gap where a severe shortage of product was available for distribution during a time of critical need! I believe the distribution of the hand sanitizer proliferated beyond the borders of Lincoln County as well. There

is no finer example of a business coming forward to support the community than what we observed in the actions of Rogue Ales and Spirits!

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT ROGUE'S WORK IN 2020:

Videos:

[Lincoln County Emergency Management talks with Rogue on YouTube](#) 3/25/2020

[Oregon Public Broadcasting Video: "Making Hand Sanitizer from Beer"](#) 5/13/2020

Articles:

[Rogue Stories: Distillery Turned Hand Sanitizer Production Facility](#) 3/27/2020

[Rogue Ales & Spirits Brewery Making Hand Sanitizer for Frontline Workers](#) (DH News Portland, 3/30/2020)

[Rogue Distillery Shifts to Hand Sanitizer Production](#) (KOIN, 3/30/2020)

[Rogue Ales & Spirits Begins Producing Hand Sanitizer](#) (KEZI News, 3/31/2020)

[Rogue Ales and Spirits Lends a Helping Hand](#) (Great Beer Now, 3/31/2020)

[Rogue Ales & Spirits Begins Producing Hand Sanitizer, Donating it to First Responders](#) (KATU, 4/1/2020)

[Rogue Ales & Spirits Lend Helping Hand to Fight Pandemic](#) (Americancraftbeer.com 4/6/2020)

[Rogue Offers Local Delivery, Hand Sanitizer to Public](#) (Newport News Times, 4/21/2020)

FIND ROGUE ALES AND SPIRITS:

Brewer's on the Bay: 2320 SE Marine Science Dr. Newport, OR 97365

Online: <http://www.rogue.com/>

Phone: 541.867.3660

[Facebook](#)

[Instagram](#)

Walker Farms

Category:

E. Improving Community Health & Safety

Business

NOMINATED BECAUSE:

Now having focused on farming for over fourteen years, Randy and Sarah Walker provide a beautiful example of sustainable practices and compassionate care for animals. In addition, during the difficult times of our current pandemic, they have made delivery services available, and donated food to those in need. The Walkers are an active part of our community farmers markets up and down the coast, and have made ordering online a mainstream event with the use of their Facebook page. Sarah hand writes sweet, positive or uplifting phrases in EVERY dozen eggs they sell. Watching the Walkers go out of their way to



provide fresh, farm to table ingredients to our community far and wide is an inspiration.

[OSU Extension Farm Profile: Walker Farms](#)

MORE INFORMATION FROM THE NOMINEE:

We have not had much press around our activities in the past year. We feel so rewarded by simply being able to help others, we don't feel we need to call attention to our charitable activities. We started our delivery service in March to address grocery shopping in the age of a pandemic. We travel from Yachats to Tillamook every Wednesday to deliver high-quality farm-raised food to our customers, no delivery fee or minimum order is required because we felt that would limit the ability of low-income shoppers to take part in the safety of our contact-free home deliveries. We expanded our services to be able to accept SNAP benefits as another way to include lower-income families.

We have worked extensively over the last 15 years to farm in ways that make the land around us better than it was when we started farming. We have planted orchards, installed water catchment for irrigation, and installed a sizable solar array on our barn, just to name a few items. By working to heal the land, we have created better living situations for our animals, which ultimately results in an abundant harvest. Because we have been blessed with such abundance we have the ability to work with local food pantries, churches, and restaurants to help feed those in need with healthy, nutrient-dense foods. Farming is intensely difficult work, but it is such a rewarding job; I can't think of anything we would rather do.

FIND WALKER FARMS:

1925 Logsden Rd. Siletz, OR 97380

Online: <https://www.walkerfarmssiletz.com>

Phone: 541.444.2445

[Facebook](#)

Lincoln County Emergency Management

Category:

E. Improving Community Health & Safety

Government Organization



NOMINATED BECAUSE:

Emergency Management has been heavily involved in COVID-19 response, fire response including facilitating and coordinating initial shelter and donation management held in Newport - and now vaccination efforts

MORE INFORMATION FROM THE NOMINEE:

County Emergency Management, in 2020, utilized our pre-established relations with both public and private partners in support of the Public Health COVID response and the Echo Mountain Complex Fire response. We focused our attentions on maximizing our local public safety groups to also support these efforts.

FIND LINCOLN COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

225 W. Olive St. Room 103 Newport, OR 97365 [Volunteer Groups and Opportunities](#) [Facebook](#)

Online: <https://www.co.lincoln.or.us/emergencymanagement> [Sign up for Lincoln Alerts](#)



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Lincoln County Public Health Department

Category:

E. Improving Community Health & Safety

Government Organization



Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

Lincoln County

NOMINATED BECAUSE:

As Lincoln County Health Director in 2020, Rebecca Austen has worked tirelessly to educate the residents of Lincoln County about the Covid 19 Pandemic. During the initial outbreak through to the current discouraging numbers of new cases and

deaths, she has performed her duties professionally, consistently and compassionately. Every day she has provided updates and answered the public's questions in a TRULY heartfelt attempt to educate the citizens to wear their masks, social distance, stay at home and don't give up. She has gone beyond the call of her position by remaining, not resigning and determined to see the County through to the light at the end of the tunnel. She regularly receives unsupportive contacts from individuals who do not believe the Science and do not want to follow the mandates.

Through it all, she remains calm, informative and reassuring.

Simply search her name in Facebook posts and you'll read the hundreds of regular updates she has so consistently provided to the public for the benefit of the community.

MORE INFORMATION FROM THE NOMINEE:

Rebecca chose to change her category from Outstanding Individual to Government Organization because "I don't feel that I, personally can take credit for all that Public Health has done to educate the public about safety during the Covid-19 response. This was a team effort and the entire Public Health team should be recognized."

FOR UP-TO-DATE COVID-19 INFORMATION & SUPPORT:

[Lincoln County Health COVID-19 Page](#)

COVID-19 Call Center: 541.265.0621 Option 2, Open Weekdays

FIND LINCOLN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

36 SW Nye St. Newport, OR 97365

Online: <https://www.co.lincoln.or.us/hhs/page/public-health>

Phone: 541.265.4112

[Facebook](#)



Communicable Disease Team of Lincoln County Public Health Department

Category:

E. Improving Community Health & Safety

Government
Organization



Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

Lincoln County

NOMINATED BECAUSE:

The Public Health team in Lincoln County has worked for months to support the community through Covid investigation and contact tracing. They have employees working 7 days a week to support families in quarantine and isolation.

MORE INFORMATION ON THE TEAM:

Communicable Disease - 24/7 Disease Reporting
Telephone: 541.265.4112

[Communicable Disease Nursing](#)

Provides counseling and testing for various diseases that are easily spread from person to person (also known as communicable diseases).

[Disease & Animal Bite Reporting](#)

There are 50+ reportable diseases in Oregon. ALL animal bites must be reported to Lincoln County Public Health. This page explains when to call and what to report.

[Flu Program](#)

Lincoln County Health and Human Services coordinates flu shot clinics each fall.

[Sexually Transmitted Diseases and Infections \(STDs & STIs\)](#)

"Safety net" STD and STI screening appointments can be made for people who do not have medical insurance or who do not have a primary care medical home.

[Tuberculosis](#)

FOR UP-TO-DATE COVID-19 INFORMATION & SUPPORT:

[Lincoln County Health COVID-19 Page](#)

COVID-19 Call Center: 541.265.0621 Option 2,
Open Weekdays

FIND LINCOLN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

36 SW Nye St. Newport, OR 97365

Online: <https://www.co.lincoln.or.us/hhs/page/public-health>

Phone: 541.265.4112

[Facebook](#)

WIC: Women, Infants, & Children Lincoln County

Category:

**E. Improving Community Health &
Safety**

Government Organization



NOMINATED BECAUSE:

I would like to nominate Lincoln County WIC (Women, Infant and Children) for their support of

the community with nutritious food. WIC is a Federal program that provides supplemental nutritious foods to families with children under 5 and pregnant women. WIC staff Ary, Lola, Nancy and Diana have been working hard to respond to people's needs during this epidemic. Their work has been excellent in listening to the needs and responding with immediate nutritional referrals and support. Many thanks to the WIC staff for supporting families with nutrition education and nutritious food!

MORE INFORMATION FROM THE NOMINEE:

Our vision at WIC is to ensure optimal nutrition and lifelong health for every Oregon family. WIC serves lower-income pregnant, postpartum and breastfeeding women, infants and children under age 5 who have health or nutrition risks. In Oregon, the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Nutrition and Health Screening Program is part of the Oregon Health Authority. WIC is a premier public health nutrition program that provides nutrition and health education, healthy foods, breastfeeding support and other services for women, infants and children in Oregon.

FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION & IF YOU'RE ELIGIBLE FOR WIC SUPPORT:

[Visit their Website](#)

[Online Pre-Screening Tool](#)

FIND LINCOLN COUNTY WIC:

Newport Phone: 541.265.4163

Email: lincolncountywic@co.lincoln.or.us

Online: <https://www.co.lincoln.or.us/hhs/page/women-infants-and-children-wic>



Agate Beach Safety Coalition, LLC

Category:

**E. Improving Community Health &
Safety**

Non-Profit or Community Group

NOMINATED BECAUSE:

“Video lays out the whole case.”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PuV-oSuS2F4&t=12s>

FIND AGATE BEACH SAFETY COALITION:

[YouTube](#)



Gender Health and Community Network (GHCN)

Category:

E. Improving Community Health & Safety

Non-Profit or Community Group

NOMINATED BECAUSE:

GHCN is a resource for the gender non-conforming and trans community when it comes to health care and HRT.

MORE INFORMATION FROM THE NOMINEE:

Mission Statement:

We are a dedicated network of trans-affirmative providers and community advocates serving as liaisons between the community and needed resources. The mission of our organization is to increase access to comprehensive, effective, and affirming health care and public services for trans and gender expansive communities in Linn, Benton and Lincoln Counties. We also aim to encourage and support accountability of resources in the region, including education, training, and eliminating obstacles to navigating complex systems.

Guiding Values

- Increasing access to and provision of culturally competent and comprehensive care.
- Promoting informed consent models of service provision.
- Helping individuals to overcome obstacles to accessing competent care and resources.
- Developing a network of providers and services.
- Streamlining curation of resources.
- Conducting ongoing community needs assessment.
- Maintaining accountability, education and training within the organization and the resources we provide.

Grace Wins Haven

Category:

E. Improving Community Health & Safety

Non-Profit or Community Group

NOMINATED BECAUSE:

Grace Wins Haven has continually given back to the community. Traci, Dianne and their Volunteers give back each and every day. They outdid themselves when the fires in Otis displaced families but putting them up in hotels and delivering meals. Grace Wins Haven is beneficial in supplying a daily meal to the individuals that are without a place to live. They are always looking for donations of any kind and volunteers. THANK YOU Grace Wins Haven for all that you do!!!

MORE ABOUT GRACE WINS HAVEN:

Our mission is to assist the unhoused and others in need in Lincoln County Oregon to utilize community resources, to create healthy living conditions, to set goals for independent living, to offer food, clothing and other needs and to provide a place to learn work and life skills.

Find out more about their work and Community Partners:

[Grace Wins Haven Website](#)

[Grace Wins Haven Facebook](#)



Image from [Grace Wins Haven Facebook](#)

FIND GRACE WINS HAVEN:

437 NE 1st St. Newport, OR 97365

Phone 541.265.1974

[Facebook](#)

[How to Help](#)

Online: www.gracewinshaven.com



JIC: Joint Information Center

Category:

E. Improving Community Health & Safety

Non-Profit or Community Group

NOMINATED BECAUSE:

Mr. Belmont likes to be behind the scenes. During the COVID and Fire disasters, his years of experience was instrumental in getting Lincoln County the help it needed to respond and now recover from these once in a century events. I saw him bringing food and coffee to volunteers in the COVID call center, making packets late into the evening during the Echo Mountain Complex Fire, and working all hours trying to make sure the bureaucratic barriers were moved so that a fast and efficient response could be done.

Most people probably don't know all the good this person has done for the greater Newport and Lincoln County area - but without him the wheels of government would have stopped during crisis.

MORE INFORMATION FROM WAYNE BELMONT:

Wayne Belmont appreciated his nomination in the "Outstanding Individual" category but chose to widen the recognition to the Joint Information Center as a Community Group effort. He shared the following:

The Joint Information Center (JIC) for Lincoln County's COVID-19 Response, is a team of public and private agencies and stakeholders meeting,

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FIND UP TO DATE COVID-19 INFORMATION:

Lincoln County Human & Health Services: <https://www.co.lincoln.or.us/hhs/page/2019-novel-coronavirus>



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sharing information and acting together since the outset of the pandemic emergency was declared in March of 2020. The team is led and staffed by Jessica Palma, Susan Traschel and Sara Herd of Lincoln County Public Health, who along with Casey Miller, County PIO, and Jenny Demaris and Samantha Buckley of County Emergency Services, provide the infrastructure for the public face of the pandemic response.

Meeting twice weekly since the beginning, the group includes but is not limited to representatives from County Public Health and County Policy Leadership, Samaritan Health Services (both for North Lincoln Hospital and Pacific Communities Hospital), the Lincoln County School District, local representatives of State Social Services Agencies including Department of Human Services/ Self Sufficiency Program, local nonprofits including My Safe Place, County Safety Agencies (law enforcement and 911), cities and the Hatfield Marine Science Center.

Together these groups and their representatives have insured information is made available through multiple media and messaging mechanisms, culturally and language specific when possible. They have collaborated in sharing information, resources and tools to address everything from case counts and locations, to outbreaks; from state and local efforts at preventing spread of COVID to current efforts to get vaccine shots in arms countrywide.

Throughout the pandemic the commitment, coordination and collaboration evidenced by this group and their individual and institutional levels of care and concern for our community are a shining example of how we can all come together with the goal of ending COVID's grip on our community. Kudos to each and everyone of the hardworking individuals and organizations that have, and still are, participating in this endeavor.

COVID-19 RESOURCE PAGES FROM SOME OF THE JIC PARTNERS:

Lincoln County Human & Health Services:
<https://www.co.lincoln.or.us/hhs/page/2019-novel-coronavirus>

Lincoln County School District (includes Spanish):
<https://lincoln.k12.or.us/coronavirus/>

Samaritan Health Services:
<https://www.samhealth.org/health-services/coronavirus-information>

FIND UP TO DATE COVID-19 INFORMATION:

Lincoln County Human & Health Services: <https://www.co.lincoln.or.us/hhs/page/2019-novel-coronavirus>



2020 COMMUNITY VISION AWARD NOMINEES

Lincoln County School District & Partners

Category:

E. Improving Community Health & Safety

Non-Profit or Community Group

NOMINATED BECAUSE:

Lincoln County School District went above and beyond to provide meals for students over the summer. They found funding to provide breakfast, lunch, and dinner to students at a time when many families were financially impacted by COVID-19. For families unable to make it to the schools to pick up their meals each day, LCSD packaged and delivered boxes with enough meals for the week. This was no

small effort, requiring outreach to make sure all families were aware of this opportunity, designing nutritious menus with meals that are easy to prepare at home, ordering supplies, preparing hot lunches, packaging breakfast and dinner items for daily pick up and boxes for weekly deliveries, scheduling pickup sites and drivers and buses for deliveries, and making sure it was all done safely in accordance with appropriate food handling procedures. LCSD helped make sure their students had the nutritious meals they needed to help them stay healthy during a national health crisis. Kudos to everyone involved.

MORE INFORMATION FROM THE NOMINEE:

Lincoln County School District recognized quickly that the COVID-19 shutdown would heavily impact our community as our local families are dependent on their incomes from businesses that had been closed. LCSD and our partners at Sodexo and First Student quickly initiated emergency planning. Long hours and a good working relationship with the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) Child Nutrition Program ensured our kids would see no lapse in meal service. We had 3 goals, that no kid in Lincoln County went without a meal, that we could still provide jobs for our partners and that we would do it as safely as possible.

On Friday March 13th a plan was created and approved by the superintendent and ODE to begin our feeding program on Monday March 16th. We were one of the first schools to move forward. That weekend was spent organizing staff, gathering volunteers and meal planning, fully prepared to serve all 6,000 plus kids living in Lincoln County if needed.

FIND LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT:

[Facebook](#)

Online: <https://lincoln.k12.or.us/>

Bus & Meal Delivery Information: <https://lincoln.k12.or.us/resources/family/bus/>



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Food Service staff met on Sunday to begin preparations and Meals on the Bus was born. And so, each day, rain or shine, for the past 10, almost 11 months, the First Student school buses pull up to the school kitchens and Sodexo Kitchen and Custodial staff load thousands of meals for distribution, serving 3 meals a day, 7 days a week.

The program has seen a few adjustments over time as the pandemic restrictions change but the goals remain the same. When students come back to school in February, staff will have served over 1 million meals to the youth of Lincoln County and have helped keep over 150 food service and bus employees working. This was not done alone. Classified staff, volunteers, and community partners all stepped up to support this effort. We had hundreds of coolers donated in the early days and even a refrigerated trailer from Newport Bike. They saved us. Not only do we need to feed kids but while doing so, we needed to continue to follow all the local, state, and federal safety rules.

We had many local companies donate items and even monetary donations. Mo's turned thousands of gallons of clam chowder into individual serving packages ensuring that our program continued when our suppliers struggled to meet our demand. Local grocery stores donated bags and extra produce, and Lincoln County's own tooth fairy, Kelli Thompson, donated toothbrushes for each child with support of the community. Our longtime partner, Altrusa, stepped up without hesitation to support meal packaging relieving some of the pressure from our exhausted staff whom have seen very few days off during this time.

