

Coos County Public Health Superstars 2008-2020

Super Star	Organization	Activity
2008		
Carolyn Jacobson, RN	Coos County Healthy Start Program	Birth family screening
Renee' Menkens, RN	Southwestern Oregon Community College	Coos County Public Health Family Planning Advisory Board
Lonnie Scarborough, Director	Southern Coos Hospital	Community flu shots
Ingrid Tyson, RN Shannon Weybright, RN		School Based Health Center at Marshfield High School
Joanne Verger, Senator	Oregon State Legislature	Legislation to expand Oregon bottle bill and healthy snacks in schools
2009		
Rita Hoover, RN	Bay Area Hospital	Diabetes Education with South Coast Diabete4s Association
Jim Wathen, CEO	Southern Coos Hospital	Fist hospital with smoke free campus
Angie Webster, RN Melissa Grimes, RN	Coos Bay School District	Improving dental health in grade school children
Kelley Rowe, Director	North Bend Medical Center	Provided health education and outreach with health coalitions
Kathy Cooley, RN	Coos County Health Department	Healthy Start parenting education program
2010		
Mary Schamelhorn, Mayor	City of Bandon	First city in Coos County with smoke free parks
Lindi Quinn	Bay Area Zonta Club	Organizing Mother's Day walk
Dan Bissell	Coos County Health Department	Emergency Preparedness
Crystal Shojii	Coos Bay North Bend Rotary	Support for CaCoon Program for medically fragile children
Mindy Dean	Bree's Upscale Resale	Provided mammograms and information on breast health
H1N1 Response Team: Angie Webster, RN and Karen Brown, RN, Coos Bay; Tim Amato, RN and Carrie Bohanan, RN, North Bend; Donna Martz, RN, Myrtle Point; Peggy Jennings, RN, Coquille; also Ellen Baldwin, Powers and Diane Buche, Bandon.	Coos County Health Department & School Nurses	Flu immunizations for community and schools
2011		
Judy McMakin, Director	Coos County Commission on Children and Families	Early childhood education programs at health department
Barbara Eakley	Bandon Community Health Center	Developed cook book to raise funds for health care
Astrid Diepenbroeck	Coos County Health Department	Provided services in the Ready to Smile program for school age children

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Pat Ciccarelli & Carla Fellows	South Coast Head Start	Brought Early Head Start to Coos County, serving pregnant women, infants and young children
Jenifer Stephens & Jeff McKeown, Mayor	City of Coos Bay	Smoke free parks in Coos bay
Julia Willis, Administrator	Coquille Tribal Community Fund trustees	Support for Coos County Public Health programs
2012		
Susan Chaney, CNM	Bay Area Hospital	Advocate for pregnant and parenting families
Don Luce	South Coast Striders	Connected individuals to hiking on the south coast
Stephanie Polizzi, RD	Oregon State Extension Office	Collaboration with Health Department Tobacco Prevention program about tobacco use policy at Coos County Fair
John Sweet & Elizabeth Day	Ford Family Foundation & The Mudd family Foundation	Support for Ready to Smile Program
2013		
Maud Capps, MA	Bandon Community Health Center	Started clinic Prescription Assistance Program
Kathy Laird, RN	Waterfall Community Health Center	Advocate for medical care for the uninsured
Michael Lanza, MD		Provided greenhouse to Myrtle Crest School to support healthy eating and reduce obesity
Judy Moody, Director	Woman's Safety & Resource Center	Support for services to prevent intimate partner violence in our community
2014		
Stephen Groth, MD	Coos County Health Department	Provided reproductive services for low income women in family planning clinic
Donna Rabin, MD & Jon Yost, MD	Community Connections Network	Coordinated care for children with special needs
Tom Holt, DDS	Ready to Smile Program/Neighborhood Dentist Program	Contributions to children dental health
Brent Pahls, DDS, Heidi Pahls, DDS, & Herman Pahls, DDS	Ready to Smile Program/Neighborhood Dentist Program	Donated dental care services to school age children
Debbie Webb	Coos County Friends of Public Health	Provided services through the Living Well Program for people with chronic conditions
2015		
Karen Brown, RN	Coos Bay School District	Started <i>Shoes that Fit</i> program and coordination of Ready to Smile Program
Susan Fox & Ethel German, co-founders & Kathy	Crossroads Café & Southwester Oregon	Collaboration to support inexpensive hot meals for anyone and nursing student run health clinics

