

Friday, February 12, 2016

## Alzheimer's Association

[www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org)

Nominated by: David Smith

The Alzheimer's Association is dedicated to increasing awareness, funding research for, and eradicating Alzheimer's disease. David has been a participant in the local annual "Walk to End Alzheimer's" for the last three years in Roseburg, OR. His team, "Team Irene," is named for his mother-in-law who battled the disease before passing away in early 2015.



## "Breast Friends" of Julie Brown

Nominated by: Michele Monroe

In December, the Customer Service Department held a surprise benefit for one of their own members, Julie Brown. Julie was diagnosed with breast cancer in December of 2014. Happily Julie is now cancer free, however she still undergoes medical treatments to prevent any cancer from returning. Julie's medical expenses are high and the group wished to support Julie by helping to cover her insurance deductible for the year.

This is also a reminder of the importance of completing your annual Preventive Screening Form. Julie Brown: "This form is what saved my life. If KeyImpact did not require this to be done, I would have died within the year because my cancer was so aggressive. I am here today because of the inconvenience of completing this form."



## American Diabetes Association

[www.diabetes.org/stepoutlongisland](http://www.diabetes.org/stepoutlongisland)

Nominated by: Michael Hartner

"Step Out: Walk to Stop Diabetes" is a fundraising walk created by the American Diabetes Association. This annual event happens across the country and draws over 100,000 participants. Michael's daughter, Nicole, serves as the Special Events and Fundraising Manger of the Long Island Chapter. The "Step Out: Long Island" event drew 1,000 participants to Jones Beach. Together they raised nearly \$150,000 for continued support for diabetes research, education and advocacy programs.



## Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America

[www.ccfa.org/chapters/louisiana](http://www.ccfa.org/chapters/louisiana)

Nominated by: Brian Saacks

Brian Saacks has been involved with the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America (CCFA) for the last three years. The CCFA has helped Brian and his family, specifically his daughter, after her diagnosis with Crohn's Disease. Camp Oasis has served as a source of empowerment and renewal for Brian's daughter as she came to grips with her diagnosis. Research done by the CCFA has also helped to improve the treatments she receives.



## Darwin Lund

[pages.giveforward.com/medical/page-mms458](https://pages.giveforward.com/medical/page-mms458)

Nominated by: Shawn McAllister

Former employee Darwin Lund was recently diagnosed with cancer and forced to give up a newly acquired position to focus on his recovery. Currently, his wife is the sole source of income for their family of six. The donation Darwin received will be used to help reduce their financial struggles while Darwin continues to recover.



## Defenders of Freedom

[defendersoffreedom.us](https://defendersoffreedom.us)

Nominated by: Amy Powell

Defenders of Freedom is a nonprofit organization that helps to financially assist Post 9/11 Veterans with their transition to civilian life. Defenders of Freedom also helps Veterans with reentry into the job market and peer mentoring.



## Friends for Lawson

[www.friendsforlawson.com](http://www.friendsforlawson.com)

Nominated by: Mark Fretwell

Started in memory of Morgan "Lawson" Maness, Friends for Lawson is a charitable fund that supports local organizations and individuals in need. As Mark Fretwell describes, "It's neighbor helping neighbor, friends helping friends, with this small charity. The life, energy, and love that Lawson brought to the community and world lives on through this charity, and the help it gives. I am proud to support, and be a part of, this incredible organization."



## Good Samaritan Home

[www.goodsamaritanleague.com](http://www.goodsamaritanleague.com)

Nominated by: Mary Smith

Good Samaritan Home provides affordable housing to seniors, veterans, and adults with disabilities who have low incomes. They are provided three meals a day, and other basic necessities. The Home can assist as many as 80 people in a year.





## Michael McNulty Scholarship Fund

Nominated by: Norris Paul

The Michael McNulty Scholarship Fund has been created as a way to honor Michael's memory and the courage and determination that he showed. At the age of 42, Michael decided to quit his job and pursue his dreams by attending law school. Unfortunately just as he was entering his third year of law school, Michael passed away in his sleep. This scholarship fund will benefit future law students who, like Michael, are pursuing their dreams later in life and have been out of school for at least five years. Michael was Norris's brother in law.



