



SERENITY LANE
Alcohol & Drug Treatment Services

JOURNEY to HOPE

Message from the President & CEO



"Serenity Lane saved my life!" My siblings and I have heard this phrase countless times over the years. People I hardly know have shared with me, "Your dad saved my life." I can confidently say that not a month has gone by without someone stopping me to share that their life or that of a loved one had been rescued by Serenity Lane.

When we announced our birthday on May 3rd, we received this Instagram message: *"I am so thankful for this place and all the staff. The friendships I made and the hope I found at Serenity Lane are a huge part of my sobriety. I remember crying because I didn't want to go, and then crying because I didn't want to leave."*

After a recent presentation to a community group, three people approached me. First was a Serenity Lane alum who has enjoyed a lifetime of recovery, second was the spouse of a happy and healthy alum, and third was a man who had lost a brother to substance use disorder. These conversations illustrate the dire implications of our work and the unambiguous benefit of the generosity of so many.

While not a scientific study, these encounters provide a glimpse into the impact of our compassionate, enduring and successful institution on the 67,000 people who have received treatment from Serenity Lane. Wellness, financial security, career success, spiritual growth and a warm and loving family extend beyond the individual to their spouse, their children and their children's children. The hope and potential of a life becomes exponential with recovery.

Now, as we have begun our 50th year of service, we fully recognize there are countless people and milestones for which we can be thankful and you are among them. Thank you for your service to our patients, their families and to the future of Serenity Lane.

Pete Kerns

Finding A Way

To an outsider, it looked like Mike had it all - nice house, beautiful family, exciting vacations and a good job as a law enforcement officer in Southern Oregon. While he felt rich in many ways, a close personal tragedy laid the foundation for the presentation of a substance use disorder. He almost lost everything. Fortunately, Mike found his way to Serenity Lane where he was able to get to the bottom of his disease. Just when he was starting to "get to the good stuff," it was time to leave. Thanks to the Patient Aid Fund, though, Mike was able to extend his stay and help build the foundation for a strong recovery. In his recovery, Mike has not only been able to get back everything he once thought he might lose, but he is able to draw from his personal experiences to make invaluable connections in the community to help those battling addiction on the streets. He is just another example of how donations to the Patient Aid Fund help more than just the patient, they are an investment that impacts countless lives.



Gift of Hope

For many, by the time they pick up the phone to seek treatment, they are at a loss for how to get out of the hopelessness they feel from the disease of addiction. The financial barrier for treatment can be an overwhelming roadblock for some. Serenity Lane's Patient Aid Fund helps remove at least one obstacle to a renewed life.

Join Serenity Lane's mission to transform lives through the treatment of addiction by making a gift to the Patient Aid Fund today.

Ways to Give:

Online: serenitylane.org/donate

Mail: Send check (payable to Serenity Lane) to Serenity Lane, PO Box 8549, Coburg, OR 97408

Phone: (541) 284-8618

Thank You

At Serenity Lane, we are committed to staying in touch so that you can be an informed partner in the work we are doing. Work that, quite simply, could not be done without your generous support!

You are receiving *Journey to Hope*, because you are a valued supporter of Serenity Lane. If you would like to receive *Journey to Hope* electronically or if you do not wish to receive future communications from the Development Office, contact Suzanne Graf, sgraf@serenitylane.org, (541) 284-8618.

Meet Sage, Serenity Lane's Four-Legged Volunteer



It took years of dreaming, but in October 2021 Sage and her owner, Teresa Hulett, became weekly visitors to the Coburg campus.

Dogs have been a (near) constant companion for Teresa. Her dogs always offered a peaceful, nonjudgmental love to her life. Her first experience with a therapy dog was while volunteering at a local horse therapy program. That was when she decided her next dog would be a certified therapy animal and shared with others.

Teresa rescued eight-week-old Sage in 2012 and knew right away that she would be perfect for the job. Sage became a certified therapy dog in her second year and not long after that, the two began visiting a friend who was in treatment at Serenity Lane. Patients and staff alike would love on Sage and it became clear that the duo were destined to visit with people in recovery. Teresa's personal goal became visiting with people in recovery at Serenity Lane.

There is a special bond between these two, both serving with the hope of making a difference. Sage is a calm, happy, loving and fluffy pup who adores all the love and attention. She looks forward to coming to the Coburg campus, running to the car when Teresa tells her it's time to "go say hi" and pulling on her leash with excitement when they arrive.

"We both enjoy our visits to Serenity Lane," says Teresa. "The warmth and tenderness coming from the patients and staff towards Sage is everything I knew she could bring out of people. My pup understands that her job is to spread love and that is intuitive to her. We will continue our visits to Serenity Lane for as long as the tears, hugs, pats, smiles and love continue! We feel proud and privileged to help people seeking to transform their lives."



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Groundbreaking: Dwight Lee Spiritual Center

On Friday, March 25th, residential patients, staff, friends and leaders of Serenity Lane broke ground on the long-awaited Dwight Lee Spiritual Center. This space, at the heart of our residential campus, will be a home for hope, recovery and the warm healing light that Dwight Lee was known for. Expected completion is July – watch for more information.

Pictured L to R: Mike Dyer, Kevin Graves, Pat Straube, John Dunphy, Larry Bradley, Pete Kerns



**CSA 2022:
November 2
Save the Date!**
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Join us for an in-person celebration of organizations and individuals who support and serve those who struggle with a substance use disorder. If you would like to nominate someone to be recognized for their work in addressing drug and alcohol addiction, contact Stephanie Edwards, sedwards@serenitylane.org.

Calendar of Events

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| May 3 | Happy Birthday, Serenity Lane |
| May 19 | Recovery Revealed @ 1 Serenity Lane, Guided Tour with Pete Kerns |
| May 26 | Portland Alumni Townhall, 7:00pm |
| June 9 | Ribbon Cutting & Grand Opening, Bend Office |
| June 16 | Recovery Revealed @ 1 Serenity Lane, Guided Tour with Pete Kerns |
| July | TBA Ribbon Cutting & Dedication, Dwight Lee Spiritual Center |
| July 18 | Bend Alumni Picnic |
| July 21 | Recovery Revealed @ 1 Serenity Lane, Guided Tour with Pete Kerns |
| August 14 | Portland Alumni Picnic |
| August 18 | Recovery Revealed @ 1 Serenity Lane, Guided Tour with Pete Kerns |

For more information about these events, email sgraf@serenitylane.org.