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September 19th, 2020

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Mudd Nick Foundation 25th Anniversary Virtual Charity Event Information

By Monica Isbell, Board of Directors President

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we will host our **annual fundraising event virtually using Zoom on September 19, 2020 at 6:00pm.** The event will celebrate our 25 years of changing children's lives and will feature the wonderful children in our school district, highlight our programs and speak to our plans for the future. Please join us. To register for the event, please go to www.muddnickfoundation.com and click the "Register" button to be taken to our event page.

The cost to attend the Zoom event is \$25, which buys you one raffle ticket to be entered into a drawing for our raffle basket containing gift certificates to several merchants in our district who have supported the Foundation through the years. Additional \$25 raffle tickets may also be purchased on the registration page. The winning raffle ticket will be drawn at the end of the Virtual Event. There is also an option to choose a \$250 "Help A Child" donation to assist with funding for our future Learning Experiences. Upon purchase of a raffle ticket or "Help A Child" donation, you will be registered and will receive an email with instructions about how to join the Virtual Charity Event Zoom call. If you are unable to join us, please consider making a donation by clicking the "Donate" button on the Home page of the website. We are grateful for your support. ■

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CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF CHANGING CHILDREN'S LIVES

SATURDAY
19th September 2020

SIX O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING ON 

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Guiding Principles of the Mudd Nick Foundation

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Mudd Nick Foundation is to provide learning experiences that stimulate children to aspire to their greatest potential and to pursue their dreams.

MISSION:

Our mission is to broaden the horizons of all children in North Tillamook County through programs in collaboration with our community partners.

VISION:

Our vision is that the children in our community become life-long stellar citizens who expand their life experiences, minds and curiosities; accept responsibility for their actions; treat themselves and others with respect; maintain high personal integrity; exhibit socially-accepted behavior; and have fun.

Summer Grub Club Program

By Renae Scalabrin, Board Member

In May, we announced that the Mudd Nick Foundation (MNF) expanded its mission to accommodate emerging needs for children in North Tillamook County in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Food insecurity is a real concern for many of the families in our district, and we wanted to do more. The Foundation board members unanimously voted to provide significant financial assistance for the weekend backpack programs for school children in May and June as well as for the Summer Grub Clubs. We had no idea it would grow into what it has become. We have doubled the number of children we are reaching this summer and are now serving approximately 1,000 meals a week to local children. We are very pleased to be able to provide funding for this extremely worthwhile endeavor.

The Summer Grub Club program is open to any child aged 0-18 in the district, and serves a daily lunchtime meal in the weeks children are not attending school. We anticipated that the demand would be greater this summer, so we partnered with Camp Magruder to use its commercial kitchen and staff for the creation of these meals. In the beginning, we started with sack lunches only, but quickly received approval to add hot meals like chicken teriyaki, pasta and pizza (served cold to be reheated) as the summer went on. The Foundation underwrote the cost to continue the First Student bus service to deliver these meals to designated stops throughout the district weekly.

Volunteers from the Nehalem Bay Methodist Church, Bay City Methodist Church and others from the community ride the bus to record the meals delivered and hand out the lunches. The volunteers from the churches have also been instrumental in filling all of the lunch sacks and decorating them with wonderful, inspirational messages for the children to receive. It's a true partnership that has formed to ensure our children are all receiving nutritious meals this summer, and we are thankful to Camp Magruder, First Student, Nehalem Bay Methodist Church, Bay City Methodist Church and the Neah-Kah-Nie School District for their dedication. What's the best part, you ask? Seeing the smiles on the faces of the children when they receive the meals, of course! ■



MNF Board Members Joe Atteridge, Sheri Atteridge & Renae Scalabrin



Volunteers Bobbi, Rhonda & Dora



Sack Lunches with Messages from Volunteers



Luke Scovel Accepting a Grub Club Meal

Oregon Community Foundation Grant Award Ceremony

By Julie Amici

In November 2019, the Mudd Nick Foundation received a \$10,000 grant from the Oregon Community Foundation (OCF) <https://oregoncf.org/> to support the new after-school musical enrichment program for students in grades Kindergarten through 12 in Neah-Kah-Nie School District 56, including professionally-led musical workshops, student performances and a musical performance for the public. The program was envisioned and planned by and is being implemented by local musical artist, Julie Amici, in conjunction with District Superintendent Paul Erlebach, band teacher Russell Zaugg, and choir teacher Michael Simpson.