Our own Facilities and Maintenance team, run by Director Rich Belloni, has been invaluable during

these times, moving equipment from one end of the county to another and making sure we have everything we need to succeed.

When the wildfires hit in September, Meals on the Bus continued. Our First Student staff took buses as far as they could, right up to the evacuation lines and helped deliver Red Cross Meals that Sodexo staff prepared on top of the meals already going out for the kids. Lincoln County utilized all funding sources available to the fullest extent, including our Fresh Fruits and Vegetables grant that allowed for extra unique produce to be served and Farm to School grants which allow purchases from local and state vendors such as Bagel Sphere, a small bakery out of Eugene, who produced school formulated fresh bagels and breakfast sandwiches, and Rock Face Creamery who provided cheese curds.

Sodexo General Manager, Patty Graves, has already been recognized nationally, receiving the Schools Exceptional Heroes Award for her part in Meals on the Bus, and Lincoln County School District has been looked at by many school districts as a role model to follow in the state. Meals on The Bus has proven above all that the partnerships of this community will succeed in anything they set out for, no matter the roadblocks or struggles. A special thanks to the front-line team, your heart and dedication unites us all.

-Jamie Nicholson Child Nutrition Program Manager,
Lincoln County School District

ARTICLE ON THE GROUP'S WORK:

[Meals on the Bus](#) (Newport News Times, 8/27/2020)

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Online: <https://lincoln.k12.or.us/>

Bus & Meal Delivery Information: <https://lincoln.k12.or.us/resources/family/bus/>

Newport Booster Club

Category:

E. Improving Community Health & Safety

Non-Profit or Community Group



[Click here to watch the 2020 Virtual Banquet Online](https://nhs.lincoln.k12.or.us/resources/boosters/)

NOMINATED BECAUSE:

The Newport Booster Club has been active in Newport since the 1950's providing thousands of dollars to support NHS student athletes, athletics and extracurriculars. This year in response to COVID-19 economic effects, with many families being out of work and experiencing food insecurity, they raised \$58,860 in three months which the amount in entirety translated to \$50 JC Market gift cards being given to Yaquina View, Sam Case, Newport Middle, and Newport High Schools for them to identify and distribute to the most needy families to buy groceries. And most recently during the Holiday season, something they've done annually for several years, asked folks to donate to the H.E.L.P. program and collected \$12,000 to support Newport High School homeless students with gift cards to Fred Meyer to buy clothing, personal items, and groceries. All of this was done solely to support Newport's youth and their families.

ALSO NOMINATED BECAUSE:

The money and support given to families impacted by COVID-19

MORE INFORMATION FROM THE NOMINEE:

Newport Boosters support student-athletes with a fund that provides support for families with multiple students who must pay to participate in sports or for multiple sport athletes which the family cannot afford but are willing to work off part or all the fees. The Boosters have paid all or part of the "pay to play" upfront cost of about 187 fee waivers annually for

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athletes in high school and middle school sports. No student-athlete wishing to participate in sports will be prohibited because of the cost. We spearheaded the turf projects and partnered with the school district to get more kids participating in healthy activities outside (more playable field space and year-round) in organized and non-organized sports, PE classes, etc. Per the US Department of Education, the percentage of students who graduate dramatically increases when they are involved in sports. "Students who participate in extra-curricular activities are three times more likely to have a GPA of 3.0 or higher." Extracurricular activities like sports increase a student's connection to the school, raise self-esteem, and have positive social effects.

Please keep in mind that due to COVID-19 this year fund-raising activities and meetings were all done virtually. Even our Fall Banquet, which is one of our most successful fund-raisers, was done virtually and was an accomplishment that shows the talent of our members, https://youtu.be/ZwhW8_I7ANE. Other events like the Boosters Spring Auction and Booster Bash golf tournament had to be canceled. The Newport Marathon, a community event owned and operated by The Newport Boosters Club, brings attention to our area from all over the country and the world. Many local businesses and organizations benefit from their participation during the event. This also had to be canceled.

Our accomplishments would take several pages. A few are: The Newport High School Boosters provides most of the funds for Newport Middle School athletics and at our 2019 Fall Banquet, outside of our normal fundraising, our attendees raised their paddle and invested \$12,600 for 63 Chromebooks for Middle School students. Newport High, Frank Wade Baseball complex, Yaquina View Softball complex, West campus practice field, and Newport High Gym have all benefitted from Booster investment and work programs. The Sports complex at Newport Middle, with snack bar and restrooms, is the most recent and yet to be completed project.

Our primary focus is high school athletics, and we are community members, so we can pivot to address the needs of our community under some dire circumstances like we've had in 2020 and still maintain our primary focus. This award would be a wonderful acknowledgment for our members for a job well done.

2019-20 EQUIPMENT & TRAINING AIDES PURCHASED BY NHS BOOSTERS*

- \$7,986 CHEERLEADING MATS
- \$6,197 SCORING TABLE
- \$5,625 SOCCER-BENCHSHELTERS
- \$4,995 SOCCER-GOALS
- \$3,933 VOLLEYBALL-SERVING MACHINE
- \$3,879 BASEBALL-TURTLE HITTING CAGE
- \$3,595 WRESTLING-JACOB'S LADDER
- \$2,000 HUDL/CAMERA SYSTEM
- \$1,682 TRACK-JAVELINS/HURDLE CART
- \$322 SWIMMING-TIMING SOFTWARE

TOTAL \$40,214

*TEAMS OR NHS CONTRIBUTED ANOTHER 10% FOR EACH ITEM

BUY A RAFFLE TICKET. GET TAKEOUT.
WATCH VIRTUALLY OCTOBER 23 @ 6PM

Image from [Newport Boosters Facebook](#)

MORE NEWS ON THE BOOSTERS:

[Newport Booster Club to hold Virtual Banquet](#)
(Newport News Times, 10/14/2020)



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Olalla Center



Category:
**E. Improving
Community Health & Safety**
Non-Profit or Community Group

NOMINATED, THREE TIMES, BECAUSE:

The Olalla Center has worked closely with Public Health and other community organizations to help our Spanish speaking and indigenous residents have access to COVID and fire information. They participate in translation, community listening sessions, mask distribution, food distribution, relief for those in quarantine, and just generally being that community organization you can rely on to help reach the underserved. Although it's been a year of catastrophes that developed this collaboration, I'm so very glad we were able to work together. Plus - cultural fest? So cool!

Alex Llumiquinga & Dee Teem worked in partnership with the Juntos en Colaboracion

group on starting several projects. In partnership with the Lincoln City Cultural Center and OSU Extension they hosted a Cultural Fest encouraging community members to not only be physically active at home by dancing to different genres of music and learning about different cultures but also learning about starting home gardens and school community gardens. Alex has also been working with local businesses to provide fresh produce to families during the pandemic and using local resources for these to be provided in food boxes.

Alex Llumiquinga and Alex Guevara helped so many people in the Latino/Indigenous community that were, and are affected by the effects of Covid-19, completing medical applications for them due to language barriers and lack of knowledge of the system.

MORE INFORMATION FROM THE NOMINEE:

Thank you! The majority of our media this year has focused on community health related to Covid 19, mental health and wellness, vulnerable population resources, support groups, cultural connection and events, and LGBTQ+ youth and young adult supports. We haven't had a moment to focus on organizational media releases, beyond helping our community this past year.

Learn more about Olalla Center's programs at their website: <https://www.olallacenter.org/>

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2020 COMMUNITY VISION AWARD NOMINEES

Samaritan Health Systems Leadership

Category:

E. Improving Community Health & Safety

Non-Profit or Community Group

NOMINATED BECAUSE:

They have been at the forefront of the COVID epidemic response from the start last February. They have worked with the three counties Board of Commissioners and health departments to ensure a coordinated response to the pandemic. They have been instrumental in providing accurate information regarding the epidemic.

Here is but one example of the outreach and training they are doing regarding vaccines:

<https://www.samhealth.org/health-services/coronavirus-information/covid-19-vaccine>

The greater Newport area is fortunate to have Samaritan as a partner during these difficult times.

