A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Linda Scott, Executive Director



With the Holidays quickly approaching, I wanted to express my thanks and appreciation to our STAR family - clients, staff, and board members. 2023 is going to be an exciting year for The STAR Project. Ready-to-Rent and MRT classes will return, fund-raising efforts and community awareness projects are in the works, and I am looking forward to learning what classes or activities you would like to take part in or have implemented.

I wish you and your family a safe and Happy Holiday Season.

November 10, 2022

Entry & Release Donated By Artist: Kim Lawbaugh



At The STAR Project we believe that Transformation is possible. Transformation is not about short-term cures, but rather long-term healing. It is the realignment of an individual's mindset and behaviors that includes setting timelines with clear goals and action; actively engaging with a support system; and being held accountable for their actions -- past, present, and future.

Local Artist, Kim Lawbaugh, recently presented The STAR Project with her original art piece, "Entry & Release". Kim is the Corrections Education Program Coordinator for Walla Walla Community College at the Washington State Penitentiary. In addition to spending many years as an educator in the public school system, Kim has also worked for The National Park Service as a Biological Technician studying the re-introduction of Mountain Goats into the wild and worked in the Bering Sea as a Fisheries Technician for the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration. We are honored that Kim has recognized The STAR Project in this special way.

Representing the Transformative Power that Education can have when one is Released back into the Community from Incarceration

STAR In The News

U-B Recognizes STAR

STAR client, Noel Reyes, was recently featured in a Walla Walla Union-Bulletin article highlighting The STAR Project's return to full operation & programs.

Response from the community, both local and state-wide has been positive & encouraging.

WILDHORSE FOUNDATION Awards Grant

STAR Executive Director, Linda Scott, announced that The STAR Project has been awarded a grant from The Wildhorse Foundation. These monies will support STAR's Housing Obstacles Overcome (through) Participation, HOOP program. Individuals, who successfully complete Ready to Rent classes in addition to participating in a Community Service project will be eligible to receive a \$500 voucher which can be used towards Security Deposits. More information about the project and how to participate will be released in December.

Ginger Gatewood Joins STAR Staff

We are pleased to announce the addition of Ginger Gatewood as a Case Manager to the STAR staff. "Ginger has a heart for community service and with this addition, STAR is now fully staffed and operational." said Executive Director, Linda Scott. "She brings a positive energy to the position, along with a solid knowledge of community resources." In addition to her case management duties, Ginger will also be responsible for meeting with new clients for their intake process.

Upcoming

GROUP DINNER Wed, Nov. 16th - 5:15pm Pioneer United Methodist Church 209 E Birch, Downstairs Kitchen



READY TO RENT New Classes Starting January 2023 Contact Chastity for Information



MRT Weekly Classes Beginning January 2023 Contact Linda for Information

THANKSGIVING

CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING Thur., Nov. 24th & Fri. Nov. 25th