

 SERENITY LANE

*Twelfth Annual*  
**Community Service Awards**

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## A Word from the President & CEO

Welcome to the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Service Awards.

The contributions to society by people working in this field cannot be overstated. The generational effects of Substance Use Disorder alter the futures of individuals, families and communities. The work of those being honored today helps to transform the lives of people who suffer, improving the wellbeing of the generations of children who follow them.

Serenity Lane is like so many organizations of its kind across Oregon and the nation – founded decades ago by selfless and motivated people with hope for the alcoholic. Today, these facilities enjoy the abilities of people like our founders who, through compassion and skill, help to save the lives of people seeking recovery from Substance Use Disorder.

Today we recognize the work of eight professionals and the heroic efforts of 12 Unsung Heroes. In addition, this year we honor six regional winners. They all represent the important work being one by so many from across our state. Their career achievements and contributions are making a difference in the lives of those they serve. We congratulate and thank them.

We are grateful for the partnerships in our work and for the contributions of the Community Service Awards Selection Committee, nominees, sponsors and volunteers.

Thank you for joining us as a community grateful for the tireless and devoted service of incredible people in our field.

Pete Kerns



# Welcome

## **Emcee**

*Mary Reily*

## **Opening Remarks**

*Pete Kerns, President and CEO*

*Kevin Graves, Interventionist, There Is Hope Interventions*

## **Community Service Awards**

### **Addiction Professional Award**

*Presented by Michelle Massingale, Looking Glass*

### **Mental Health Professional Award**

*Presented by Ben Molin, Looking Glass*

### **Emergency Services Professional Award**

*Presented by Pete Kerns, Serenity Lane*

## **A Word from our Presenting Sponsor**

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*Dave Bakke, CEO/President*

## **Regional Awards**

*Presented by Mike Jorgensen, USI*

### **Healthcare Professional Award**

*Presented by Andrew B. Mendenhall MD, DABFM, DABPM, FASAM,  
Central City Concern*

### **Community Light Award**

*Presented by David Saez, Centro Latino Americano*

### **Community Youth Leadership Award**

*Presented by Mike Dyer*

### **Community Leadership Award**

*Presented by Kasey Tegner*

### **Dwight Lee Spiritual Advisor Award**

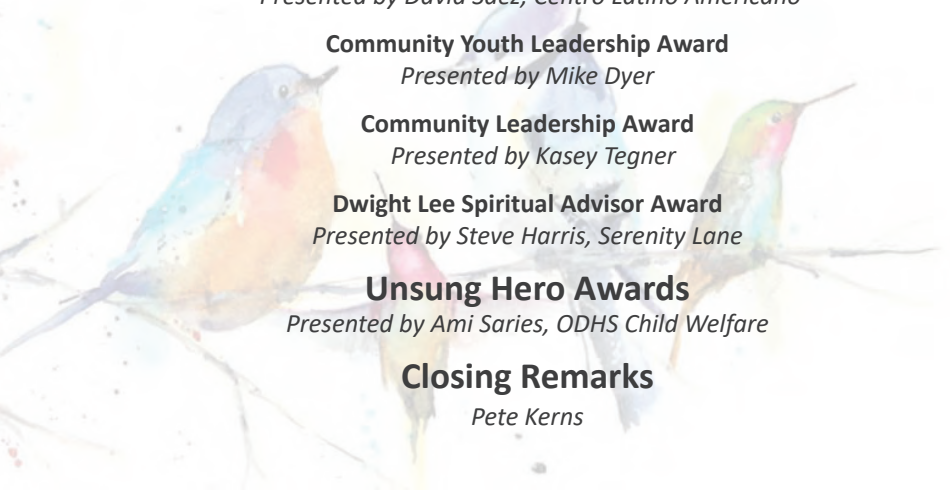
*Presented by Steve Harris, Serenity Lane*

## **Unsung Hero Awards**

*Presented by Ami Saries, ODHS Child Welfare*

## **Closing Remarks**

*Pete Kerns*



# 2022 COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

**Addiction Professional Award**

Angie Lukens

**Mental Health Professional Award**

Suanne Boyd

**Emergency Services Professional Award**

Bob McCurley

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## COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

### *Addiction Professional Award*



#### **Angie Lukens, CADC** **Looking Glass, Eugene**

Angie Lukens first showed a curiosity about the allure of drugs in middle school when she wrote a report about cocaine. She carried this interest with her to college, pursuing a degree in criminal justice. One day, she found herself sitting in on a class for a counselor training program and was hooked. She interned at Looking Glass and, once completing her degree, was hired there. She has been with the organization now for twenty years.

