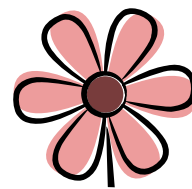




The Kindness Club Volunteer Newsletter



May 2026

Welcome to our first edition of The Kindness Club Volunteer Newsletter. We hope this will be informative and a bit entertaining, giving you an opportunity to know others you may not work with.

News

Linda Ellingson Scholarship Fund:

This year we have 2 students who will be receiving \$1,500. Makiah will be attending school for hair and nails. Jannie will be attending Chemeketa Community College for Early Childhood.

Congratulations to these Kindness Club Students!

Grants Received:

The Kindness Club has received an Oregon Community Foundation Grant, available to apply for every other year and allows us to use as needed. Secondly, we have again received a Dallas Community Foundation Grant, which is earmarked for our produce purchases. Thank you to our treasurer Susan Humphrey for helping to apply for these grants.

Calendar

June 12th, Summer deliveries begin
June 13th, Saturday Shop
July 11th, Saturday Shop
Aug. 8th, Saturday Shop
Sept. 4th, School Staff Open house
Sept. 12th, No Saturday Shop
Sept. 18th, First School Delivery
Sept. 26th, Student Clothing Shop
Oct. 10th, Student Shop
Nov. 14th, Student Shop
Dec. 12th, Student Shop
Dec. 19th, Holiday Giveaway

Did You Know?

...We have over 40 volunteers.
...We are in our 10th year
...We fill about 10,000 bags a year and each bag costs \$10.00+
...We have a Bottle Drop program, just use our Blue Bags and the code on the bag assures \$'s come to The KC.
...We have volunteers that work weekly, monthly, and on call. You are all appreciated.
...We receive donations from 300 or more individuals a year.
...We receive 300 loaves of bread each month from Daves Killer Bread

Volunteer Highlight

Dale Derouin

Here's the short version. I have been a Peace Corps volunteer, college instructor, shelter home parent, real estate agent, property appraiser and audit manager for Oregon Employment Department. Lois and I have been married for more than fifty years and have one son who is married with two children. We also hosted several exchange students and teachers who we consider family.

Lois and I were both born and raised in Wisconsin but were drawn west after visiting her college roommate in Oregon. We started backpacking, and after a few years we decided to move where there were mountains. Staying with her roommate, we looked at small towns around the state and settled on Dallas. That was over fifty years ago.

Our shelter home for teenagers in tough situations gave us an appreciation of the difficulty they can encounter. When I heard about the Kindness Club, I was retired and the mission appealed to me. I asked if I could help in any way and they said they could use someone to haul recycling materials to the drop off site. It was a flexible task which fit my availability, and transitioned into hauling bottles and cans to be recycled. It feels good to contribute a little bit to a group which does so much for the youth in our community.

George Ogilvie

I was born in Seattle, WA, raised in Hawaii until Fifth Grade when my dad(a dentist for the VA) transferred to Portland, OR. I attended grade and high school in Portland, was drafted and spent a year in Viet Nam. When my active duty ended, I went back to Portland and attended Portland State, where I graduated with a BA in General Studies, Social Science. I was hired as a police officer by Oregon State Police. During that time I met my beautiful wife (also a state police officer). We fell in love and married. We have four adult children (three live nearby and one in Nevada). We have four grandchildren.

As a family, we originally lived in Newberg, OR. In 2001 we moved to StPaul, OR. We moved to Dallas about five years ago. Our children have attended school in St Paul since the mid 1990's. Shortly before our children began attending school in St Paul, the School district had a bond that failed to pass a special levy. The school board there decided to trim their expenses and eliminated the hot lunch program. My wife got together with a couple of other moms and started preparing lunch one day a week for the students. It was very well received by everyone. I was able to help them occasionally. It was the only meal that a few students had on that day.

I worked part time for the State Police in various roles for 15-20 years after retiring. About 15-20 years ago I began working part time for the Department of Police Standards and Training (DPSST) as a role player, evaluator, and instructor in scenario village (where the students practice what they have learned in class).

I retired from that in September 2024.

I was very bored and was looking for something fun and engaging to do with my time. My oldest son Rob Ogilvie (a school board member) suggested Kindness Club.

I applied and was accepted as a volunteer. I like that the Kindness Club is a source of nourishment and clothing for the less fortunate students in this area. Also I enjoy visiting with all the volunteers that I have worked with. I have enjoyed meeting many of the people who partake of the Kindness Club services.

Hello Volunteers,

Our 10th school year is coming to a close. It's hard to believe how quickly the time has gone and how much we've grown. Thought you would be interested in a few pieces of information. I took some time off from being President. It was much needed, through my retirement from Dallas School District and some health issues. So appreciate Sherrie Burbank stepping in and running the show. She did a fabulous job. I have stepped back into the President/Chairman of the board role and reacquainting myself with everything. I've assigned some additional roles into parts of the club in order to distribute some of the duties and jobs. As I'm sure you know there is much that goes on behind the scenes to keep everything running smoothly. Here are our current roles on the Board and Advisory Team

Board Members

Debbie McCleery - President
Anne Seniff - Vice President
Susan Humphrey - Treasurer
Vickie Boer - Secretary
Jen Jackson - Volunteer Coordinator
Julie Crook - Clothing Closet Coordinator
Gail Burton - New Volunteer Trainer
Betsy Miller - Food and Hygiene Board Rep.

Advisory Team

All Board Members
Sherrie Burbank - Food/Friday Bags lead
Carol Harper - Clothing Closet Asst.
Anna Salgado - Hygiene Closet lead
Susie Buckingham - Church Liaison
Becky Graber
Lin Bauer
Julie Graber

If you have questions when working or other times, these are the people that can assist you.

* There is a notebook titled Policies and Procedures, if you are working and have time this is good reading.

* We currently are assisting 240 students from Dallas, Perrydale, Falls City, Dallas Community School, Luckiamute Valley Charter, and homeschooled.

* We began a once a month clothing closet shop day the second Saturday of each month from 10-2. This has been a big success and we plan to continue this offering.

* Board of Directors meet the first Monday of each month

* Advisory Team meet every other first Monday

* Summer deliveries will begin June 12th. Interested? Message Debbie 503-931-2528

* Finally, the Board has been working on installing a background check system. We have signed up with a company called Sterling Volunteers. The process will begin this summer with our existing volunteers. Cost is \$19.00 for the criminal check and an additional \$5.00 for the driving record. Please know this information will be kept in confidence.

Thanks again for all you do to make The Kindness Club run smoothly. We could not do it without you.

Debbie McCleery
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