

WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

There is so much to be done, and so much that we can do—rather than we COULD do—if more members were to get actively involved. We would love to see CURE accomplish even more, but we need actively involved members to work on planning, organizing, and on keeping track of what's happening and what needs to happen next.

Telephone numbers: Portland: 503-977-9979/ Outside Portland: 1-866-357-CURE (2873). For information about Support Group Meetings, Orientations to ODOC and to Release (Multnomah County), leave a message and someone WILL call you back. We are not able to accept collect calls.

1631 NE Broadway #460, Portland, OR 97232 or tbs2k2@comcast.net, or www.oregoncure.org.

MEMBERSHIP in Oregon CURE provides:

- ☆ a purpose and pathway for achieving safer communities;
- ☆ a voice to advocate for improvements in the criminal justice system;
- ☆ information and resources to support local and national efforts to create safety, prosocial skills and attitudes, and hope for incarcerated citizens;
- ☆ opportunities to gain knowledge and skills to help others.

Send check or money order to:
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<i>Prisoner</i>	<i>\$3.00/year</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>	<i>\$100 – \$250/year</i>
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“The object of the law is to reform criminals and prevent crime, and not to punish maliciously or from a spirit of revenge.”

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CITIZENS UNITED FOR REHABILITATION OF
ERRANTS

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NATIONAL CURE CO-FOUNDERS CHARLIE AND PAULINE SULLIVAN
COMING TO PORTLAND October 7-10, 2005

Oregon CURE is hosting the National Board Meeting this year in Portland at the La Quinta Inn, Lloyd Center/Convention Center for approximately 40 people who will be coming from all parts of the United States. A full agenda has been prepared by Charlie Sullivan during the three-day conference which will include speakers such as Wayne Bowers, Buffy Fletcher, Connie Schultz, Kenny Linn, Dick Busch, Claudia Whitman, Dianne Tramutola-Lawson, Habe Lawson and Paul Graney. Because space is limited, any individuals from Oregon who would like to attend should contact Oregon CURE at 503.977.9979 or 1.877.357-CURE for further information.



OREGON CURE ANNUAL MEETING
CHARLIE SULLIVAN, NATIONAL CURE CO-FOUNDER/CO-DIRECTOR, FEATURED SPEAKER
October 8, 2005 – 7 p.m.
Capitol Hill United Methodist Church
2401 S.W. Taylor’s Ferry Rd.
Portland, Oregon

You won’t want to miss Oregon CURE’s featured speaker, Charlie Sullivan, Co-Founder/Co-Director of National CURE at Oregon CURE’s Annual Meeting on October 8, 2005. The public is invited to attend and hear Charlie speak on the history and future vision of CURE. He will also address Oregon CURE’s relationship with the Department of Corrections and how unique it is nationally. No registration necessary. Light refreshment served.



OREGON CURE PLANNING RETREAT
HELD IN LINCOLN CITY

Our 2nd Annual Planning Retreat of the Steering Committee was held at the home of Carol Singer in Lincoln City on August 27, 2005. Many details of our goals and mission were discussed including changes to our website, resource materials, fundraising, volunteers, newsletter, grant writing, advertising, orientations, support groups, and upcoming events. Look for changes in the coming year and ways that you can help us continue our work.

Those attending included Cindy Van Loo, Carol Singer, Jan Singleton, Judy Farrell, Gretchen Hite, Terry Stein, and Kris Vala. We worked very hard in our planning session so that we could spend the rest



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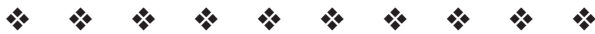
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of our time enjoying the beautiful Oregon coast. After our meeting, we had a delicious dinner at Mo’s Restaurant and gathered around a huge bonfire under a star lit sky at the beach home of Kris Vala’s friend.

A huge thanks to all who attended and worked so hard to plan for our coming year. We have a great group of people on our Steering Committee. Anyone is welcome to attend our steering committee meetings which are held from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. on the 1st Saturday of each month at the Capitol Hill United Methodist Church, 2401 S.W. Taylors Ferry Rd., Portland, OR. The next meeting will be Saturday, October 1, 2005 at 1:30 p.m.

