

Making a difference for animals, people, and the earth

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"We can change the world and make it a better place. It is in your hands to make a difference."—Nelson Mandela

Sanctuary One's vision is "People, Animals & the Earth: Better Together." Our dedicated staff and volunteers provide rescue and rehabilitation to neglected or abused animals. On our care farm we invite people of all ages and abilities to get outdoors and interact with the animals and educational gardens. We work to inspire, teach and model environmental stewardship while demonstrating how every life has value. Compassion grows at Sanctuary One in every season, year-round.

In late October, a group of 25 teens from a local alternative high

school visited the Sanctuary. These youth, many of whom are considered "at-risk," were immersed in our outdoor classroom, 55 acres of farm and forest. The students walked the labyrinth, gardens, and forest while breathing fresh air and being surrounded by blue skies, mountains, and trees—a multisensory learning experience.

Our amazing interns, Kameke Brown and Amy Wilkinson, led the group on a tour of the farm culminating with a visit to the pasture, where the students met our herd of rescued animals face-to-face, hand to furry head.

At Sanctuary One, our Animal and People Care programs impact thousands of people each year, from at-risk teens

to elders with limited mobility. We often ask, "Who's saving whom?" Is it the animals whose lives are saved, the people whose lives are transformed by inspiring interaction with the animals and gardens, or is it the many people who contribute



Sanctuary One interns Amy Wilkinson and Kameke Brown lead group tours of the farm and pasture, which is inhabited by rescued animals.

time and money to support Sanctuary One's mission? Like our threefold vision to serve people, animals and the earth—together, maybe we all are saved a little. With the support of you, our Applegate community, we are making a difference by rescuing one animal, instilling compassion in one child, tending one row of seedlings at a time.

Please contribute at www.SanctuaryOne.org or by mail to 13195 Upper Applegate Road, Jacksonville, OR 97530. All donations



This teen came face-to-face with Jigsaw the pig while touring Sanctuary One in late October.

are tax-deductible (tax ID 208982518), and every dollar goes toward our Animal, Earth and People Care programs. Brooke Nuckles Gentekos • 541-846-8627 Executive Director, Sanctuary One brooke@sanctuaryone.org

Wayside parking lot sale update

After much negotiation and fine-tuning, the Board of Directors of the Greater Applegate Community Development Corporation (GACDC) approved the agreement for sale of the Wayside parking lot to Keith Wetlesen, whose intent is to develop the park into Merete's Cove, a privately owned gathering place for the community to share music, classes, recreation, and potentially a farmers' market.

This sale agreement includes:

- a letter of intent by Mr. Wetlesen to provide community access to the Wayside Park swimming hole (as regulated and managed by him in an effort to keep the area safe and clean);
- an easement for the fire department

to have access to the pump station in perpetuity;

- a First Right of Refusal to the GACDC for repurchase of this parcel at the same price for which it was sold, should Mr. Wetlesen or his heirs decide to sell at any time in the future.

Access to the swimming hole has been unavailable for a number of years. The GACDC Board of Directors applauds Mr. Wetlesen's efforts and treasures the return and use of the Wayside swimming hole to our local community. We appreciate the letters, calls, and discussions surrounding this collaborative effort.

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