## National Multiple Sclerosis Society

[www.nationalmssociety.org](http://www.nationalmssociety.org)

Nominated by: Cari Medina

The National Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Society helps to fund research, advocacy, education and provide programs and services for people with MS and their families. Cari and other members of the Franklin Lakes, NJ office have been walking in the annual MS Walk in support of their co-worker Kerry Whittaker who has been diagnosed with MS. As Cari proudly explains, "Kerry is an amazing inspiration and such a strong fighter! She refuses to let this disorder stop her from living and enjoying her life."



## St. L Village

[stlvillage.org](http://stlvillage.org)

Nominated by: Sal DiCarlo

St. L Village is a grassroots network built to give people age 50+ the tools, connections and support they need to live independently outside of "age-segregated" facilities. This locale, part of a "national Village movement," is made up of members and trained volunteers that create their own community environment meant to provide fellowship and enrich the lives of people over the age of 50. Their vision is "to be a cost-effective organization for enriching the experience of aging in the community that can be modeled by other neighborhoods."

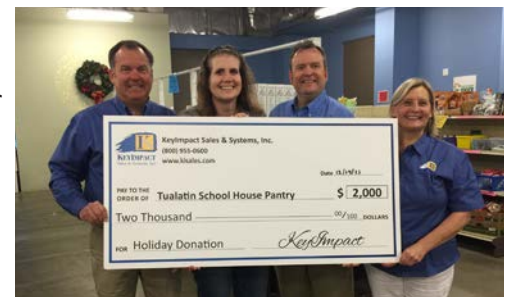


## Tualatin School House Pantry

[www.schoolhousepantry.org](http://www.schoolhousepantry.org)

Nominated by: Donell Morton

The Tualatin School House Pantry provides emergency food to qualified people or families in need. Part of the Oregon Food Bank, they also share in the mission to eliminate hunger; believing that no one should go hungry. The volunteer staff is dedicated to providing welcoming service to anyone who comes in to shop. The Pantry is operated much like a grocery store, and shoppers select items based on their needs. This is also the location that KeyImpact Oregon Team donates their Feeding America hours.



## SLEW Wellness Center

[www.slewellness.org](http://www.slewellness.org)

Nominated by: Tina Miller

Tina Miller: "SLEW Wellness Center provides emotional and physical support to meet the needs of low income, uninsured, and under-insured women recovering from cancer treatment, with a holistic approach. Olga Young, the Founder and Executive Director has done a marvelous job. My breast cancer is in remission but I had to get through many difficult bends in the road to get to where I am today. I understand what these women are going through but to see what Olga has accomplished with the less fortunate was very inspiring to me."



## Woodhouse II

[woodhouseinc.org](http://woodhouseinc.org)

Nominated by: Katherine Foley

Woodhouse II is part of a series of facilities built to provide housing, 24 hour care, and education to adults with developmental disabilities. Woodhouse II located in Pompano Beach, Florida has been in operation since May of 1983. As the website explains, "The main objective at Woodhouse II is to provide individuals with opportunities for fulfillment by teaching self-care skills, community safety, home maintenance, health maintenance, and healthy expressions of emotions." Katherine Foley: "These residents do not receive any government assistance and are supported by our community."



## St. Balderick's Foundation @ Saratoga City Tavern

Nominated by: Brian Baker



St. Balderick's Foundation funds research into childhood cancer. To date this foundation has raised well over \$100 million dollars in research grant funding. Traditionally their fundraising events feature solicitors shaving their heads in return for donations. At the local bar, Saratoga City Tavern, where Brian Baker has been an eight year event volunteer, the fundraiser is done a bit differently. The three owners of the Saratoga City Tavern grow their beards for a year, and then shave them at the annual fundraising event. Brian's daughter surprised him by secretly raising funds all by herself in support of her eight year old friend who was diagnosed with cancer, and donating it at the event.