-Cindy Van Loo, Chair



2nd Annual HOME FOR GOOD IN OREGON Re-Entry Conference October 19-21, 2005

Kah-Nee-Ta
High Desert Resort & Casino
6828 Highway 8
Warm Springs, OR 97761
1.800.554.4SUN
1.541.553.1112

For those of you who were not able to attend the first Home for Good in Oregon Re-Entry Conference last year, it is not too late to register for this year’s conference, however space is limited to the first 300 people who register. This year’s theme is “A Gathering of the Village” and will focus on community and faith-based partnerships and highlight emerging strategies that promote an effective re-entry process to ensure community safety and community justice. This conference is put on by the Oregon Department of Corrections. There is no conference fee, however, attendees must secure and pay for their own hotel accommodations.

Keynote speakers include:

- Dr. Garry Mendez Jr.**, Executive Director and Founder of the National Trust for Development of African American Men, will address issues surrounding ethnic minorities, prison and re-entry.
- Dr. James Hyman**, Consultant and representative of the Annie E. Casey Foundation, will discuss issues surrounding economic, youth and community development and prisoner re-entry related to minorities.
- Mr. Junious Williams**, CEO of Urban Strategies Council in Oakland California will discuss faith-based community building.
- Rev. Eugene Williams, III**, Executive Director of Los Angeles Metropolitan Churches, will address faith-based community building.
- Dr. Ed Latessa**, Professor and Division Head of Criminal Justice at University of Cincinnati will discuss “What Works” in the field of re-entry.

Workshop topics include:

- Children of Incarcerated Parents
- Faith-Based and Community Building
- Alternative Treatment for Offenders
- Barriers to Employment
- Barriers to Housing
- Crime Reduction Through Community Dialogue
- Restoration and Reintegration of Sex Offenders
- Effects of Methamphetamine on Re-Entry

For conference registration or further information, mail, call or email:
Home for Good in Oregon
Oregon Department of Corrections
2575 Center Street N.E.
Salem, OR 97310
503.945.0929
Email: jennifer.a.lief@doc.state.or.us



2005 Steering Committee (Left to Right) Carol Singer, Dana Anderson, Jan Singleton, Judy Farrell, Terry Stein, Cindy Van Loo, Sandi Meyer

☆ **STEERING COMMITTEE** ☆
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BETTER PEOPLE

Better People was founded in Portland, Oregon, in 1998 by House of Representative Chip Shields, District 43. The non-profit’s mission statement is “*To dramatically reduce recidivism (offenders returning to crime) in Multnomah County and other areas by providing counseling and employment services.*” Those who are eligible for services are men and women 18 years and older who are former offenders. Current inmates can make contact prior to release, and upon release, they can apply for admission to the program as long as they have no current violations, have been clean and sober for 30 days and continue in sobriety. No one is excluded based on the type of crime committed.

Better People has offered four basic services since opening in 1998: cognitive behavioral therapy using Moral Reconation Therapy (MRT®); assistance in gaining permanent employment with a living wage and health benefits; job readiness; and employment retention services. All facilitators at Better People are trained counselors in MRT® which is a well-researched and well-documented cognitive-behavioral approach focused on improving offenders’ thinking, reasoning, and decision-making processes. Once a former offender attends the orientation meeting and makes a decision to participate in the program, his or her level of commitment is determined by the staff. Once accepted, the client pays a one-time non-refundable enrollment fee of \$25 and begins attending MRT® classes. The requirements are strict: no alcohol or drug use, honesty, no tardiness or unexcused absences allowed, sincere desire to improve one’s quality of life and maintain moral values.

MRT® is based on Lawrence Kohlberg’s five stages of moral development. At the bottom is hedonism, a narrow-signed search for pleasure and personal gain, an attitude that can pave the road to prison. At the top is a view of oneself in society where an individual is more concerned with the welfare of others - - children, family, neighbors and community. Clients work a twelve-step program (no similarity to AA or NA) utilizing group therapy and workbooks, moving up a “moral ladder.” Once certain levels are achieved, employment readiness classes and permanent job placement services are added.

Better People has achieved remarkable success in reducing recidivism by preparing former offenders to restructure their percepts and values and assisting them to obtain and maintain permanent, living-wage employment. For further information contact:

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THANK YOU LIFER’S CLUB AT OREGON STATE PENITENTIARY

Oregon CURE steering committee would like to thank the members of the Lifer’s Club at Oregon State Penitentiary for their generous gift in acknowledgment of our efforts in advocating for prisoners and their families and loved ones. Oregon CURE is a non-profit organization – made up entirely of volunteers who believe that change is possible and inevitable. Our task is to ensure the change is for the better.

Thank you very much for your thoughtfulness – OSP Lifer’s Club!!

