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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Kelly McGraw

McGraw Appointed Executive Director



Kelly McGraw has been appointed Executive Director of the Willamette Valley Cancer Foundation, according to Dan Corrigan, President of the Foundation Board.

"Kelly's professional experience in non-profit organizations, particularly the American Cancer

Society, as well as her commitment to volunteerism made her a good match for the position of Executive Director," said Corrigan.

"She brings a lot of enthusiasm and organizational skills to the Foundation," he added.

McGraw, who grew up in McMinnville and graduated from McMinnville High School, earned a bachelor's degree from Oregon State University. She had previously served as community relationship manager for the American Cancer Society. In her role there, she was in-

involved in fundraising, volunteer management and events coordination, including coordinating Relay For Life events.

Prior to serving the American Cancer Society, McGraw worked as a recreation services assistant for the Department of Recreational Services in Corvallis, where she maintained support and services to nine different program areas within the facility designed to fit the needs of Oregon State students and faculty members.

She also served an internship as director of Olympic Town for Special Olympics Oregon. She planned, organized and facilitated Olympic Town, which served more than 1,500 athletes with mental disabilities from all over Oregon. McGraw continues to serve as a volunteer for Special Olympics Oregon.

"Working together with volunteers to help those battling cancer is very rewarding work. I'm looking forward to helping the Foundation in assisting individuals in the community with resources and support during this difficult time," said McGraw.

NHL Hall-of-Famer Tees Up His Support

National Hockey League Hall-of-Famer Phil Esposito—who played 18 NHL seasons for the Chicago Blackhawks, Boston Bruins and New York Rangers—will be on hand to support this year's Barium Cup Golf Tournament that benefits the Willamette Valley Cancer Foundation. The tournament will be held on October 1, at the Michelbook Country Club in McMinnville.

Sponsorship opportunities, ranging from \$100 to \$5,000, are still available; and golfers are encouraged to register their foursomes as early as possible.

The registration fee of \$150 per golfer (\$600 per foursome) includes golf, cart, lunch, dinner and prizes.

Participating in the Barium Cup Golf Tournament is a great way to have fun, get



some exercise and support your neighbors who are battling cancer.

Sign up today or call 503-435-6592 for more information.



Cancer education programs are available for area schools. To schedule "Tar Wars" or make a donation to this program, call 503-455-6590.

Summer Sizzles with Support

This summer was teeming with events in support of the Willamette Valley Cancer Foundation. We appreciate those of you who organized, volunteered and supported these events through sponsorships or participation. It is because of you that we are able to help our neighbors fight the battle against cancer!

Trotting to Support



A record number of runners and walkers (273!) participated in the 22nd Annual Turkey Trot 8K Run and 2 Mile Walk.

Along with tired muscles, there was a lot of community awareness and support for the Willamette Valley

Cancer Foundation. Sponsored by Willamette Valley Medical Center, a portion of the race proceeds benefited the Foundation and the McMinnville Chamber of Commerce.

The Art of Caring



The McMinnville Rotary Club held their 15th Annual Oregon Wine and Art Auction at Ken Wright Cellars in Carlton.

In addition to sipping delicious wine and bidding on some spectacular art, a portion of the event's proceeds benefited the Willamette Valley Cancer Foundation.

Although it's too early to have the final figures from this year, in 2006 event organizers donated \$20,000 to the Foundation. To be added to next year's invitation list, please email Kelly McGraw at

kelly.mcgraw@triadhospitals or call 503-435-6592.

"Cruzzin" to Fight Cancer



The North Valley Cruzzers sponsored the 8th Annual McMinnville Car Show on July 14 which featured cars from the 1930s to today. These car enthusiasts also have the drive to help! Each year they donate their proceeds from the car show to

a nonprofit organization. This year's proceeds were generously donated to the Willamette Valley Cancer Foundation. A worthy destination!

Meaningful Memories



Racers paced themselves as the 5th Annual Answer to Cancer Race got off to a start in McMinnville on June 3rd. The race honors the late Adrian Elkins. The McMinnville resident was a collegiate cross country runner who was diagnosed at the age of 19 with liver

cancer—a result of chronic Hepatitis B he contracted as an infant in India. Elkins was determined to create something positive from his battle and now his family carries on in his honor. The Willamette Valley Cancer Foundation was named as one of three beneficiaries and received more than \$3,000 from this year's proceeds.

Foundation Resources Support Patients and Caregivers

Thanks to your support, the Foundation can provide resources to those dedicated caregivers who join with their friends and family in the battle against cancer.

Helping a Daughter Care

The Foundation was able to help a 55-year-old woman suffering from lung cancer. Due to radiation and chemotherapy treatments, she had to quit her job and move in with her daughter. Her daughter took a leave of absence to care for her mother and the Foundation stepped in to assist with rent, utilities, medical premiums, prescriptions and food in an effort to alleviate some of the financial burden.

Painting a Circle of Support

When a local paint company found out that one of its customers was going through cancer treatments, they substantially discounted their services for the family. With the money the family saved, they bought their mother, who was undergoing chemotherapy, a wig and donated the rest to the Foundation in honor of the generous community member who helped them. The funds will help others who are battling cancer.