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Walsh, RN & Susan Walker, RN, Director	Community College Nursing program	
Jardin Kazaar, RN & Kristen Hoefer	Black Market Gourmet	Educating the community about healthy eating
Betty Albertson	Western Oregon Advanced Health	The Community Advisory Council was acknowledged for their work to improve the health of WOAHS members
2016		
Charlie Possee	The Power's Lion's Club	Acknowledged for their efforts to encourage active living through the Tour de Fronds cycling event.
Audrey Duke, FNP	North Bend Medical Center (NBMC)	Served at the first walk in clinic at NBMC and board member for Crossroads Community Cafe
Pat Dudas, FNP	Coos Health & Wellness & Coquille Tribal Health Clinic	Advocate for breast and cervical cancer screening
Phil Greenhill, CEO	Western Oregon Advanced Health	Vision and collaboration with Coos Health & Wellness in development of new campus
Anna Marie Slate	Western Oregon Advanced Health	President of Community Advisory Committee and raised awareness of health issues affecting vulnerable populations
Florence Pourtal-Stevens, Administrator	Coos Health & Wellness	Supported for work to revitalize the Community health Improvement Plan
2017		
Elizabeth Spona	Connect the Boardwalks	Created awareness and support for the Coos Waterfront Park and Walkway
Jennifer Groth & Stephanie Kramer	Coos Bay City Council 2016 & Mayor Crystal Shoji	Supported ordinances expanding smoking bans at all city owned developed parks.
Joanne Shorb, Director	Kid's Hope Center	Supported education to help the public understand what child abuse is and how this impacts our community.
Gail McClave, MD	Bandon Community Health Center	Volunteer and support for lab grade vaccine refrigerator for Coos Health & Wellness
Carla McKelvey, MD	FEARsome Clinic	Provided physical, dental and mental health screenings for Coos County foster parents and the children they serve
Tara Johnson, Director	Nancy Devereux Center	Provided support for the homeless population of Coos County
2018		
Char Luther, Director	New Community Coalition	Provided leadership about housing and vulnerable people in Coos County
Patty Sanden, Jeanette Sinclair, Robin Reed and Chelsea Schoeppner and their dogs Auggie, Leah, Vixey, Utah and Molly	The Coos County Search & Rescue Dog Team Unit	The team leads searches that can occur at night, under darkness, and in all types of weather.

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Linda Furman Grile, Director	South Coast hospice & Palliative Care Services, Inc.	Created of the area’s first community-based non-profit hospice program
Linda Maxon, Director	Coast Community Health Center	A leader in bringing quality, low-cost, accessible health care to the people of Bandon and south to Langlois and Port Orford
2019		
Kate Frame	Local Alcohol Drug Planning Committee	Supported regional prescription drug overdose prevention project.
Ann Marineau	Madison Elementary School	Manager of the Madison Community Garden as an option for healthy foods for school age children and their families
Becky and Grant Crim	American Cancer Society	Volunteer to educate us about cancer prevention, early detection and treatment, and also to raise funds to fight cancer
Rick Wetherell, Mayor	North Bend City Council	Recognized for helping to support health for families through creating healthier environments with no smoking signs in city parks.
2020		
Patrick Wright	Operation Rebuild Hope	Created programs to support veterans in Coos County.
Kim Singh, President	Coos County Emergency Response Team (CERT)	Supported education about disaster preparedness and training in basic disaster response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations
Phillip Nel, Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Manager & Michael Burton, VISTA	Coos Health & Wellness, Coos County Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)	They develop trainings for MRC members, seek funding to develop supply resources needed for emergency situations, and work with county and state government to assure Coos County is well versed in disaster management and that our MRC is ready to serve, when and if, needed.
Bernarda Liggett	Coos Elderly Services	Directly helping those in need, and comfort in the continuation of Coos Elderly Services mission to promote the dignity and security of vulnerable people who need assistance in managing their financial affairs.
Dale Hodge	South Coast Together	A community member who supports the work of SCT in educating the public about adverse childhood experiences with the goal to support a healthy Coos county.
2022		

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Ko-Quell Wellness Center	Coquille tribe	The Ko-Kwell Wellness Center is dedicated to the whole person and is open to the public focused on blending health, wellness, and culture to improve access to health care and increase dental services for the community at large.
Bay Cities Ambulance	Bay Cities Ambulance	Provided community rapid testing in various locations in Coos County and handling vaccinations in long term care facilities for seniors at their residences.
Chief Mark Anderson	Coos Bay Fire Department	Supported Covid vaccine clinics for Coos Health & Wellness and volunteers during the pandemic for vaccinations for the community at large.
Kat Burgess, Renee' Menkens, RN	Coos County Medical Reserve Corps	Kat helped make sure volunteers were ready for the covid vaccine PODs (Points of Distribution) by making them efficient and effective. Renee' Menkens, RN, provided Covid vaccines for community members at the PODs and Farmers Market as well as aboard ships for foreign sailors.
Lena Hawtin, RN	Coos Health & Wellness	Lena coordinated vaccine and supplies for the PODs during Covid vaccinations throughout the county. She managed oversight of vaccine safety issues for storage and distribution.
Kelsey Orr, RN and Becky Fairhurst, RN	Coos Health & Wellness	Kelsey and Becky provided hours of service in contact tracing one of the key elements in the Covid response in Coos County. They served as team leads for all investigators for Public Health.
John Lemos	Kids Hope Center	John has volunteered at the KHC for the past five years to support children and adults who have experienced trauma in their lives. He also volunteers as a co-facilitator of the Darkness to Light curriculum educating the community about child sexual abuse.
Stephanie Polizzi	OSU Extension Family and Community	Stephanie works tirelessly to educate the community about nutrition and conducted research about nutrition and cancer reduction in the WECAN (Wellness Education for Cancer Nutrition) study.

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Alyssa Pruess	Zonta Club for Southwest Oregon	Alyssa researched and designed The Sex Talk website to make reliable and accurate sex education available to the community. This website is a resource to help prevent unplanned pregnancies, promote sexual health, reduce sexually transmitted infections, and educate young people about services and resources available to them.
Barbara Van Slyke	Bay Area Hospital Cancer Center	In 2003 Barbara saw a need and began seeing patients who had no access to medical care. In 2003 she and others secured federal funding and Waterfall Health Clinic was established as a Federally Qualified Health Center in 2003. She was on the board of directors for 10 years. She recently retired from Bay Area Hospital Cancer Center as an oncology nurse.