During her time at Looking Glass, Angie has worked with adolescents in the schools, in an outpatient setting and now mainly works in the residential setting with kids who are in the system struggling with both mental health diagnoses and substance use disorders. When asked what she enjoys about her work, Angie, a self-proclaimed introvert, says interestingly enough, the social aspect. Interacting with the kids, she loves planting seeds and seeing even the small changes. And it is not always directly clinical. Sometimes the simple act of getting them to understand the importance of wearing sunscreen or learning how to write cursive gives them just enough of a boost to remind them that they are capable of learning new and positive ways to be in the world.

She doesn't downplay the other simple piece of her work which is just being an adult that shows up consistently for them. When asked what Angie wishes people knew about the kids she works with she talks about how strong and talented they are. How, despite every disadvantage they have been dealt, their light still shines. She wishes they had more access to engage in things like sports and after-school activities. Ways to allow them to explore their talents and see the potential in themselves for being a part of a new and positive story.

Angie is an accomplished martial arts practitioner. She has a black belt in taekwondo. In her spare time, she is also a football fan, enjoying both Ducks and NFL, and enjoys spending time with her dog, Roxie. Her job is hard work, so when asked how she gets through the bad days, Angie credits a good workout and a reminder that there are more good days than bad in what she does.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

### *Mental Health Professional Award*



#### **Suanne Boyd, QMHA-R** **Looking Glass, Eugene**

Among a few of her favorite things, Suanne Boyd lists “celebrating my people”. And as she tells her story, you wonder how there is ever enough time for such a thing. Her people are her many friends, her coworkers, her family, her own children and one grandchild. But they are also all of the children she has helped while working as Program Manager at Looking Glass’s residential program for system-involved youth who are battling Substance Use Disorder and/or mental illness. Celebrating the inherent goodness she knows lives inside them and the smile that shines through the kids who came into her care with the hardest shells.

Her journey in this work began with studies in criminal justice. Suanne, who had a tough time in her younger years, knew she wanted to make a difference in a system that often felt too punitive to be effective. Seven years ago, after finishing school, she applied on a whim to Looking Glass and was hired for an entry level position— on call for a homeless youth program. Now, she is managing the residential program. In normal times she can serve up to twenty kids, but for now, it hovers around nine, a byproduct of the pandemic.

During those seven years, Suanne was also raising her own children and using both experiences to reflect on parenting, environment and how to be the best mom she could be to all, whether as an actual parent or as a stand-in for teens who had never had a mom in their life. When asked what she wishes others knew about the kids she works with, she says that “they are so much more than they are on paper.” She believes that they deserve more than what they have been given. Their needs can’t be fixed with money, all they really need is compassion, empathy, patience, kindness and love. And most of all, a chance.

On the hard days, she calls friends who do the same work. She says, it is the smiles and celebrations that keep her going. In her spare time, she also enjoys getting outside and going out to eat. Her joy is infectious, because, according to Suanne, she loves everything about what she does.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

### *Emergency Services Professional Award*



#### **Bob McCurley**

#### **Medford Police Department**

Officer Bob McCurley always knew he wanted to be of service. As a young man, he joined the Marines out of high school. That was followed by a stint as an officer with the Army National Guard, during which he joined the Medford Police Department. Today, he is on the livability team, working directly with the houseless population living in the area's greenway as well as in the local shelters and public camping areas.

Many of the people he works with on a daily basis are active in their addictions. A big part of his job is escorting service providers into the area with the hopes of connecting residents with the help they need in order to have the potential to change their lives. While Bob knows one of the things that would help these folks the most is access to low barrier treatment, often what they need first is one of their basic human needs met—food, shelter and safety. But most of all, they need hope.

Bob understands how they feel. A few years back, following a series of unfortunate events in his own life, he came to the realization he too had become hopeless. Luckily he was in a position to receive help and today, his service is driven by another force—his own recovery. Bob is now certified as a peer support specialist and is on his way to receive further certifications to provide drug and alcohol and mental health counseling and support.

