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John Clark

Partners In Care welcomes **John Clark** as their new chief finance officer.

Clark is a proven finance leader with experience spanning diverse industries and recently joined the Partners In Care team. His expertise lies in financial planning and analysis, cash flow management, and business process design. Clark has a track record of developing strategies that drive bottom-line growth and support sound financial management. With a focus on cross-functional engagement, he emphasizes the importance of integrating financial leadership across business units. Clark excels at analyzing disparate data to identify drivers of financial performance and develop forward-looking models. Clark holds a bachelor of science in accounting from the University of Oregon Lundquist College

of Business. He likes to spend his free time outdoors with his family, where he enjoys hiking, paddle boarding, and mountain biking.

Alisha and Greg Prescott, co-founders of **Bend Epicurean**, are making a mark on Central Oregon's culinary and lifestyle scene through storytelling and captivating content. Lifelong hospitality professionals and devoted food enthusiasts, the Prescotts launched Bend Epicurean to spotlight chefs, small business owners and service teams across the region. Their platform highlights local cuisine, celebrates Central Oregon as a premier destination, and champions small businesses. Their mission is to foster community connections through shared flavors and experiences, giving back to the region that inspires them. Explore their work on social media or at bendepicurean.com.



Alisha Prescott

Greg Prescott

In 2024, the Prescott's expanded their impact by launching **LIFT Social Media Management**, offering creative marketing support to small businesses across Central Oregon. Specializing in social media strategy, content creation and more, their hands-on approach builds authentic brands, tells impactful stories and drives meaningful customer connections, ensuring local businesses thrive.

Miles Rosales and Nolan Wolfe, students at **Heart of Oregon Corps YouthBuild**, were elected to join more than 40 other young leaders in Washington, D.C. at the 36th Annual YouthBuild AmeriCorps Conference of Young Leaders (CoYL) recently.

Through CoYL, YouthBuild AmeriCorps students are brought together to fully experience the breadth and impact of YouthBuild's global movement rooted in leadership, service, education and job skills training. Participants further develop their leadership skills and network with current and former students from YouthBuild programs across the country. Heart of Oregon YouthBuild is one of 247 local programs across the U.S. that partner with opportunity youth — young adults between the ages of 16 and 24 who are neither in school nor employed — to build the skillsets and mindsets that lead to lifelong learning, livelihood and leadership. Outside of the U.S., there are 80 local programs in eight other countries that serve opportunity youth.



HEART OF OREGON YOUTHBUILD STUDENTS, MILES ROSALES AND NOLAN WOLFE IN WASHINGTON D.C. | PHOTO COURTESY OF HEART OF OREGON YOUTHBUILD

Throughout the three-day conference, participants explored this year's theme, **Lead Well. Be Well.**, as they broadened their skills and deepened their knowledge to create positive change in their communities. The young people shared their experiences with each other and participated in collaborative, interactive workshops on financial capability, creativity, leadership and wellness, and asset-based storytelling. By building connections with each other and YouthBuild alumni, participants realized the critical role they play in the extensive, global YouthBuild network and brainstormed concrete actions they can take to change their communities for the better. Participants like Rosales and Wolfe are chosen to attend by their fellow students and local YouthBuild program staff.

YouthBuild champions opportunity youth as they achieve their ambitions and reach their full potential. In YouthBuild programs around the world, young people who are out of school and out of work reclaim their education, gain job skills, and become leaders in their communities through service and civic engagement. These young people are in greatest need of our support, and they are our greatest source of untapped potential to create more equitable economic growth and transform the world. In YouthBuild's environment of love, respect, high expectations, belonging, and agency, young people overcome barriers and build long-term professional and personal success.

Maragas Winery Supports Central Oregon Food Bank with Holiday Open House

provided by **MARAGAS WINERY**

For two decades, Maragas Winery has been supporting the Central Oregon Food Bank with contributions organized around their holiday events.

Doug Maragas, winemaker at Maragas Winery, stated they "started collecting food for the food bank many years ago, but changed last year to monetary donations rather than collecting food." Maragas said he made the change after speaking with NeighborImpact director Scott Cooper last year who advised a need for both food donations and monetary donations. Maragas felt "in summary, monetary donations could go to more targeted needs for those in need of food."

This year, Maragas will be holding their Christmas Eve Open House to benefit our local food bank. He stated "the thought of an old fashioned Christmas open house gives you that warm feeling inside. Giving complimentary mulled wine, spiced popcorn, with live Christmas Carols being sung by my daughter is about as good as it gets for us."

Maragas' daughter, Samantha Maragas, will be returning home from the Point Park School of Performing Arts in Pittsburgh to sing Carols for the event. At 18 years of age, she has already performed at New York's Carnegie Hall multiple times, and various Cathedrals and Music Halls in Europe.

The event will take place inside Maragas Winery December 24th from 11:30am to 3pm. At the event, Maragas Winery will be donating the mulled wine, spiced popcorn and entertainment. At the same time, they will be collecting donations for the NeighborImpact Food Bank, of which, 100% of the donations will go to NeighborImpact. Maragas emphasized that our "community has grown, and so has the need for food. This event is a great combination to enjoy the spirit of the season."

Maragas Winery is located 10 to 15 minutes north of Redmond on Highway 97 at 15523 SW Hwy 97, Culver, OR 97734.

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