



The Columbia Humane Society Celebrated 25 Years, and *it was Magic!*

 On May 1, 2010, CHS hosted a benefit at the Elks Lodge in our beautiful city of Saint Helens, Oregon. All the tickets were sold and the evening began with a room filled with socializing and laughter. The dinner tables had white linens, glass hearts, and gerbera daisies, appropriate for our patrons. Auction and raffle tables were strewn with hearts. Stories of rescued animals lined the walls above, asking people to “put their hearts out”. Jon Hecox welcomed the crowd with his acoustic guitar and the stage was set for a wonderful evening. Honored guests included CHS founder, Dr. David Middle, our building donor and namesake, Georgie Holsheimer, and a major supporter of CHS, Patricia Clark. Also in attendance were four representatives of the Delta Society and Congressman Brad Witt. Over 160 people came together that night to raise money for the shelter animals.



The aroma of herbed chicken and vegetarian lasagna wafted thru the lodge and the fun began. Auction and raffle items were all in place and people were milling about, bidding, and dropping in their raffle tickets. Our special campaign asking people to give \$25 to celebrate our past 25 years was a huge success. With a major donor willing to match up to \$2,500 that night, we were able to reach our goal of \$5,000. Each contribution received a homemade thank you card from the Girl Scouts and a special cupcake from a local bakery.

After dinner, CHS Board President Meredith Moore, VP Randy Perrin, and Shelter Director Lorraine Callard thanked the guests and expressed their hopes and plans for the future of the Columbia Humane Society. Clare Conner, Board Member and Chair of the Dinner/Auction, thanked everybody for coming and announced the evening events. Soon all the silent auction bids were in. The most popular items were an aerial sightseeing tour of Columbia County, tickets to Disneyland, and Taste of St. Helens and Scappoose packages with a selection of gift certificates for area restaurants. Next the winning raffle ticket numbers were called, and with more than 60 prizes most everyone that purchased a CHS mug full of tickets won a prize or two. With an impromptu live auction, all remaining prizes were sold and the participants had a lot of fun.

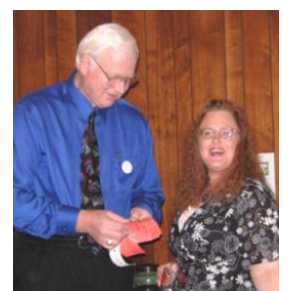


We truly thank all of the generous businesses and individuals that donated to our benefit auction and raffle. Without the donations we received from both near and far, we could not have had such a successful event and great selection of prizes and gifts. Please remember to support these businesses that contribute to the Columbia Humane Society (see the list below).



Many people gave up to \$1,000 even before the night of the dinner by check and online. All the months of planning, hard work, and the generosity of all our patrons have made a big impact on our shelter. So the big question is, how much money did CHS make? The total net profit for that night was over \$12,200! Thanks to all our guests, the biggest winners of the night are the cats and dogs under the temporary care of the Columbia Humane Society until they can find a forever home.

This is just the start of our 25-year celebration campaign. We are asking for each of you to give \$25 to CHS so we can continue to serve Columbia County for the next 25 years. If you have already contributed this year, we thank you from the bottoms of our hearts and hope you will continue to support CHS in the future!



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We thank you for your contribution to the CHS 25-Year Anniversary Dinner and Auction!