MORE INFORMATION FROM THE NOMINEE:

- 1) We received some great press in the OAHHS Hospital Voice publication concerning our COVID response in Lincoln County and with our County partners. You can read about it in the article titled "[Boosting Health and Building Community in the Face of COVID-19](#)"
- 2) You can see the Samaritan Pacific Communities and Samaritan North Lincoln Hospitals staff and new facilities (as well as some narration from Dr. Lesley Ogden) represented alongside rural health heroes from across the nation at: [Rural Voices | Rural Health Day 2020 A homage to the heroic work of rural providers on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic.](#)
- 3) I completed a podcast with the American Hospital Association concerning our experience fighting COVID-19 in our rural coastal communities: [Living and Learning through COVID-19 Podcast](#)
[Meet the Samaritan Health Services Leadership Team](#)
[Free Healthy Minds, Healthy Bodies Virtual Seminars](#)

FIND SAMARITAN HEALTH SERVICES:

Online: <https://www.samhealth.org/> Find a Doctor: 800.640.5339 [Facebook](#) [YouTube](#) [Volunteer](#)
Coronavirus Information: <https://www.samhealth.org/health-services/coronavirus-information> [Donate](#)



2020 COMMUNITY VISION AWARD NOMINEES

Siletz Community Health Clinic - Harm Reduction

Category:

E. Improving Community Health & Safety

Non-Profit or Community Group

NOMINATED BECAUSE:

The First Annual Virtual Harm Reduction Conference was an inspiring, collaborative, multi-agency effort that provided free education,

training, and harm-reduction sessions for community members and professionals. This 3-day event reached its 500 member capacity, showing the huge interest and need for its offerings. I know I wasn't the only participant who wished they could attend every session offered in all the conference tracks! I'm grateful that many of the session recordings are still available to those who registered, because I'm still catching up on all the wisdom that was shared. I applaud the efforts of everyone involved in putting on this event. I look forward to future years of these conferences, partly selfishly because I learned so much, but also for the benefit of anyone else interested who wasn't able to join this year's inaugural success (they'll know to register asap next year!). See more details in the event description here:

“Join us for our first annual Harm Reduction Conference! This virtual event is free and open to community members and professionals.

Harm reduction is a way of preventing disease and promoting health that “meets people where they are” rather than making judgments about where they should be in terms of their personal health and lifestyle. Accepting that not everyone is ready or able to stop risky or illegal behavior, harm reduction focuses on connection to community and access to services without judgment or coercion.

This 3 day conference will include concurrent sessions, workshops, panel discussions, and a film festival.

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FIND SILETZ COMMUNITY HEALTH CLINIC:

[Siletz Community Health Online](#)

Telephone 541.444.1030 or 800.648.0449

[Facebook](#)

[YouTube](#)

[Follow the Harm Reduction Conference Event Organizer on Eventbrite to be notified of 2021 Events](#)

Conference Tracks:

- Harm Reduction Services
- LGBTQIA2S+
- Recovery-Healing from Trauma
- Communicable Disease
- Trauma Informed Harm Reduction

Brought to you by CEDARR In partnership with Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, Samaritan Health Services, and Women's Foundation of Oregon”



Image from [Siletz Health Clinic Facebook](#)

Community Health

Ongoing normative services essential in light of COVID-

* Harm reduction services have increased in need as data has shown the increase of overdose during COVID. As a result, the department continues to offer services.

* CARE domestic violence and sexual assault program also has seen significant increase in need to safely shelter folks and those services have remained consistent throughout the pandemic

* Non-emergency medical transportation services are available for emergent critical health care needs

Emergency Response team by branch:

* Call out team: responsible for calling all enrolled tribal elders (approximately 1000) on a regular and ongoing basis. Initially we called every elder every day, now we call each elder monthly unless they are vulnerable in which case we call more often.

* Ground Team: These folks locate and procure those hard to access supplies, run the distribution center and pack up and deliver the requested elder needs. Offer distribution events to provide masks to the community

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MORE INFORMATION FROM THE NOMINEE:

It was a team effort throughout the response, which has consumed most of our lives and in spite of COVID we still have a commitment to the community that extends beyond simply responding, like the conference.

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- * Call in line: helps navigate and connected the general membership with available COVID resources.
- * Community connectedness project: This team is working on assembling videos of positivity (reading to kids, cooking, traditional dance, drumming...) and is really a community effort where folks videotape messaging and the team edits and posts so we can see each other and provide hope.
- * Case Investigation and contact trace: We have a team trained to do case investigation when requested by the county and a team that does the contact trace for all that test positive at the clinic.
- * Organize, schedule and run weekly vaccine clinics.

Partnerships:

In addition to these core projects, we are also collaborating with other departments to assist with large projects.

- * Care packages for all elders from community health and the elder's program, went out early in the pandemic. All elder received a care package with hand sanitizer, gloves, masks, information, snacks, puzzles, traditional/ceremonial supplies.
- * We worked with USDA in the beginning to open the service to the community and help to get food to those in need through this partnership.

- * We run pharmacy deliveries daily to tribal members to ensure they receive the medication they need. These are all new and different roles for all of us
- * We distributed phones and phone cards to ensure folks have access to information and can connect with medical provider.
- * We supply support to help people isolate when a household member test positive through a partnership with local hotels to house those in the family that have not tested positive.
- * We collaborated with other departments to find funding and contract the building of the comfort station, which will serve as a sanitation station for those without access to bathroom, shower and laundry facilities.
- * We partnered with the city and many departments to respond to the fires at the end of summer, which included building a shelter, manning the shelter, providing access to shower facilities and feeding evacuees.



Image from [Siletz Health Clinic Facebook](#)

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2020 COMMUNITY VISION AWARD NOMINEES

South Beach Disaster Cache Planning Group

Category:

E. Improving Community Health & Safety

Non-Profit or Community Group

NOMINATED BECAUSE:

This collaborative group has worked together for several years on stocking and monitoring disaster caches at Safe Haven Hill and OCCC. In 2020, their work informed the emergency cache design and stocking on the new Hatfield Marine Studies Building Rooftop Assembly Area.

([Science on Tap presentation on the Rooftop Assembly Area](#)) This group is an excellent

example of community members and stakeholders coming together and making things happen to prepare for natural disasters, and it meets regularly throughout the year to keep projects and cache improvements going, even during 2020. This collaborative group sets a positive example for other coastal neighborhoods and communities who want to prepare for natural disasters.

MORE INFORMATION FROM THE NOMINEE:

The South Beach Community Disaster Cache Planning Group is a local volunteer community committee that oversees the planning and development of two South Beach tsunami assembly areas-Save Haven Hill and one at Oregon Coast Community College. The caches at these sites are being filled with water, food, medical, sanitation and shelter supplies intended to support those that work, live and play in the South Beach community for up to two days after the event. All supplies have been donated to this community effort. The planning group is made up of representatives from state and federal agencies, Oregon State Parks, the Port of Newport, nonprofits, and businesses located in South Beach and the City of Newport and local community members.

[FEMA Mitigation Showcase Report on South Beach/Safe Haven Hill](#). See pages 6 & 10 for details on Key Partnerships and Lessons Learned from community engagement & collaboration

[Safe Haven Hill Emergency Cache Slide Presentation](#)

CONTACT SOUTH BEACH DISASTER CACHE PLANNING GROUP:

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The Salvation Army Newport Corps Lieutenants Nathan and Corrin Perry

Category:

E. Improving Community Health & Safety

Non-Profit or Community Group

NOMINATED BECAUSE:

I had the opportunity of working with Lieutenant Corrin Perry and Lieutenant Nathan Perry from the Newport Salvation Army. They both do an amazing job in making sure families have food on their table and clothes on their backs all year. During the 2020 holiday season they managed toy donations from around the County and were able to provide toy assistance for over 390 children, and provided holiday meals to 291 families. Their continued dedication and their religious beliefs are contagious.

MORE INFORMATION FROM THE NOMINEE:

The Newstimes did a wonderful article about The Salvation Army on the front page in December.

[Decoration Celebration Fundraiser Set](#) (Newport News Times, 11/19/2020)

[Salvation Army Needs Volunteers, Donations](#) (Newport News Times, 11/27/2020)

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[YouTube](#)

[Ways to Give](#)



Angel Torres

Hispanic Ministries

Pastor at Newport

First Baptist

Church &

Acompañar Partner

Category:

E. Improving Community Health & Safety

Outstanding Individual

NOMINATED BECAUSE:

(Translated from Spanish) I am nominating Angel for his effective and immediate work towards the families during the Covid-19 emergency. Angel has been a key member in supporting Latino and Indigenous families in our city with food boxes, masks and other needs. He has established connections with community members and worked collaboratively to support families in connecting to services in need. My nomination is especially because he has supported many families when they have needed someone to listen to them and Angel has unconditionally listened to them.

MORE INFORMATION FROM THE NOMINEE:

(Translated from Spanish) I would just like to clarify that we have been able to help more than seventy families on a consistent basis by functioning as a team. There are people in need and thanks to God we have had volunteers willing to serve and the support of generous donors who have made it possible to help those in need. The project is being run by Ginger Gouveia and I, with the collaboration of volunteers whose dedication is commendable.

FIND ANGEL AT NEWPORT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH HISPANIC MINISTRIES:

Online: <http://newportfbc.org/people/angeltorres>

[Ministerio en Español](#)

[Facebook](#)

[YouTube](#)



2020 COMMUNITY VISION AWARD NOMINEES

Dean Sawyer Mayor, City of Newport

Category:

E. Improving Community Health & Safety

Outstanding Individual

NOMINATED BECAUSE:

Exhibited grace and important communications under extreme pressure, throughout all the multitude of extraordinary events of 2020.