(Note: OSP Life’s Club accepts beads, jewelry fittings, porcupine quills and semi -precious or natural stones for their use in making earrings, necklaces, bracelets and rings. Your donation of jewelry that you no longer wear will be put to good use by the Life’s Club. If you have been in the OSP visiting room, you will have seen their spectacular handcrafted designs. Proceeds go towards providing gifts for prisoner’s children. Please contact Oregon CURE and we will get your donation to the craft store in Salem that is an approved supplier.)



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CAPTIVE IMAGERY ART GALLERY
211 N.W. 5th Ave.
Portland, OR 97209
(503) 222-5514

Oregon CURE took a tour of Captive Imagery Art Gallery on June 18, 2005 and were very impressed with the art we saw displayed, which is all from individuals who are currently, or have been at one time, in prison. The artwork is all reasonably priced and more members proudly bought one or many pieces of art to take home.

The goal of the gallery, according to Marin Lee, Vice President of Captive Imagery, Inc., is to provide a positive venue for inmate artists to show they can do right, rather than wrong. They believe in offering those who take the initiate to do something positive with their

prison time a real chance to cultivate an existing talent while paying off outstanding debts, and possibly save a little money to enable them a better chance at a fresh start upon their release from prison. 50% of all proceeds from the art work go to the artists (either directly or to their families they left behind, to the victims of their family, or restitution, depending on the situation); 30% goes toward upkeep of the gallery, and 20% goes to charities directly linked in helping keep kids off the streets and out of prisons.

Stop by and say “hello” and see for yourselves the wonderful art work on display. The gallery is the only one of its kind in the United States.

ASK ALAN. . .

Do you have questions about a loved one in prison or are you a prisoner seeking answers? What is the food really like? How safe are they? What is his/her daily routine? How do you avoid getting in trouble? If you do, and would like to get an answer from a former inmate, send you questions to “Ask Alan”, c/o Oregon CURE, 1631 S.W. Broadway, #460, Portland, OR 97232 and as room permits, we will publish those questions and answers in our upcoming newsletters.

POEMS / STORIES NEEDED

Send us your artwork, poems, short stories, favorite quotes, etc. for review and consideration in publishing in future newsletters. All entries should be sent directly c/o Oregon CURE, 1631 S.W. Broadway, Suite 460, Portland, OR 97232

Update from Heart of the Dove LLC

Heart of the Dove, a transportation service "bringing families together one visit at a time," is celebrating the beginning of its fourth year of facilitating visits to Baker and Ontario, and for the past year has added to its schedule, transportation to Pendleton and Umatilla. Jerry and Deborah Waggoner are dedicated to helping to make your visit with your loved one a success. For example, one weekend each month, a chartered van leaves Salem at 8:45 p.m. on Friday, picks up passengers at the Gateway Transit Center in Portland at 9:45 p.m., and, proceeds to Baker and Ontario for visits, returning Sunday to Portland at 6 p.m., and Salem at 7 p.m. Visits to Pendleton are scheduled for the second Thursday of each month and to Umatilla on the first Thursday of each month. Weekend packages are available. The days and times are subject to change, so please call Jerry or Deborah at (503) 317-9509 to obtain updated rate and schedule information.

Interested in starting a group in your area?
Call CURE at 503-977-9979 (Portland) or 1-866-357-CURE (2873) (Outside Portland).
Are your fluent in Spanish and interested in starting a Spanish-speaking group? Call CURE to volunteer.

CURE SUPPORT GROUPS – MEETING MONTHLY

1 st Saturday 11:00 am–12:30 pm Salem Religious Science Center 2495 Lancaster Drive NE Free Parking 503-873-4363 (Aba Gayle)	1 st Wednesday 7:00 pm–8:30 pm Beaverton Community Center 12350 SW 5th, Suite 100 Free Parking 503-848-8033 (Lisa)	4 th Tuesday 6:30 pm–8 pm Multnomah County Library Gregory Heights Branch 7921 NE Sandy Free Parking 503-284-8108 (Jackie)	1 st Tuesday 7 pm–8:30 pm Eugene Library Main Branch 100 West 10th Free Parking at nearby parking structure 541-935-1182 (Ken)
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MONTHLY SUPPORT GROUP MEETING CHANGES
Portland Group being led by Sue at the same location: Gregory Heights Branch.
Salem Group meets in Building D.
Eugene Group meets at 7:00 p.m. not 7:30 p.m.

If you are on the outside and you feel you would benefit from a confidential meeting with people who understand the issues you deal with due to having a loved one in prison – please attend one of our support group meetings. You can get more information on location of meetings and times by calling (503) 977-9979 (from the Portland area) or 1.866.357.2873 (outside the Portland area) or at www.oregoncure.org.

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