It is not easy work. Bob knows that on many days, his main objective is simply building trust with the population he works with. In his own recovery work, his network of helpers has grown, allowing him to take stories of hope out into the community. Things are improving and more people are getting connected to the help they need.

Bob credits his ability to show up in this way to those who have stood by him and challenged him in his own recovery—his wife and his sponsor. He knows the importance of self-care and prioritizes time for the things that fill his cup, cooking, riding his Harley and enjoying the great outdoors.

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# 2022 COMMUNITY SERVICE REGIONAL AWARDS

## **Albany**

Jon Clifford Phelps  
2nd C.H.A.N.C.E Shelter

## **Bend**

Dawn Holland  
D.A.W.N.S. House

## **Eugene**

Gayle Frunz, Lead Psychiatric RN  
University of Oregon Health Center

## **Portland**

Hooper Detox Team  
Central City Concern

## **Roseburg**

Mandy Rigsby BA; CCM; NCAC II; CADC II; CGAC I; IMH-E  
Umpqua Health Alliance

## **Salem**

Bruce Zufelt  
Kaiser Permanente

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## COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

### *Regional Awards*



**Albany**  
**Jon Clifford Phelps**  
2nd C.H.A.N.C.E.

Jon is the Shelter and Outreach Director with 2nd C.H.A.N.C.E Shelter in Albany and the co-owner of God Gear Sober Living. He says he would like to see more treatment centers, housing and mental health resources for the community. His co-workers consider him a hero.

*- Nominated by James Woods*  
Program Manager, Serenity Lane, Albany



**Bend**  
**Dawn Holland**  
D.A.W.N.S. House

Dawn has provided sober living for countless women in Central Oregon since 2015. She has personally impacted many women with her support and advocacy. She is a dedicated member of the community and deserves to be recognized.

*- Nominated by Glenn Deveney*  
Program Manager, Serenity Lane, Bend

## COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

### Regional Awards



**Eugene  
Gayle Frunz, Lead Psychiatric RN**  
University of Oregon Health Center

*“Student Behavioral Health offers me a wonderful opportunity to work with young adults who are transitioning to ‘adulthood’. Many of these students have never sought care for their mental health until leaving home and coming to the university. These students utilize not only campus resources but also those in our community which has helped me to foster a network of various individuals and agencies all working together for a common goal. It is through this coordination of care, that it is such a rewarding experience to see a student reach their goals and graduate; knowing that by helping them through their challenging times, they were able to succeed.”*

- Nominated by Frank Houser  
Outreach Manager, Serenity Lane



**Portland  
Hooper Detox Team**  
Central City Concern

Hooper Detox serves thousands of Portland residents annually, giving them a safe place to detox and stabilize. They save lives all day, every day.

- Nominated by Steve Harris  
Outreach Manager, Serenity Lane, Portland

## COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

### Regional Awards



**Roseburg**  
**Mandy Rigsby BA; CCM; NCAC II;**  
**CADC II; CGAC I; IMH-E**  
Umpqua Health Alliance Behavioral  
Health Care Coordinator

*“Working as the SUD specialist for UHA has let me give true insight to those making decisions around funding to support programs to allow access for members seeking services. As a provider I heard first-hand from members what key areas they struggle most with. This information has led to positive changes for UHA members in Douglas County. Knowing that I’ve been able to make a difference in people’s lives struggling with the chronic disease of SUD is very fulfilling. I wish more people could see the positive changes I’ve seen in people getting their lives back on track and families reunited due to community agencies working so hard to give good treatment services.”*

- Nominated by Tony Haynes  
Program Manager, Serenity Lane, Roseburg



**Salem**  
**Bruce Zufelt, LCSW, CADCII**  
Kaiser Permanente

Bruce understands the tight windows of willingness when working with substance use disorder patients and, as such, is extremely responsive when working to get Kaiser patients into the care they need. His warm and friendly affect makes working with even challenging cases easier.