MORE ABOUT MAYOR DEAN SAWYER'S WORK IN 2020:

[Sawyer Receives Honorable Mention](#)

Mayors Leadership Award at the Oregon Mayors Association (News Times, 8/11/2020)

[City of Newport Annual Report of City Council Actions for 2020](#)

[Archive of Newport City Council Meetings](#)

CONTACT MAYOR DEAN SAWYER:

Contact Form: <https://www.newportoregon.gov/common/contacts.asp>

[Watch Newport City Council Meetings](#)



Donna McCrea Owner Newport Grocery Outlet

Category:

E. Improving Community Health & Safety

Outstanding Individual

NOMINATED BECAUSE:

I was able to meet and work with Donna during the Toys for Tots program. Her innovative actions assisted not only the children of Newport, but also the seniors. Without being asked she started a round up and was able to provide toys and food assistance to the Toys for Tots and Salvation Army toy drive. Over Thanksgiving she assisted the Marine Corps League, George C. Leber Detachment #1481 and the American Legion feed families in need, veterans and fire victims. She was not only there for the holidays, I was informed she provides the same assistance all year long.

MORE ON DONNA'S WORK:

[Facebook Post on Toys for Tots 2020](#)

[Donna sharing about Toys for Tots 2020 on Facebook Live](#)

FIND NEWPORT GROCERY OUTLET:

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Online: <https://groceryoutlet.com/circulars/storeid/315>

[Facebook](#)



Fernando Garza

Professional Medical Interpreter & Business Owner at El Pequeño Pastor Interpretes (Little Shepherd Interpreters)

Category:

E. Improving Community Health & Safety

Outstanding Individual

NOMINATED BECAUSE:

Fernando has been an integral part of Lincoln County Public Health and Emergency Management getting COVID and Fire information out in Spanish. He has helped with immediate and urgent translations, has recorded videos for public updates, and been available any time we need him for Spanish translation.

MORE INFORMATION FROM THE NOMINEE:

I've had my business in Lincoln County now going on 3+ years, I've done campaigning translations in our area and do private translations as well.

FERNANDO'S WORK IN ACTION:

[Actualización Semanal 31 de Julio , 2020](#)

[Actualización Semanal 14 de Agosto de 2020](#)

[Help is Found at the Lincoln County Call Center](#)

FIND FERNANDO GARZA'S LITTLE SHEPHERD INTERPRETERS:

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Jeff Price

Case Manager at ReConnections Counseling

Category:

E. Improving Community Health & Safety

Outstanding Individual

NOMINATED BECAUSE:

To say 2020 has been challenging to those suffering from substance abuse disorders and mental illness is an understatement. While many communities throughout the state have struggled to continue to provide services to our most vulnerable population, Jeff Price has met these challenges and exceeded every expectation. Jeff is the Case Manager at Reconnections Counseling for the Lincoln County Drug Court, Hope Court, and Mental Health and Wellness Court. His job description is for him to provide peer support to participants in these Treatment Courts and help coordinate services in our community for our participants.

He knows the importance of his work and has continued to be of service even though he has put his own health at risk. The reason Jeff is so effective at his job is not just because of the direct services he provides but because he has developed relationships with community partners to assist his clients. Jeff collaborates with agencies in our community with the goal of making our community safer. He has helped his clients reclaim their lives and become proud members of our community.

I am consistently blown away by his generosity and kindness, and he spends an abundant amount of his free time also helping our vulnerable populations that are not involved in the court system. Without a doubt he is one of the strongest advocates for the people in our community that need it the most, from the homeless population to drug and alcohol addicts. This includes him comforting upset strangers in the courthouse hallway, offering a friendly face to people outside of work hours, providing his support to people hours away from Newport that have relapsed and are scared, feeding a homeless man for weeks when the man refused to turn to others for help, and even sitting with a person seen laying on a sidewalk to talk and see if they are okay. His positive impact on our community is endless, and even after a past lay-off he chose to remain in the Lincoln County area to help provide much needed mental health and addition services.

When I spoke with many of my other Treatment Court team members about why I wanted to nominate Jeff for this award and the reason why they thought he should receive it, everyone had the same answer—that he should be nominated because “he is the best!”. I know exactly what they mean without any further explanation. He truly is just that, the best co-worker, the best advocate, the best human who has his own personal goal of making our community a healthier place.



Mollie Vance, RN

Supervisor of Lincoln County Public Health Communicable Disease Division

Category:

E. Improving Community Health & Safety

Outstanding Individual

NOMINATED BECAUSE:

Mollie Vance, RN, is one of the unsung heroes of Lincoln County Public Health Department's ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic. As supervisor of the Communicable Disease Division, it falls to Mollie and her intrepid staff to provide boots on the ground services and support to assess community members who contract COVID, to find and assist those who may have been exposed to others who have COVID, to advise those who must isolate or quarantine to stop spread of the disease, to provide services and support including housing, food, medications and other necessities as needed to victims, and to provide vital health information to impacted persons and the community at large. Long, arduous hours are the norm for Mollie and her staff, and her workload has not let up since March of 2020. Dedicated and determined, Mollie is the face of the many men and women around the county who have tirelessly worked to overcome this disease on the front lines.

MOLLIE'S WORK IN ACTION:

[Lincoln County Public Health COVID-19 Information with Mollie Vance, RN](#) (Lincoln County Oregon YouTube, 3/10/2020)

[9 Things to know about COVID-19 Transmission: Q & A with Mollie Vance, RN](#)

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Nancy Mitchell

Food Share Lincoln County Executive Director

Category:

E. Improving Community Health & Safety

Outstanding Individual

NOMINATED BECAUSE:

I am nominating Nancy Mitchell because she has been so generous with her time and assistance to help provide food to our immigrant community, especially during this time of COVID. Acompañar would not have been able to serve the Guatemalan Community without her commitment.

A FOOD SHARE STORY FROM NANCY:

Food Share Thanksgiving Story Nov 2020:

“Mary,” a disabled senior called us at Food Share to inquire about getting help with her Thanksgiving dinner. She was preparing for a 1 ½ hour visit with her son, who resides in a group home in a neighboring city. Mary explained that her caregiver purchased most everything she needed but came up short with her remaining food stamps and was unable to get any (pre-cooked) turkey or ham to complete the meal. In the process of chatting with Mary about how we may help, she let out a sigh and said, “It sure would be nice if I had one of those walkers with a seat,” as if she was daydreaming. “It would give me so much freedom and the ability to get out of the house once in a while.” She shared that due to issues with her legs, she can only stand for about 2 minutes before she has to sit down again. We knew the immediate action we could take was to purchase portions of cooked turkey from a local store deli and deliver to her in time to finish putting together the meal for her and her disabled son. Then, a light bulb went off as we recalled someone telling us recently that they had a walker to give away. We inquired, and the walker was still available! (Thank you, donor!) Today we delivered the turkey meat in time for the mother & son visit AND surprised Mary with a walker (a very nice one with all the bells and whistles). Needless to say, she was overwhelmed with joy and excitement! What a great Thanksgiving moment! Wishing you all many meaningful Thanksgiving moments!

- Nancy Mitchell

<https://www.facebook.com/foodsharelincolncounty>

FIND LINCOLN COUNTY FOOD SHARE: [How You Can Help](#)

[Get Help](#)

535 NE 1st St. Newport, OR 97365

Email: info@FoodShareLC.org

Phone: 541.265.8578

Online: <https://foodsharelc.org/> [Facebook](#)

[Service Guide in English](#)

[Guía de servicios en español](#)



Ralph Breitenstein, MD Pacific Communities Health District Board Chair

Category:

E. Improving Community Health & Safety

Outstanding Individual

NOMINATED BECAUSE:

Dr. Breitenstein serves as a member of the Pacific Communities Health District, and was part of a team that was instrumental in bringing a major hospital expansion to Newport. His work with the District is critical to the greater Newport area because it resulted in a state-of-the-art hospital to address unmet needs of the area. Dr. Breitenstein also chaired the Vision 2040 Advisory Committee and was key in obtaining a grant for hiring of a Vision Coordinator.

