



SARAH CORSON CHILD CARE & LEARNING CENTER

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November 2022 Newsletter



Thanksgiving closure

We will be *closing promptly at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 23*. We will be **CLOSED Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25** for Thanksgiving.

Holiday break closure

We will be *closed Monday, December 19, 2022 through Monday, January 2, 2023* for our annual Winter Break.

Holiday Program

Our Annual Holiday Program will be in the Sanctuary Friday, December 9, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Please come help us celebrate the Holiday season with song, fun, treats and an Open House.

Congratulations, Julia!

We have an Aide who has worked hard to become qualified as a teacher. Congratulations to Julia, who works in our Infant Room. She is now teacher-qualified in our Infant and Toddler classrooms.

Brenda Carter – 20 Years at SCC

Since October of 2002, we have had the privilege of Brenda Carter being on our staff. She has worked with our infants, toddlers, and preschoolers in her time with the Center. Brenda has been an Aide, a Teacher, and currently holds one of two Assistant Director positions, which puts her in charge in my absence. Brenda is warm, kind, loving, dedicated to our children, and incredibly hard-working. Brenda is excellent at classroom management, all the while earning the children's respect and love. I have known Brenda for almost half of my life. I not only consider her a coworker, but a dear friend. She taught Preschool to both of my boys who are now teenagers. They look back on their early years with fondness, their lives having been touched by Brenda. We recently celebrated Brenda's service at a staff meeting. Please join me in thanking her for all she has done and continues to do for our SCC kiddos.



Week of Kindness

World Day of Kindness is Sunday, November 13. To celebrate, we will be kicking off a new, week-long annual tradition. November 14-18, we will celebrate each day with special curriculum and special activities all designed around showing kindness and compassion to others.

—Jaime Snider, director

She loves to sing

By PAULETTE AVERY

Mary Lynn Lucas, a native of Columbus, Ohio, has been singing virtually her entire life. She began at age four when she joined the family church's children's choir led by her mother, who was also the organist. Her whole family sang, it was a natural part of who she was and is. Sadly, her mom died when Mary Lynn was 12. She says one of the things that helped her through that painful time was attending a summer-long camp in Wisconsin for four years where campers learned to sing, dance, and put on a show.



Mary Lynn in the choir loft

She loved to perform so she majored in theater with a minor in modern dance when she went off to college at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. She soon decided SMU's culture was not for her since some students held that the South won the Civil War and Texas had never joined the Union! So, after her freshman year she returned home to complete studies at Ohio State University. The campus was within walking distance of her home.

Her first job was with the telephone company but soon she headed to California. Eventually she got a job in Marin County and worked for doctors there for many years. Mary Lynn met her husband Bill at a Porsche Club party. They have been married for 52 years and have a son and two daughters.

Through the years she has continued to sing by involvement in community theater, leading a children's choir at the Catholic church her family attended for several years, and as a long-time member of the Rogue Valley Chorale.

Mary Lynn and Bill moved to Oregon 16 years ago. She originally came to First Pres as a member of the bell choir and then joined the church and the Chancel Choir. She has served on Session twice, been a member of the Mission Committee, and is currently on the Finance Committee.

And she will sing on!

New Kiva loans

We're back in the Kiva loan business. Using funds donated for the Kiva loan program through Noisy Offerings taken at worship services before the COVID-19 pandemic, our Kiva Loan subcommittee made two new investments in October.



William Gustavo

Kiva is the Swahili word for unity, picked by the two founders of this microloan program.

We've loaned \$700 to William Gustavo, a 22-year old farmer in El Salvador. It will go toward farming supplies and rent on a parcel of land he plans to plant grain.

A \$545 loan was made to Gioconda Maria who runs a convenience store in Nicaragua. She will use the money to repair the roof of the building housing her business.

The Kiva program began in San Francisco in 2005. It matches underserved communities around the world with small investors. As loans are paid off, the investors get to re-invest in other projects. Kiva today has 4.5 million borrowers in 79 countries. Their repayment rate through this year is over 96 percent.



Gioconda Maria