- Nominated by James Woods  
Program Manager, Serenity Lane, Albany



# 2022 COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS



**Healthcare Professional Award**

Bryan Schwartz MD, FASAM

**Community Light Award**

Basilio Sandoval, CADC II, CGAC-I, PSS

**Community Youth Leadership Award**

Sharon Dursi Martin

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## COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

### *Healthcare Professional Award*



### **Bryan Schwartz MD, FASAM** **Recovery Works Northwest, Portland**

Dr. Bryan Schwartz didn't always want to be a doctor. But as an undergraduate computer science major, he found himself in a brain and behavior class and became hooked on the subject matter. Practicing medicine ran in the family – his father was an emergency room physician. Bryan decided to switch gears and became a traveling hospitalist after specializing in internal medicine.

In 2015, he began to feel the need to put down some roots and focus his efforts. At the same time, his father, Dr. Benjamin Schwartz, was running urgent care clinics in the Portland area and pondering a new idea. A conversation with Andy Mendenhall had led the senior Dr. Schwartz to an interest and understanding of the importance of MAT, Medically Assisted Treatment – so much so that he was considering opening clinics specializing in the practice.

The pull of returning to his initial interest in behavioral health was strong and he and his wife relocated to Portland. In the Spring of 2015, they opened Recovery Works Northwest as an outpatient office seeing 80-90 patients and quickly growing to well over 1000, mostly through word-of-mouth for private pay and commercial insurance patients. But there was a real need with the Medicaid payer population. While there has been a lot of back-and-forth with the funding, Recovery Works Northwest has been able to grow their services to help support this population with not only MAT treatment and services, but also individual and group counseling and peer support specialists. They will soon be opening a detox center.

When asked about what he enjoys about his work, Dr. Schwartz reconnects with his original interest in the brain science. He particularly enjoys helping younger people get their lives back and has been taken from the beginning by the efficacy of the treatment, seeing a rapid rise out of hopelessness for many. Often, he is the first doctor they have been able to trust – a bridge back into the healthcare system. He wishes people knew how many patients truly want to get better even when they are using.

In his spare time, Dr. Schwartz is a Blazers fan that loves spending time with his five-year-old daughter. He also likes getting outside to golf and ski.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

### *Community Light Award*



### **Basilio Sandoval, CADC II, CGAC-I, PSS** **Centro Latino Americano, Eugene**

The joy on Basilio Sandoval's face is infectious when he talks about the new culturally-specific behavioral health center Centro Latino Americano will be able to build as a result of new statewide funding. Joy and relief. Basilio joined the team at Centro Latino in 1997—when there was still dial up internet, he says with a sparkle—answering an entry level job posting while he was going to school at LCC with the desire to become a counselor. A few years into his work, the director offered to pay the cost for him to complete his education. So he has seen a lot of changes over the years, but this one is big.

Basilio is now a CADCII, CAGCI and a PSS and Program Manager of the treatment program at Centro Latino Americano. The program consists of both certified substance use disorder counselors and recovery mentors—the latter working with clients one-on-one to navigate the community services to get them what they need. Community is a word he uses a lot. It is fundamental to the program he manages—making sure the group of clients spends time doing enjoyable things together. And it is part of what drives him. When asked if there was anything he wanted to be sure people knew about him he said unequivocally: “This is my community and I want the best for this community.”

The other driver is a desire to connect. Basilio remembers coming to Oregon from Puerta Vallarta, Mexico as a teen and the culture shock that awaited him. He knows how scary it can be and wants to use that understanding to offer hope and connection. He watches families barely making ends meet and their children having to fend for themselves as both mom and dad are working almost constantly. He wishes there were more places where people who were struggling could go and find supports in a space that feels culturally familiar.

In his spare time, Basilio likes to spend time with his wife and family, including two kids and five grandkids, and other friends and loved ones. He enjoys home improvement projects and creating a sanctuary garden in his own home to enjoy with his wife.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

### *Community Youth Leadership Award*



#### **Sharon Dursi Martin**

**Harmony Academy, Portland**

Sharon Dursi Martin's career path is proof of her commitment. When she speaks about education and youth, it is clear that she is in a field that ignites passion.

A native of Connecticut, Sharon moved to Oregon in her 20s. Her early success as a classroom teacher in Eugene led to an Equity Fellowship award to study educational leadership at the University of Oregon and then earning an Oregon Administrator's license. She served as principal of Ridgeline Montessori Charter School in Eugene, 2014-2019 and in 2018, was appointed to the Board of Directors of Lane Education Services District. These experiences gave her the tools and encouragement to help her become an agent of change.