MORE 2020 WORK BY THE NOMINEE:

[Plans for COVID-19](#) from Lesley Ogden, MD, and Ralph Breitenstein, MD. 3/20/2020

[Testing Turnaround Times Drastically Improved](#) from Lesley Ogden, MD, and Ralph Breitenstein, MD. 4/11/2020

[Hospitals see first COVID-19 Patients](#) from Lesley Ogden, MD, and Ralph Breitenstein, MD. 6/9/2020

FIND PACIFIC COMMUNITIES HEALTH DISTRICT:

Online: <https://www.pchdistrict.org/>

Contact: <https://www.pchdistrict.org/contact/>

Support Pacific Communities Health District Foundation: <https://www.pchdistrict.org/>

Donate



2020 COMMUNITY VISION AWARD NOMINEES

Traci Goff-Flowers Executive Director of Grace Wins Haven

Category:

E. Improving Community Health & Safety

Outstanding Individual

NOMINATED BECAUSE:

Traci is the heart of Grace Wins Haven. 2020 brought the virus. Traci said we still need to feed our clients. With few volunteers, breakfast and lunch was put in a sack and handed out through the window. Covid raged on and more people came to Grace Wins Haven. Traci gave out over 200 sack meals and then figured out the best way to provide showers, laundry and other services to the community. 2020 brought the Echo Mountain Fire and many people evacuated to Newport. Traci and the crew were now feeding 700 people a day and providing dinners as well. They were also collecting and sorting items donated for people in desperate need of everything. 2020 brought no winter shelter for the homeless. Traci worked with Chance to provide hotel rooms for as many people as financially possible. Whatever 2021 brings, Traci will be there to help the homeless and low income citizens of Newport area.

ALSO NOMINATED BECAUSE:

Living angel

READ MORE ABOUT TRACI'S WORK AT GRACE WINS HAVEN:

[Grace Wins Haven 2020 Community Vision Awards Nominee Page](#)

FIND TRACI AND GRACE WINS HAVEN:

[Help](#)

437 NE 1st St. Newport, OR 97365

Phone: 541.265.1974

Online:

www.gracewinshaven.com

[Facebook](#)

[How to](#)



F. Fostering Collaboration & Engagement

ABOUT THE F. FOCUS AREA, FROM THE VISION 2040:

In 2040, the Greater Newport Area's local governments and public agencies, schools and higher educational institutions, businesses, local employers, nonprofits, community groups, faith based institutions, and residents work together as true partners in our shared future.

Governments reach out to engage and listen to residents, involve them in important plans and decisions, and collaborate for a better community in a rapidly changing world.

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Coastal Equity and Inclusion Committee (CEIC)

Category:

**F. Fostering Collaboration &
Engagement**

Government Organization

NOMINATED BECAUSE:

I am nominating the entire committee for the effective and inclusive work they have done this year to create a more equitable and inclusive environment on the Central Oregon Coast. This has included everything from hosting presentations on intersectionality and the state's bias crime reporting hotline to providing feedback to Lincoln County staff on effective messaging and outreach strategies to target Spanish and Mam speakers throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

MORE INFORMATION FROM ROSA COPPOLA, COMMITTEE CHAIR:

The Equity and Inclusion Committee is originated in the Oregon Department of Human Services and formed by ODHS employees and local Community Partners.

FOR MORE ON THE COASTAL EQUITY AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE:

Email: rosa.m.coppola@dhs.oregon.gov



LISTOS

Emergency Preparedness

Category:

F. Fostering Collaboration & Engagement

Government Organization

NOMINATED BECAUSE:

I hope Beatriz Botello is eligible for this award because she deserves it. Beatriz advocated for more inclusion of our latino and indigenous community during COVID and Fire response. She serves on city council and also works for OSU extension. She participated in all of the COVID listening sessions with our latino & indigenous community members. She is part of the CEIC and Juntos en Colaboracion and is a leader in both groups helping us move forward. The amount of progress made just in this year towards equity and inclusion of all of our latino/indigenous neighbors was in no small part because of Beatriz's efforts. For the first time ever, it feels like we're really making progress - finally! Many people were part of this, but Beatriz's leadership and connections is really making a difference.

ALSO NOMINATED BECAUSE:

Beatriz is a true inspiration who is giving of her time and energy, and always looking out for all members of our community. By putting extra effort into supporting Latinx and Mam populations through the COVID-19 crisis, Beatriz helped facilitate several tri-lingual community listening sessions that enabled so many residents to get access to information and assistance that would not have been possible otherwise.

FROM THE NOMINEE:

Beatriz Botello chose to recognize her work with LISTOS as a Government Organization instead of being recognized as an Outstanding Individual:

“I would like to select the LISTOS emergency preparedness program-volunteering group instead individually represented. This group has worked very hard to organize events in the Latino community to create awareness in the past. The group also wishes to continue, but there is not any fund available at this moment. This program is very vital for emergency preparedness readiness.”

FIND NEWPORT LISTOS:

[On Facebook](#)

[Contact the City of Newport for more information on LISTOS](#)



OSU Extension Service

Category:

**F. Fostering Collaboration &
Engagement**

Government Organization

NOMINATED BECAUSE:

OSU Extension has been an integral player during the COVID19 pandemic. Leadership from Wiley Thompson, Dusti Linnell, Beatriz Botello, Renee Johnson, Araceli Mendez, Oralia Mendez, Stephanie Russell and Victor Villegas were integral to our Latino and indigenous outreach. They created [Mam and Spanish language educational videos](#), held community zoom meetings in Spanish & Mam, and helped Olalla center with [Cultural Fest](#).

This group answered the call when we had an outbreak at a seafood plant to help us get information and support to our non-english speaking community - and they never stopped. Public Health is now calling on their help again to make sure we get vaccine information to every corner of the county. Working with this group of people and the others in Juntos in Colaboracion is the best part of my week.

FROM THE NOMINEE:

[Lincoln County Extension builds coalition to inform Latino and Indigenous communities about COVID-19](#)

FIND OSU EXTENSION:

Online: <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/>

Lincoln County Office: <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/lincoln>



2020 COMMUNITY VISION AWARD NOMINEES

Acompañar

Category:

F. Fostering Collaboration & Engagement

Non-Profit or Community Group

have raised enough funds to distribute over \$74,000, including cash and food plus items like detergent, toothpaste, soap, rice, and beans to these families.

ALSO NOMINATED BECAUSE:

Food security. Immigrant rights. Humanitarian.

Acompañar founder. International traveler to Palestine. Activist for immigrant rights in Oregon, and at the state prisons. The state prison is at Sheridan.

Also an artist! A few years at VAC, she had a photography exhibit titled “Children of the World.”

NOMINATED BECAUSE:

I'd like to nominate Ginger Gouveia for her work in collaboration with Pastor Angel Torres-Moreno of the First Baptist Church in Newport, in organizing a community-based network. Acompañar, of volunteers working with Food Share to provide bi-weekly delivery of food boxes as well as small monthly stipends to the families of immigrant workers in local restaurants, hotels, and other tourist-related local businesses who have lost their jobs due to the pandemic and have no access to government resources for help. Ginger reports that since last April they

FROM THE NOMINEE:

Ginger wants to recognize both the committed volunteers of Acompañar and the generous community support along with the Individual nomination she received.

Acompañar had its beginnings in the summer of 2019 with a volunteer effort to provide our Guatemalan asylum seekers with no-cost transport to their monthly meetings at ICE office in Eugene. Prior to that time individuals were paying more than \$200

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DONATE TO ACOMPAÑAR'S FISCAL SPONSOR: [Yachats Community Presbyterian Church](#)



2020 COMMUNITY VISION AWARD NOMINEES

HOW TO HELP:

Donations are still needed to provide help for a few more months with the hope that our tourism and fishing industries return to normal soon.

Tax-deductible donations can be made to:

Acompañar/ YCPC (Yachats Community Presbyterian Church)

PO Box 755, Waldport, OR 97394

each month for someone to drive them since they could not legally drive themselves and were required to make monthly check-ins.

Our immigrant community is essential to our tourism and fishing industry. When Covid-19 arrived it impacted their incomes and a fundraiser was established to provide these families with at least some cash and food. Because of their non-resident status they had no access to government resources. What began as assistance to nine families soon grew. Today about 70 families are served each month. When they regain employment they let us know that they no longer need help. But, some have been laid off two or three times.

With the help of [Food Share](#) a biweekly distribution of food, including ethnic foods, is provided to the families. Donations from our generous community members plus a few small grants have provided the necessary funds to continue this work during the devastating impacts from COVID-19.

With eight committed volunteers, and especially Pastor Angel Torres-Moreno of the First Baptist Church in Newport, our work continues. And there are no overhead costs. All of the collected funds go directly to the families.

DONATE TO ACOMPAÑAR'S FISCAL SPONSOR: [Yachats Community Presbyterian Church](#)



American Legion Post 116 Newport

Category:

**F. Fostering Collaboration &
Engagement**

Non-Profit or Community Group

NOMINATED BECAUSE:

Wanda Ralph James and a small group of Volunteers organized and assembled toys and treat bags for the American Legion's Kids Christmas Event. It sure put smiles on those kid's faces. What a great Community Event that Wanda and the Volunteers put on.

