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The Oregon Health Care Foundation (OHCF) is the nonprofit 501(c)(3) charitable organization dedicated to supporting quality long term care in Oregon. OHCF was established to provide educational opportunities for current and future employees at long term care facilities in Oregon, programs that enrich the lives of Oregon Seniors, and outreach programs to enhance the public understanding and appreciation of the long term care profession.

## Message From the Executive Director, Janel McKenna



On May 13th the Foundation hosted the second Senior Wish Training session of 2008 welcoming the largest and most diverse group in its history. Participants included the full spectrum of long term care professionals including Administrators, Marketing Directors, and Life Enrichment Coordinators. Those in attendance were from communities well beyond the Portland Metro Area, and even the Willamette Valley. Long term care facilities from The Dalles to Klamath Falls were represented.

The next training will be from 1:30pm to 4:30pm on Sept 18th at the OHCF Office. Click [here](#) to register.

## Scholarship Program

Through its Scholarship Program OHCF is proud to make a difference in the lives of those who dedicate their careers to serving Oregon's elders.

### Business Partner Scholarship

The Foundation is pleased to announce that Pinnacle Consulting has established an annual scholarship that will be awarded to an individual currently employed in the field of long term care. Pinnacle Consulting's services, designed to improve customer and employee satisfaction, focus specifically on quality of care within the long term care profession. The Pinnacle Consulting Scholarship will be awarded to the candidate(s) who has



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## Board of Directors

OHCF appreciates the commitment and support from its diverse group of Board Members comprised of long term care profession leaders and business partners.

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demonstrated a commitment to quality in their work, has made a positive difference in the quality of life of the seniors they serve and is pursuing further education within the long term care field.

Up to a total of \$2,000 will be awarded during 2008. Awards may be made to one or more candidates and will be based on Education program costs. The Pinnacle Consulting Scholarship will be awarded during the 2008 Winter Award Cycle and deadline for applications will be December 1st. Application forms will be available at a later date.

### Summer Scholarship Deadline

**Applications for the 2008 Summer Scholarship Cycle are due by June 30th!**

Scholarships available include:

#### General Studies Scholarships

Up to twenty-five \$500 General Studies Scholarships will be awarded to those pursuing further education in **any field related to long term care**.

#### Margaret Murphy Carley (MMC) Scholarship

The MMC Scholarship of up to \$1,000, depending on program costs, will be awarded to a certified nursing assistant currently working in the field of long term care and seeking an LPN, RN, advanced nursing degree, or other health care related degree program, including health administration.

#### Consonus Healthcare Services Scholarship

The Consonus Healthcare Services Scholarship, of up to a total of \$4,000, will be awarded to one or more individuals based on program costs. Candidates must be currently employed or seeking to be employed in long term care as an Occupational Therapist, Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant, Physical Therapist, Physical Therapy Assistant, Speech Language Pathologist, Pharmacist or Pharmacy Technician.



Click on the links above, visit the Scholarship Program page, or contact Sara McNall (503-726-5238, [smcnall@ohca.com](mailto:smcnall@ohca.com)) to access applications and learn more about opportunities available.

#### Featured Scholarship Recipient

Leslee Olson's desire to be a nurse developed as she watched her younger



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brother Todd struggle with a fatal childhood kidney disease. Her brother is a constant reminder that each day should be lived with a purpose, and Leslee truly feels that her purpose is caring for people. She believes a career as a nurse is an opportunity to provide happiness and cheer by making people smile, laugh and feel good about their lives.

Having been awarded an OHCF Scholarship allowed Leslee to finish nursing school at OHSU by paying for course books for her last two terms. She will be graduating with a BSN degree in June 2008, after which she will remain at OHSU where she has been hired to work on the cardiac floor as a bedside nurse. After gaining a few years of hospital experience, Leslee's goal is to pursue a career in the field she is most passionate about, geriatrics. Because of her love for working with the elder population, she plans to attain her geriatric nurse practitioner license and hopes to one day open her own assisted living community.

If you have received a scholarship from the Foundation and would like to be featured in the OHCF Newsletter, please [send us](#) information on how you've put your award to good use, your future education plans, where you are working in long term care, and a photo of yourself (at work if possible)!

## Senior Wish Program

### Senior Wish Spotlight

Activities Director Tonya Brown of Avamere Court at Keizer began noticing that during Basketball season one of her residents Pat Walling, often ducked out of dinner a little bit early. Upon following her to her room one evening, Tonya discovered Pat's love of the Portland Trailblazers and found her watching a close game. Tonya and Pat started viewing Blazer games together regularly, inspiring Tonya to consider granting a Senior Wish for Pat.

Due to health concerns Pat thought a trip to watch a Blazer game would be too difficult, so Tonya decided instead to bring Blazer Mania to Keizer by throwing a viewing party for all residents and staff members to attend. When Tonya asked Pat if she would like to be the center of a Blazer themed Senior Wish, Pat insisted that she'd done nothing to deserve such a celebration and did not want anyone going to too much trouble over her. Pat agreed that the only reason she'd go along with the Blazer party was so everyone involved could enjoy the game.



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On the night of the Blazer party Avamere Court was decorated in a basketball theme. Team memorabilia had been donated by the Blazers and Papa John's contributed pizza. During the party Pat was presented with an autographed team pennant, a Greg Oden bobble head, and it was when she was given the Blazer jersey that Pat leaned over to Tonya and said how happy she was that the party was for her. As she was swimming in the oversized Basketball jersey, Pat made the comment to the group that there was room enough for Brandon Roy to be in there with her, after which she blushed.

When Pat heard the Blazer announcer mention her name and her Senior Wish viewing party on TV she just giggled and smiled as the entire group gave her a round of applause. While before the party Pat did not consider attending a live game as feasible, afterwards she said if the Blazers make it to the National Championship she will definitely have to go.

If you, or someone you know has granted an extra special Senior Wish, please [contact us](#) to be featured in a future edition of the OHCF Newsletter!

Visit OHCF's [Senior Wish page](#) for more information on the program and learn how you can help make a Senior Wish come true.

## Partnership For Quality Long Term Care

### Signature Hospice

Trey Malicoat, President of Signature Hospice, knew he wanted to do something meaningful with the funds that family members donate in memory of their deceased loved ones.

To accomplish this goal Signature Hospice partnered with OHCF naming it its **Charity of Choice**. Donations made to Signature Hospice are sent to OHCF in support of the Senior Wish Program which fulfills the dreams of Oregon's elders. With this partnership Signature Hospice and OHCF are honoring the memory of those who have passed by giving seniors the opportunity to live life to the fullest.

Trey Malicoat believes hospice is about living life fully in the final days and the collaboration with OHCF allows even more people to experience a richer life by making dreams come true.



If your community is interested in supporting the Senior Wish program by making OHCF your **Charity of Choice**, please contact

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For a complete list of donors April 2007-2008 visit OHCF's [Honor Roll of Donors](#) page.

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Thank you for your support!

## Resources

Learn about the Oregon Health Care Association at [www.ohca.com](http://www.ohca.com).

Get information about OHCA's upcoming events at [www.ohca.com/events](http://www.ohca.com/events).

Explore some of the rewarding career opportunities in long term care at [www.ohca.com/workforce](http://www.ohca.com/workforce)

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Janel McKenna.

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