Motivated by her own familiarity of feeling alienated in high school, Sharon has worked hard to help youth find community in her classrooms and in the halls of her schools. She had no idea that recovery schools even existed but when she learned about one opening in Portland, she felt called to apply for an administrative position. In 2019, she became the first principal of the newly founded Harmony Academy, the only recovery high school in Oregon and one of 45 in the U.S. Being involved at the ground level of starting up a school was a huge life change for Sharon, but the mission remains particularly personal. In recovery herself, Sharon has empathy for youth who experience addiction.

Sharon coordinates instructional and recovery staff to design a program that matches behavioral health needs with educational needs. Students attend recovery meetings and coaching sessions, participate in fun activities and receive academic instruction. Staff collaborate to create a safe environment where students can talk about what is happening daily while surrounded by adults who help, support and encourage them.

Sharon's primary goals are to provide students with a loving community and give them tools to live differently. She enjoys that every-day feeling students experience when they realize they can do something different; that they do not have to fall into the same old trajectory.

Receiving the Community Youth Leadership Award is humbling for Sharon who sees her work simply as showing up every day and giving her best. Sometimes showing up makes all the difference.



## COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

### *Community Leadership Award*



#### **Butch Weikel**

#### **Community Volunteer, Albany**

To hear Butch Weikel talk about his early years is like listening to a cat tell the tale of its nine lives. From childhood dares gone wrong to car accidents, Butch is a survivor. He has had more jobs than he's had lives. The word manager comes up a lot: restaurant, construction, grocery, cleaning. So it is no small wonder, that when Butch started a life of recovery eight years ago, he also started showing people the way.

He describes how, when in treatment, he added up all the little bits of percentages that gave him an added shot at long-term recovery: four percent greater chance if he drank enough water every day, 10 percent chance if he went to a meeting after treatment. He said yes to every suggestion.

Today, all of those yesses have added up to a full schedule of recovery work. Beyond running his own business, Butch is active with work in AA, NA, Celebrate Recovery, his church, and sponsoring and mentoring folks in various treatment centers. He has been central to the very successful Recovery in the Park event held annually in Albany.

Service is an important part of his recovery but it is more than that. Butch is fueled by watching the folks he works with get their lives back: financial independence, a relationship with their kids, a rebuilt marriage, a new career. The work really pays off when he watches the same people grow into leaders themselves, driven by the idea of wanting to be someone others want to follow.

Legally blind, so much has often felt out of reach for Butch, but today technology is lighting the way for him to consider school and a certification in recovery counseling. He also talks about a program that focuses on helping people find the next right step, so they can follow a path of hope in their lives.

Butch enjoys camping and watching races. He likes to celebrate his life today with his wife of decades, his four successful children and five grandchildren. The youngest is just one year old, and like so many others, just had his grandpa help him find his footing, and stand up on his own for the first time.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

### *Dwight Lee Spiritual Advisor Award*



#### **Philip H. Oliver**

**Hazelden Betty Ford, Newberg**

One of the barriers for many people entering recovery is engagement in a spiritual life. For those of us who tend to deify knowledge and intelligence, the path can add some extra challenges, as it can for anyone who has had poor experiences in a religious tradition.

Philip Oliver has been a student of spirituality his entire life, having attained a Doctorate in Ministry and a Masters in Divinity. He has a keen interest in how spirituality applies to human behavior and psychology. In a single conversation, he can reference Jungian psychology, mysticism and a plethora of other philosophies and understandings. When he began his own recovery journey thirty-seven years ago, all of his knowledge travelled to his heart. This combination of knowledge and experience has integrated well into his ability to connect with those struggling to find their own spiritual practice.

Philip is retired from his career as a minister with the United Church of Christ. For the past 24 years, Philip has served as the Spiritual Care Counselor at Hazelden Betty Ford, Springbook. His work has included everything from one-on-one counseling to the creation of meaningful retreats, and finding symbolism and connection in familiar recovery work and maybe some lesser-known spiritual traditions. His depth of knowledge can seem intimidating on paper, but a conversation with Philip is anything but. His demeanor is kind, honest and connecting.