FIND MORE ABOUT THE NOMINEE'S WORK AND SERVICES:

On their [Facebook Page](#)

On the [American Legion Website](#)

FIND AMERICAN LEGION - POST 116 - NEWPORT, OR:

424 W Olive St. Newport, OR 97365

Phone 541.265.9017

[Facebook](#)



Juntos en Colaboración

Category:

F. Fostering Collaboration & Engagement

Non-Profit or Community Group

NOMINATED BECAUSE:

When the COVID-19 pandemic highlighted disparities in health access in Lincoln County, OSU Family and Community Health program built a collaborative team to make long-term change and support underserved communities through times of crisis as well as in daily life. This group has supported four community listening sessions that engaged more than 50 Spanish and Mam speaking community members. A Youtube channel was also developed in order to provide timely COVID-19 and wildfire information in Spanish and Mam. With the help of a graduate intern, a needs assessment was also completed. Partnerships were also developed to begin several wonderful projects like a [Cultural Fest!](#)

An interview with OSU's Public Health Insider Webcast Series Titled ["It Takes a Village: Shared Challenges and Shared Solutions"](#)

An NPR interview, [Lincoln County Reaches out to Mam Speakers as Part of Fight Against Virus](#)
[Novedades del Condado de Lincoln YouTube](#)

ALSO NOMINATED BECAUSE:

A collaborative team came together called Juntos en Colaboración to work on addressing the needs related to not only the COVID-19 pandemic/wildfires but looking at long term systems changes and overall improvements of services for Latino/x and Indigenous communities in Lincoln County.

This collaborative group has hosted [community listening sessions and have leadership panelists like the health department director, or the Samaritan Health director](#). Community members of the Latino/x and Indigenous communities can ask questions to the panelists about concerns or needs they have. They also have interpreters to help during those meetings. This has led to some immediate changes.

This group developed a [youtube channel](#) where they got community members to help with the making of videos related to COVID-19. Something like learning how to properly wear a face mask was needed to help inform the community how to stay safe. This was a huge need for the Latino/x and Indigenous communities.

They also worked together to put together a [virtual cultural fest](#). While these efforts were led by the Olalla Center, the group helped with anything they could, such as participating in the videos, translations, or monitoring chats during the live feed.

[It Takes a Village Article & Presentation. Synergies. Oregon State University](#)

The team includes community members and organizations including Lincoln County Health and Human Services, Olalla Center, and OSU Extension.



Legal Aid Services Lincoln County Office

Category:

**F. Fostering Collaboration &
Engagement**

Non-Profit or Community Group

NOMINATED BECAUSE:

The City of Newport created a Homelessness Task Force to develop solutions for dealing with the homelessness issue in Newport. One of the solutions was to create a standing non-government group consisting of social agencies, law enforcement, interfaith community, and other interested groups to coordinate the response to homelessness in the Greater Newport Area. This group could be a non-governmental group that would have representation from local government serving on it, as opposed to a standing government committee. This provides greater flexibility and freedom to the group to meet its mandate. Furthermore, an organization would need to be identified to provide the organizational support to convene the body from time to time.

Blair Bobier of Legal Aid Services, Lincoln County Office, stepped up to organize a group to discuss homelessness issues. The advent of COVID-19 caused the meetings to cease temporarily, but the expectation is that as soon as the players have less on their plates, this group will be back up and running to address this critically important issue.

NEWS FROM THE NOMINEE:

[New rules on rental evictions - Read closely, there is good news for those who are struggling](#) by Blair Bobier (News Lincoln County, 12/29/2020)

FIND LINCOLN COUNTY LEGAL AID SERVICES:

304 SW Coast Hwy. Newport, OR 97365

Phone 541.265.5305 or 800.222.3884

[Get Involved](#)



2020 COMMUNITY VISION AWARD NOMINEES

Ashley Bixler Proprietress of Childish Tendencies & Wind Drift Gallery

Category:

**F. Fostering Collaboration &
Engagement**

Outstanding Individual

NOMINATED BECAUSE:

Ashley Bixler, the proprietress of Childish Tendencies and Windrift Gallery, is a woman who is so humble that she might slide by unnoticed. Her generosity and kindness are unmatched, however, and deserve recognition.

Ashley donates large percentages of her store's income to various charities throughout the community. She makes Christmas gifts available at half off for community members to buy for Samaritan House residents, giving a fifteen percent off of other purchases to add incentive. In addition, Ashley provides the softest blankets and pajamas at cost for hospitalized children, sending care packages far and wide with no intention other than comfort. She donates to mothers in need across the country, and is an incredible moderator of social media mom groups.

As if this weren't noteworthy enough, Ashley provides the invaluable resource of calm, non-judgmental advice in person and as an online business presence. Her patience and kindness are unparalleled, and our community is so lucky to have her.

FIND CHILDISH TENDENCIES & WINDRIFT GALLERY:

412 + 414 SW Bay Blvd. Newport, OR 97365

Childish Tendencies Phone: 541.265.4491

Online: <https://childishtendencies.com/>

Wind Drift Phone: 541.265.7454

[Facebook](#)

Beck Johnson Bravery Center Director & Vice-Chair of Central Oregon Coast PFLAG

Category:

**F. Fostering Collaboration &
Engagement**

Outstanding Individual



NOMINATED BECAUSE:

Beck has stepped up to lead several initiatives on equity and inclusion. They are currently heading the LGBTQI2S+ Subcommittee of the Coastal Equity and Inclusion Committee, they serve as the Vice-Chair of the Central Oregon Coast Chapter of PFLAG, and they also coordinate multiple support groups for the LGBTQI2S+ community. While their work is on behalf of the entire community, the greater Newport Area certainly benefits from their work. They work tirelessly not only to serve those who are LGBTQI2S+, but also work to keep each of those agencies serving LGBTQI2S+ folks organized and coordinated.

FIND MORE ABOUT THE PROGRAMS BECK IS WORKING WITH:

[Bravery Center Website](#),
An Olalla Center Program

[Bravery Center Facebook](#)

[Bravery Center Instagram](#)

[Oregon Central Coast PFLAG Website](#)

[Oregon Central Coast PFLAG Facebook](#)

FIND THE BRAVERY CENTER & OREGON CENTRAL COAST PFLAG:

Bravery Center Website: <https://www.olallacenter.org/bravery-center> [Bravery Center Facebook](#) [Donate](#)
Oregon Central Coast PFLAG Website: occpflag.org [OCC PFLAG Facebook](#) [Donate to OCC PFLAG](#)



Bryn McCornack

60+ Center and Community Volunteer

Category:

**F. Fostering Collaboration &
Engagement**

Outstanding Individual

NOMINATED BECAUSE:

Bryn is an outstanding volunteer. She has been working on a variety of elements that Foster Collaboration and Engagement, Enhance a livable Region and Improve Community Health. Bryn has served on the 2040 transportation Committee, the 60+ Advisory Board and Friends of the Newport Senior Center. She has attended non profit capacity building seminars through Lincoln County, Strategic Fundraising in Rural Communities sponsored by Columbia Bank, attend the Oregon Community Foundation grant writing workshop and attends regular CHIP meetings.

A comprehensive survey that she was instrumental in developing and implementing demonstrated that there was a need for specific transportation for seniors. Transportation is a barrier for seniors to attend many activities at the 60+ Activity Center. She has written several grants to aid transportation for seniors.

FIND NEWPORT 60+ ACTIVITY CENTER:

Phone: 541.265.9617

[Facebook](#)

[YouTube](#)

20 SE Second St. Newport, OR 97365

Online: <https://www.newportoregon.gov/dept/par/sc/>



2020 COMMUNITY VISION AWARD NOMINEES

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She was involved with the National Rural learning collaborative sponsored through the National Recreation and Parks Association.

- Fort Payne Parks and Recreation, AL
- Lake County Recreation, CO
- Newport 60+ Activity Center, OR
- Northern Leigh Recreation Authority, PA
- Bainbridge Island Metro Parks and Recreation District, WA

These agencies all shared ideas to improve their communities through an:

Assessment Review

SWOT Analysis

Asset Mapping

SMART Goals

Action Plan

Her most recent volunteer efforts are with National Recreation and Parks Association and Samaritan RHEHub to

test a Community Health Integrated Demonstration Project. This project aims to expand evidenced-based programs specifically Walk With Ease (WWE) and to establish and streamline the referral processes between Community based organizations and Health Care. She co-presented this work with Samaritan RHEHub at the National Recreation and Parks annual conference in Baltimore. Bryn currently co-facilitates the virtual Walk With Ease program. She has created a video overview of the program and 18 virtual sessions that can be used in other partnering Park and Recreation Agencies.

Although Bryn is relatively new to our area she is fully integrated and an asset to our community and its vision. I am so fortunate to be working with her. I would like to commend the hard work, professionalism, enthusiasm, and passion she brings to the table.