On December 21, 2019 at the North County Recreation District Performing Arts Theater in Nehalem during a holiday-themed musical performance, the grant award was presented to the Mudd Nick Foundation, and received by Ms. Amici, by Dan Gaffney, a volunteer member of OCF's Leadership Council. In an email to Ms. Amici, Mr. Gaffney wrote, "I am happy to say that last night's OCF's grant award presentation and holiday concert was wonderful. Julie was not only a great hostess but a gifted singer. Thank you Julie for making all the arrangements and putting on a classy event. I think the 200 or so people who attended very much enjoyed themselves. The recognition of OCF that you provided was perfect. The audience was very impressed to learn of the plans for the grant funds but also the important role that OCF plays in our state. I look forward to hearing how the grant funded program goes." ■

The Music Enrichment Program

By Julie Amici

On December 2, 2019, which was a grade day and no school for students, two workshops were held with the Neah-Kah-Nie middle and high school students. A total of 31 enthused students came to school on their day off to learn more about music. The band workshop was led by Portland State University professor and Manhattan School of Music alumni, John Nastos. Band director, Russell Zaugg, requested a wind wood workshop for his many saxophone, clarinet, flute, and oboe players, so Mr. Nastos was brought in specifically to meet this request. The choir workshop was led by multi-award-winning vocalist and Portland's Interfaith Gospel Choir director, LaRhonda Steele. LaRhonda's workshop was sponsored by the Cascade Blues Association and she taught blues techniques, blues history, and call and response choral techniques. Charlie Brown III joined LaRhonda on piano. That evening, LaRhonda, John, Julie Amici, and Charlie held a special performance for Neah-Kah-Nie students, parents, faculty, and community members at *Wild Manzanita*. They blew the roof off the place! It was spectacular!

students also learned about the different instruments being played, and were able to sing into the microphone.

These workshops were the first in a series as part of the Mudd Nick Foundation's new Musical Enrichment Program for Neah-Kah-Nie School District 56. Additional funding for this new project comes from sponsorships and grants including the Cascade Blues Association,



Children Drawing to Live Music at Art Moms

Oregon Community Foundation, Tillamook County Cultural Coalition, The Ford Family Foundation, and the Miller Foundation. Local community member and musician Ms. Amici helped the Mudd Nick Foundation secure these sponsorships and grants. For more info please contact julie@julieamici.com.



LaRhonda Sings December 2, 2019

As a follow up to the choir workshop, students were invited to perform with LaRhonda on December 21st at the *Sugar & Spice Holiday Concert* at North County Recreation District Theater in Nehalem. The choir performed songs they learned with LaRhonda during the workshop. This concert also featured special guest soloist and Neah-Kah-Nie High School senior, Alyssa Ahlers. Proceeds benefited the Mudd Nick Foundation's Musical Enrichment Program to enable it to offer more workshops like these. On December 4th and 6th the Nehalem Art Moms held a special *Draw to Live Music* class which served 176 students from Kindergarten through 5th grades. Ms. Amici and Dean Mueller performed music throughout both days and students were asked to draw to music. The



John Nastos Conducts December 2, 2019

Gears had to be shifted once schools were closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic and in-school, half-day workshops had to be cancelled. Ms. Amici arranged to use some of the grant money to have professional musician mentors provide individual lessons for middle school and high school students via Zoom and Skype this summer. ■

Robotics Team

By Evan Solley, Volunteer Instructor

January 18, 2020 was the annual FTC North Coast League robotics tournament, the culmination of a process that began at the start of the school year. We started with a dozen plus students, which fueled our ambition to field two robots and help make sure all had ample opportunity to participate. As the season progressed, the usual attrition reduced our numbers to a group of eight - six freshmen and two sophomores, and all but one were rookies. Nevertheless, we managed to build two competition robots from scratch. In the process, the students learned some engineering, programming, and teamwork. Of course, their prior expertise with video games came in handy when it came time to operate the robots! Five of these freshmen were present to pilot our 'bots in the first phase of reducing the team ranks throughout the state by half. One of our team/robots was eliminated during the playoffs and the second went on to be finalists (and winners of the *Motivate Award* for team spirit and displayed enthusiasm), earning them advancement to the regional Super Qualifier in February where the ranks were thinned again. Teams compete with the assistance of "Alliance" partners.