When working with those new in their recovery, Philip likes to remind them that there is gold in their disease. That it is a true opportunity to learn how to live a better life. He is excited to see the shift happening in our world today as the stigma of substance use disorders begins to lift. People are “waking up” to how they and others can be helped in their addictions by a path to spiritual wellness.

He is a man who clearly loves his work, spending a lot of time reading, listening to music and connecting with his son, adult grandsons and many friends.

## SERENITY LANE Celebrates 50 Years!

On May 3, 1973, Serenity Lane opened its doors to patients desperate to free themselves from alcoholism. Since that day, we have served over 67,000 people, saved countless lives and transformed generations of families. In an industry where treatment centers come and go, Serenity Lane has remained committed to the core belief that people are capable of recovery, that families can heal and that the Pacific Northwest deserves a regional provider with a continuum of care.

While our past provides the foundation upon which we stand, it is the future we are building that fills us with hope. We continue to innovate and to ensure we help our neighbors break free of Substance Use Disorders. We remind our communities that recovery lives here.

Thank you for being a part of this important story. We look forward to celebrating with you at our 50th Anniversary Gala next May.

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the  
Date*



 SERENITY LANE

# Unsung Hero

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## 2022 Unsung Heroes

**Abby Schmidt, CRM CADC-R**

*Relief Nursery, Eugene*

**Anne Ploub, CADC 1, QMHA 1, CRM, PSS**

*ADAPT, Roseburg*

**Joshua Jordan, CADC-1 CRM**

*Emergence, Eugene*

**Tasha VanGundy**

*Community Volunteer, Eugene*

**Lori Jacobsen**

*Willamette Family, Eugene*

**Robyn Matsumoto, CHW**

*HIV Alliance, Eugene*

**Serenity Lane Housekeeping Team**

*Serenity Lane, Coburg*

**Gabe Difani**

*Choice Sober Living, Eugene*

**Kellie Roberts, CADC II**

*Recovery Works Northwest, Portland*

**Kimberly Brown, CADC II, ICADC, CSAC II, CDAAC,**

**CSAC II, QMHA-I, QMHS-I**

*Willamette Family, Eugene*

**Mary Girard**

*Willamette Family, Eugene*

**Jonathan “Duncan” Duncan, PSS, CRM**

*HIV Alliance, Eugene*

***“I’m an Unsung Hero in the fight against  
the disease of addiction.”***







**Abby Schmidt, CRM CADC-R**

**Peer Support Specialist**

*Relief Nursery, Eugene*

*Nominated by Ami Saries, ODHS Child Welfare*

*"If I could do something for those battling addiction it would be to serve as an example of hope in a seemingly hopeless world. To show those struggling that they never have to be alone ever again unless they chose to be."*



**Anne Ploub CADC 1, QMHA 1, CRM, PSS**

**ADAPT, Roseburg**

*Nominated by Leaf Ploub, Oxford House, Inc*

*"The opposite of addiction is connection, making sure people in recovery and those still struggling always have someone to connect to, ending stigma that addicts and alcoholics face every day. In addition, access to treatment is important, especially here in Oregon."*





**Joshua Samuel Jordan CADC-1, CRM**  
**Substance Use Disorder Counselor**  
*Emergence*

*Nominated by Laura Chiaravalle, Emergence*

*"I think that the stigma of addiction needs to be lifted. People struggling with addiction are our brothers and sisters, mothers and daughters, sons and fathers. Shaming these people only pushes them deeper into the darkest reaches of society and their chemical dependence. We need to bring light to the struggle and show compassion, hope and understanding. It only takes one voice, one person's actions to bring that light and I wake up every morning motivated to be that person."*



**Tasha VanGundy**  
**Community Volunteer**

*Nominated by Kari Evans, Serenity Lane*

Tasha VanGundy lives and breathes the 12<sup>th</sup> Step of carrying the message of recovery to others. Deeply entrenched in the Eugene 12-Step community and an alumni of Serenity Lane herself, Tasha will take phone calls any time of night or day. When someone needs treatment, Tasha offers experience, hope, and a swift connection to the proper professional. In the last year alone, she's helped a handful of individuals find their way to Serenity Lane for treatment. Tasha is truly a rock star, and an inspiration to countless others.