SEE BRYN'S VOLUNTEER WORK IN ACTION:

[Walk With Ease Virtual Class on YouTube](#)

FIND NEWPORT 60+ ACTIVITY CENTER:

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[YouTube](#)

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Bulldog & Jeanette Sump

Part of the Lincoln County Toys for Tots Coordinating Team

Category:

F. Fostering Collaboration & Engagement

Outstanding Individual or Duo

NOMINATED BECAUSE:

Bulldog and his wife Jeanette outdid themselves in the 2020 Toys for Tots in Lincoln County. Bulldog showed his passion for what he does thru everything from a simple phone call to check up on us and our Toys for Tots drive to just dropping by to say hello. He truly was the voice behind Toys for Tots and making sure that there was not a child without a toy for Christmas. We asked him to go live on Facebook with us to talk about the Toys for Tots and he brought along 2 other United States Marine Corps. One could not say enough NICE things about Bulldog. THANK YOU

BULLDOG AND TEAM EFFORT ON TOYS FOR TOTS ANNOUNCEMENT:

[Bulldog and his fellow United States Marine Corps. sharing about Toys for Tots 2020 with Donna McCrea on Facebook Live](#)

FIND TOYS FOR TOTS:

Online: [Marine Toys for Tots](#)



Cathey Briggs Community Volunteer

Category:

F. Fostering Collaboration & Engagement

Outstanding Individual

NOMINATED BECAUSE:

Cathey has spent many hours walking the sidewalks and streets of Newport collecting litter. The Summer of 2020 was especially difficult because we had an influx of visitors, but many food establishments only offered take-away. People brought beach toys, picnics, beverage bottles and face masks that ended up littering our streets and green spaces. Cathey collected bags and bags of trash in an effort to keep Newport looking clean and cared for.



Debra Jones

Board President of Centro de Ayuda

Category:

F. Fostering Collaboration & Engagement

Outstanding Individual

NOMINATED BECAUSE:

Ms. Jones has been working in Lincoln County for over 25 years, has created programs for the Youth, child care, Underserved population, and still continues to advocate for the needs of others. Ms. Jones is also a member of numerous boards around Lincoln County as well as being President of Centro de Ayuda. Her devotion to this county is indeed admirable, her passion to help those who cannot help themselves is something to recognize.

MORE INFORMATION FROM THE NOMINEE:

Ms. Jones has been instrumental in establishing strong collaborative and collective impact relationships between organizations and individuals. She celebrates the accomplishments of the Youth Development Coalition of Lincoln County, Centro de Ayuda, Innovative Concepts for Families of Lincoln County and Oceanspray Family Centers work with multiple partners over the years. Debra has partnered with organizations resulting in building capacity of partners to serve more, provide more comprehensive services, and seek innovative approaches to collaboration.

Collaboration, in its finest form, builds capacity together that is honest and accountable to one another. Collaboration is often referred to as being authentically engaged as in a blended marriage with children; a challenge that requires trust, alignment of values and methods, and mutual respect and constant dialog. Debra has had training as part of The Ford Family Foundation Community Ambassadors program. She was Oregon's Afterschool Alliance National Ambassador. She's enhanced others' understanding of collaboration as partners address tough initiatives consistently - keeping the focus on mutual client needs and services required to create change.

FIND CENTRO DE AYUDA:



Nancy Steinberg

Newport Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Chair

Category:

**F. Fostering Collaboration &
Engagement**

Outstanding Individual

NOMINATED BECAUSE:

Nancy has been chair of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee for the City for many years. When George Floyd was murdered last May, Nancy brought the conversation about the importance of committing to anti-racism to her committee and stressed the necessity for some statement of action and commitment. That statement was drafted by Nancy, went to the City Council and was then approved as a City-wide resolution for equity, diversity, and inclusion. What sets it apart is that there are many EDI statements circulating out there in different cities – it would have been very easy to just copy/paste language but Nancy didn't do that. The statement and framework for action has Newport's heart centered in what was created. Her work on the statement is commendable and aspirational. The City of Newport can do better with respect to equity and inclusion. I hope she receives this well-deserved acclaim.

FIND MORE ABOUT THE PARKS & REC ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S WORK:

Online Archives and Upcoming Meetings: <https://www.newportoregon.gov/citygov/comm/par.asp>



2020 COMMUNITY VISION AWARD NOMINEES

Patrick McGovern

Volunteer Head of Lincoln Community Dispute Resolution

Category:

F. Fostering Collaboration & Engagement

Outstanding Individual

NOMINATED BECAUSE:

Patrick McGovern, currently the volunteer head of Lincoln Community Dispute Resolution, has, for many years, supported and participated in community mediation. He helped create/start Lincoln Community Dispute Resolution, the local community mediation organization. He has

organized & been a co-trainer of volunteer mediators for over ten years--a 32 hour training program necessary to qualify those who complete the training as community mediators. He worked with the state judges in Lincoln county (Lincoln county courts) to involve local mediators in mediating FEDs and small claims courts, providing the parties with a way to settle their dispute with the assistance of a mediator in ways that a judge can't provide.

LCDR has mediated workplace conflicts, family conflicts, et al, and facilitated decision processes for HOA and condo associations/boards for many years, in addition to offering short classes (1-2 hours) in basic conflict mediation skills. Members of LCDR have participated in a restorative justice program for minors while that program was funded. In the past, LCDR provided support for training of school children as playground mediators (during school hours), providing volunteer mediators to coach and/or support the child mediators. LCDR did and does all of that for free. There is minimal funding support for county community dispute resolution. While volunteer mediators have come and gone, Patrick McGovern has remained & when needed assuming leadership of the organization. He believes that peaceful resolution of conflicts is possible and he walks his talk to make his belief reality both in Newport and all of Lincoln county.

FIND LINCOLN COMMUNITY DISPUTE RESOLUTION:

324 N. Coast Hwy. Unit 3 Newport, OR 97365

Phone: 541.574.9846

[Facebook](#)



2020 COMMUNITY VISION AWARD NOMINEES

Peggy O'Callaghan Newport 60+ Activity Center Supervisor

Category:

F. Fostering Collaboration & Engagement

Outstanding Individual

NOMINATED BECAUSE:

Peggy received a call-in nomination for her outstanding, caring leadership of the City of Newport's 60+ Center. Her programming is incredible, and she is "very vivacious, active, and involved" in her work with the 60+ community. In 2020 Peggy did amazing work and creative problem solving to find COVID protocol alternatives for their

regular, in-person programming. For one example, online classes, such as cooking and exercise classes are available on the 60+ Center's [Facebook](#), [YouTube Channel](#), and on [Newport Parks & Recreation YouTube Channel](#).

MORE INFORMATION FROM THE NOMINEE:

I do enjoy working for the 60+ community in bringing about positive changes. So many people are willing to try new things. That's how I have gotten so many volunteers in this community. Our talent pool in Newport is outstanding and retirees have excellent skill sets. They are willing to learn new ways to give back to their community. They may have retired from an accounting position but (with encouragement) become fitness instructors for the center. I encourage beginners (in whatever venue) to train with current volunteers to increase confidence in their new venue . Connecting retirees is rewarding, challenging and fun and it helps strengthen our center by increasing new offerings and opportunities. It also aligns with our shared vision and mission as well as the 2040 vision.

The latest push for me has been working with National Recreation and Parks Association and Samaritan RHEHub to

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increase health equity by partnering to establish an electronic referral system between health care and community based organizations, such as senior centers.

Basically your health care provider will then be able to recommend programs that the 60+ offers to their clients. Yahoo! Our first Tri - County effort will start virtually this week.

**OTHER COMMUNITY-SUPPORTING
60+ ACTIVITY CENTER ACTIONS IN
2020:**

Hosted 4- 5 virtual chat sessions to help stay connected in the early days of COVID.

a. Continuation of the Meals on Wheels Program (MOW)

b. Created a Friendship brigade (to keep people in touch via phone)

c. Temporary Food Pantry for clients and MOW persons

d. Basic needs purchased and donated for the Friends of the Newport 60+ Center for clients and MOW persons

2020 COMMUNITY VISION AWARD NOMINEES

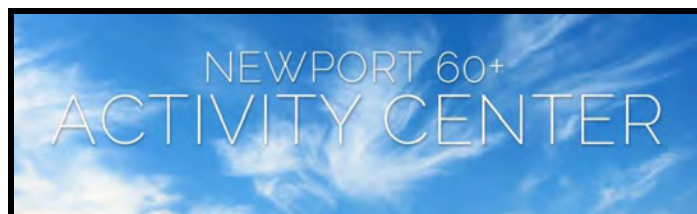
e. Virtual lessons on how to use Zoom to connect family and friends

f. Virtual presentations that included Cooking shows, Making Plans, Photography, Camp Adair, Fall Prevention, Basic Estate Planning, The Conflict Cycle, Before the End of Life; Nuts and Bolts, how to use the online library and How to Cope during COVID.

g. Virtual Exercise programs on the website and recorded on YouTube.

h. Conducted Zoom evidenced-based programs - Walk with Ease and How to Prevent Type 2 Diabetes.

The 60+ Center was used during the Echo Mountain Fire Complex Incident as the food prep site for the evacuees being housed the Newport Recreation Center. The facility's kitchen and dining area was utilized September 9-12, 2020. Food services out of the facility ended once all of the evacuees were relocated to alternative housing in Lincoln City.



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