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Douglas County Friends of Treatment Courts Hosts First Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser to Support Recovery and Community Success

ROSEBURG, Ore. – November 13, 2026 – The Douglas County Friends of Treatment Courts Alumni Program is excited to invite the community to its first official fundraising event, a Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, November 20, 2026, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Westside Church, located at 2712 W. Harvard Avenue in Roseburg. Dinner is just $10 per person, and community members are encouraged to come enjoy a meal, meet program alumni, and learn how local Treatment Courts are changing lives.

Douglas County Friends of Treatment Courts is a volunteer-led committee made up of graduates from the H.O.P.E. Drug Court and Mental Health Court programs, along with community members who believe in the power of recovery, second chances, and giving back. These individuals understand firsthand the challenges of overcoming substance use disorders and mental health struggles and are committed to helping others who are working toward a healthier, more stable future.

The committee was established to provide additional support to local Treatment Court participants by raising funds for incentives, recovery-related needs, and other resources that cannot always be covered through state and federal grants. Funds raised through the group's efforts are deposited into a designated, restricted Douglas County account, keeping these funds separate and available to support the local Treatment Court programs.

Why Treatment Courts Matter

Treatment Courts offer an alternative approach to the traditional criminal justice system by addressing the underlying substance use and mental health challenges that often contribute to criminal behavior. Rather than focusing solely on incarceration, these programs combine judicial supervision, treatment, accountability, and community support to help individuals make lasting, positive changes.

For participants, this means an opportunity to build healthier lives, maintain sobriety, improve mental health, secure employment and housing, rebuild family relationships, and become productive members of their communities.

For Douglas County, the benefits extend even further. Research has shown that treatment courts can reduce repeat criminal behavior, helping improve public safety while reducing the costs associated with incarceration and repeated involvement in the criminal justice system. When participants succeed, families become stronger, communities become safer, and individuals who once struggled can become positive contributors to the very communities that supported their recovery.

From Treatment Court Graduates to Community Volunteers

The Douglas County Friends of Treatment Courts Alumni Program is about more than fundraising. It is about creating connections, celebrating recovery, staying connected with a clean and sober circle, and demonstrating that people who have overcome significant challenges have much to contribute to their community.

The alumni committee recently participated in the Douglas County Veterans Day Parade, proudly representing the program and recognizing those who have served our country. The upcoming spaghetti dinner marks the group's first official fundraising event and another step toward building a strong, active alumni network.

Following the dinner, the committee's next major community project will be supporting the annual Shop with a Cop program, continuing its efforts to give back and strengthen relationships throughout Douglas County.

Community members attending the spaghetti dinner will have an opportunity to learn more about the H.O.P.E. Drug Court and Mental Health Court programs, hear about the importance of recovery, and celebrate the accomplishments of successful graduates. Everyone is invited to come hungry, show their support, and help make a difference. A $10 spaghetti dinner is a simple way to support second chances and help build a stronger Douglas County.

For more information about the Douglas County Friends of Treatment Courts Alumni Program and to view flyers for the spaghetti dinner and Shop with a Cop, visit:

https://www.douglascountyor.gov/1066/Douglas-County-Friends-of-Treatment-Cour

Additional information about the H.O.P.E. Drug Court, Mental Health Court, and other programs supported through the Douglas County Local Public Safety Coordinating Council (LPSCC) is available at:

https://www.douglascountyor.gov/833/Supported-Programs

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