On February 22, the Neah-Kah-Nie High School robotics team participated in the last of four Super Qualifier Tournaments, selecting the top teams that advanced to the state FTC robotics championship in March. We went in ranked 7th of 24, and ended the same - sadly, not strong enough to advance, but still ranking us in the upper quartile statewide. Not bad for a rookie group of predominately freshmen. Our robot performed well, with significantly increased capabilities since our local tournament in Tillamook. And, the kids were thrilled to participate (we were one of 12 rookie teams state-wide to make it to a Super Qualifier). Once again, we express our thanks for the generous support of the Mudd Nick Foundation. This year's program has served as a haven for a group of children who, for the most part, have never otherwise participated in team activities - lots of learning for them! ■



Neah-Kah-Nie Unified Basketball Team

By Stacey Dills, Mudd Nick Foundation
Program Coordinator for Children
with Special Needs



On the weekend of February 3, 2020, our first ever Neah-Kah-Nie Unified Basketball team played in a four-game tournament with Tillamook, Newport, and Amity. It was by far my top experience as a special educator! Thanks to the generous donation from the Mudd Nick Foundation, our dream of starting Unified Sports at Neah-Kah-Nie is coming true. The kids sported their new Neah-Kah-Nie basketball uniforms proudly. The parents, children, and spectators were all commenting on how wonderful of an experience this was. The kids showed wonderful sportsmanship and our typical peer players were nothing short of amazing. ■



Ways to Donate

You can support the work of the Mudd Nick Foundation in the following ways:

- Mail a donation to Mudd Nick Foundation, PO Box 250, Manzanita, OR 97130
- Drop off a donation at the Manzanita Mudd Dog Stand (58 Laneda Avenue) during the summer months
- Leave cash or a check in the donation jar at the Manzanita Mudd Dog Stand
- Visit www.muddnickfoundation.org and click on the Donate button to contribute via PayPal
- Make a silent or oral donation thirty days prior to the annual auction and dinner event or become a sponsor of the event
- Direct your United Way donation specifically to the Mudd Nick Foundation
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Create a Meaningful Legacy through a Bequest or Memorial Donation

By Ken Resnick, Board Member

On June 13, 2019, Ken Wilkes, former board member, treasurer and long-time supporter passed away. The Mudd Nick Foundation board was surprised and thrilled to learn that before his death, Ken made a significant bequeath to the Foundation from his stock brokerage account and his cash account. Those funds were dispersed to the Foundation in July 2020. Other supporters have proactively set aside a portion of their retirement pensions to be dispersed to the Mudd Nick Foundation upon their deaths. Several board members have also specified the Mudd Nick Foundation as a bequest recipient in their wills or 401K plans. We hope others will consider doing the same to help the Foundation be financially stable long into the future through a commitment made today. A planned charitable gift of cash, securities or other assets can provide the donor with tax benefits and help sustain the excellent work of the Foundation. A few simple ways to make a bequest include:

- Name the Mudd Nick Foundation in estate plans with a gift of cash or securities.

- Name the Mudd Nick Foundation as a beneficiary of an IRA, retirement plan, or life insurance policy.
- For those who do not need the Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) from an IRA or 401K, an annual gift may be made to the Mudd Nick Foundation, providing the donor with tax benefits.

For information about the Mudd Nick Foundation Planned Giving Program, contact Ken Resnick, board member – (503) 780-0225 or ken.i.resnick@gmail.com. We encourage you to seek advice from your financial advisor when setting up the type of bequest most advantageous for your family. The Mudd Nick Foundation is a 501(c)3 charitable organization. Our Tax ID number is 20-5221242.

Another way to support the Mudd Nick Foundation is to make a donation “In Memory Of” or “On Behalf Of” a loved one.



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