*-Kari Evans*



# Unsung Hero

AWARDS



**Lori Jacobsen**  
**Facilities Director**

*Willamette Family*

*Nominated by Susie Dey*

*"I have a passion for making a safe, clean and healing environment for our clients. My team and myself work endlessly to make sure things at every*

*location are safe and secure. Client care and well-being is facilities' top priority. We love to make things pretty too."*



**Robyn Matsumoto, CHW (she/they)**  
**Lead Street Outreach Specialist**

*HIV Alliance*

*Nominated by Kari Evans, Serenity Lane*

*"I wish more people knew how important harm reduction is for our community. Many of my clients in recovery would not be here today if it wasn't for*

*the life-saving services harm reduction provides."*





## Serenity Lane Housekeeping Team

*Serenity Lane, Coburg*

*Nominated by Mylea Wright, Serenity Lane*

Sarah, Emily, Amy, Justin, Carolyn, Annabel, Bowe, Alexi, Ryan and Jeremy are all a part of the Housekeeping Team at Serenity Lane. They give of themselves daily, not only in keeping

our environment clean but always looking for ways to provide support to our patients. They are caring, compassionate and kind. They continually strive to make sure each patient feels heard and known by name. They show interest in each patient's story and that the team cares for each person. The housekeeping team members are fierce advocates for patient needs and will go to great lengths to see them smile.

*-Mylea Wright*



## Gabe Difani

**Program Manager**

*Choice Sober Living*

*Nominated by Kari Evans and Kara Lonberg, Serenity Lane*

*"If I could do anything to help those battling with addiction/ in recovery it would be to let them know they are worthy of a great life and that they are an*

*amazing person regardless of their mistakes. But first and foremost, let them know that no matter who you are, you are not alone in this battle."*





## **Kellie Roberts**

*Recovery Works Northwest, Portland*

*Nominated by Holly Blalack, Recovery Works Northwest*

When the world shut down and direct service went digital Kellie showed up every day in person for her patients. Even though she is a high-risk individual, she took all the precautions and continued to engage with her patients in the way they needed her the most. When organizations all over the world were offering paid time off, unemployment benefits, and little or no commute, Kellie was the champion of the still suffering addict. Her compassion and empathy went well beyond what is required in her scope of practice. Her resiliency and dedication inspired others to continue in their line of work, and be present for clients when that was no longer the status quo. She put her fears and personal feelings aside and was able to make a difference in lasting ways with the demographic we serve. At our treatment center we get to support people who walk off the street and ask for help.

*-Holly Blalack*



## **Kimberly Brown**

**Clinical Supervisor**

*Willamette Family Treatment*

*Nominated by Kimberly Slater, Willamette Family*

Kimberly Brown is a Clinical Supervisor at OBPH “Outpatient Behavioral Health” at Willamette Family Treatment. She is supportive, compassionate, caring, kind, and very hard working. She helps the counselors she supervises to learn and grow. She knows how to do her job and she does it well.

*-Kim Slater*

*“I was very taken aback when I found out that I had received this award. It made aware of the fact that I am doing work that is seen by others, and being of benefit to the clients we serve. I would never want to work in any other field out there.”*







**Mary Girard**  
**Housing Case Manager**  
*Willamette Family Treatment*

*Nominated by Chandler Jordan, PSS*

Mary is one of our housing case managers. She has been helping folks in recovery with the barrier of housing. She works very hard and has been doing this work for many years. She is a major part of family reunification. Mary works with our clients from day one and helps them prior to and during residential treatment, and throughout their time with us. She always has time to help anyone that asks and is happy to teach others how to help their clients.

*-Chandler Jordan*



**Jonathan "Duncan" Duncan**  
**Peer Manager**  
*HIV Alliance*

*Nominated by Robyn Matsumoto, HIV Alliance*

*"Offering peer support services before treatment changes everything. Offering these services within a harm reduction model helps keep people alive.*

*We are able to build trust with someone that has lost hope in the systems in place. Having an advocate with them while attending medical appointments increases utilization of medical services before it becomes an ER visit. Showing a person that someone sees them, believes them, and is willing to meet them where they are at increases confidence. This has all shown that people are willing to access some form of treatment for the first time. With this support, it also has the power to increase chances of a successful treatment. We all know the dangerous effects that stigma causes and that people need to fight stigma to survive. They can use someone to support them and model that it is possible to push through it."*







*Thank You*

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