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H.O.P.E. Drug Court Participant Helps Saving Grace Humane Society

ROSEBURG, OR – A participant in the **H.O.P.E. Drug Court** program has chosen to support **Saving Grace Humane Society** as part of his Graduate Community Project called 'No Companion Left Behind'. The efforts are focused on collecting much-needed dog and cat food, as well as monetary donations to benefit the shelter and the animals in its care. This meaningful project not only supports a vital community organization but also reflects the participant's personal growth and commitment to giving back.

Cyn Demers, Saving Grace Development and Communications Manager, said, *"We're so excited for this fundraiser and appreciate Erik for choosing Saving Grace. Support like this means the world to us, especially right now, as we're in the midst of kitten season and hearing from more people every day who need help. Community-led fundraising projects like Erik's make a real impact for the animals in our care. Donations of pet food and other supplies are always needed and directly support our lifesaving work."* A special Saving Grace fundraiser page has been created for funds to go directly to their program by using this web link: [donation page](#).

About Saving Grace Humane Society

Saving Grace, Inc. is a 501(c)3 private, non-profit organization, and the county's only full-service animal shelter, providing shelter, food and medical care to thousands of animals each year. Their mission is dedicated to building a humane community in Douglas County through animal sheltering, protection, community services, and advocacy in order to strengthen the human-animal bond. Saving Grace envisions Douglas County as a place where every dog, cat, and small animal has access to basic veterinary care and a place to call home. www.savinggracehumanesociety.org.

Erik Andersen, H.O.P.E. Drug Court participant, stated, *"My graduate project involving donations for Saving Grace is important to me because when everything else seemed to fall apart, my dogs were there to cheer me up without judgement or disappointment. All they needed was my love and attention. It's great to come home to dogs that just can't wait to see you. No matter what I was going through, I think all pet owners can relate to why this project is important."*

Mr. Andersen has three community partner drop-off locations:

- **Clint Newell Motors** at 1481 NE Stephens Street
- **Grocery Outlet** at 780 NW Garden Valley Boulevard
- **Mountain Mikes Pizza** at 772 W Harvard Avenue

Support Saving Grace at Mountain Mike's Pizza!

Join us for a special fundraiser all day on **Monday, July 16, 2025**, at **Mountain Mike's Pizza**. Just mention that you're supporting **Saving Grace** when placing your order, and **15% of your meal's proceeds** will go directly to **Saving Grace Humane Society**.

Enjoy delicious pizza while helping a great cause—it's a win-win!

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Douglas County H.O.P.E. Drug Court Celebrates 110th Graduation

The Douglas County H.O.P.E. Drug Court will celebrate its 110th graduation ceremony on Tuesday, August 26, 2025, at 5:15 p.m. at the Douglas County Fairgrounds, Cascade Hall building. Presided over by the Honorable Judge Robert B. Johnson, the H.O.P.E. Drug Court operates under the jurisdiction of the Douglas County Circuit Court. This innovative program is designed to reduce recidivism, address substance use disorders, and support participants in building a life beyond their past criminal actions. It places a strong emphasis on personal transformation and the future potential of each individual.

As a part of the final phase of the program, Graduate Community Projects allow participants to showcase their personal growth, social development, and the internal motivation that drives them toward a higher level of achievement.

To view graduate flyers and learn more about the program, visit the Douglas County website under the Local Public Safety Coordinating Council (LPSCC) at: <https://douglascountyor.gov/851/HOPE-Drug-Court>.