



FALL 2010

## Your Donation to Our New Child Care Center Could Be Doubled

Rogue Gateway Rotary Club Will Match First \$1,000

Coalition for Kids has opened a new child care center (*see story below*) located on RCC's Redwood Campus and we need your help to raise \$5,600 for building repairs and upgrades as well as some equipment and supplies necessary for the space to be certified as a safe, healthy learning environment for young children. Rogue Gateway Rotary club has generously offered to match donations dollar for dollar up to \$1,000.

Examples of the repairs, upgrades and equipment that your donations will support are:

- Installation and plumbing of hand-washing sinks
- Repainting interior walls, shelves and playground equipment
- Replacement of refrigerator
- Building and installation of changing table in toddler room
- Repair of wooden playground

structure

- Playground bark
- Developmentally appropriate toys & classroom supplies

We have not yet reached the full match amount for Rogue Gateway Rotary's gift, so please donate today and double your contribution! You can donate by sending a check in the enclosed envelope or by donating online at [www.cfk-gp.org](http://www.cfk-gp.org).



Many toys and supplies have been donated to us, which has allowed us to reduce the expense of opening a new child care center. Thank you to those who have made in-kind contributions including:

Commission for Children & Families

The Embury Family

Rick Wilson, II. & Family

## CFK Partnering With RCC to Offer On-Campus Child Care

Your Support Helping Students Stay In School

Thanks in large part to the support of folks like you, Coalition for Kids had the opportunity this fall to expand our child care program by opening a new center on the Rogue Community College Redwood Campus. The new center is located in the same facility previously leased by the YMCA, which discontinued offering child care at RCC late last spring.

We started enrolling children at the beginning of October but

have been caring for them at our child care center in town while we've been getting the new center ready. Child care will begin on campus on January 3<sup>rd</sup> to coincide with RCC's Winter Term.

While priority will be given to RCC students and faculty, the center will be open to the entire community. We also offer wrap-around care for Head Start students who attend half-day classes at the Early Childhood Education Center, also located on

the Redwood Campus.

Tell your friends and help us spread the word about our child care program and both of our centers. If you own a business or belong to a church or other organization in the Redwood area we'd love to talk to you about posting our child care flyers and/or enrollment brochures. Please call Gina Marie Agosta at 541-479-1929 if you can help.



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## Graduate of Preschool Program Excels in Kindergarten

Parents Credit Child Care with Preparing Son for Success

How do you make sure your children have the best opportunities for success while ensuring they are healthy and safe if you work or go to school for most of the day? For Brian and Delynn, like many parents, the answer was finding a quality child care program to take care of their two children, now ages 2 and 6 years old, while they were at work full-time. Not only did they want to find child care that would keep their children safe and healthy, but they wanted a program that would provide educational opportunities that would prepare their children for success during the most critical period of their development – early childhood. Nearly six years later they are glad they chose Coalition for Kids.

Their son graduated from Kindergarten this year having surpassed his class in math skills, ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> for reading and received the “Best Thinker” award for this problem solving skills. “Coalition for Kids must receive a great deal of credit for

Matthew’s success in Kindergarten. He attended [CFK] since he was six months old. Most of the skills that allowed him to be so successful in Kindergarten were learned at the Coalition,” say Brian and Delynn.



and prepare its kids for school. It is very obvious that the teachers love what they do. They not only teach the ABC’s and other basic skills, but they do it with tremendous love and compassion. They use conflicts as opportunities to teach appropriate behavior and decision making skills. They truly provide the kids a safe, loving environment to learn, play and grow...,” they added.

Even when they find adequate

“We feel that Coalition for Kids is one of the few [child] care centers that strive to teach

child care parents will often worry about how their children are doing and some, especially moms with infants or toddlers, feel guilty for being away from their kids. Delynn appreciated that the teachers would “provide detailed information daily: from the length of naps to adventures they had or if there were any behavioral concerns. With being full time working parents this detailed information has helped us to keep in touch with the progress of our children.”

“We trust the Coalition staff with the development of our children. There is no place we would rather have them attend. Such trust is a true testament to the value of the Coalition staff and its services.”

It is only through the support of donors, like you, that Coalition for Kids is able to offer these services to the Grants Pass community at both our child care centers. We are proud to serve children and families and to share our successes and accomplishments with all of you.

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## Money \$marts! Tips for Holiday Shopping

Thwarting Identity Theft

1. If you shop online and you have a choice between using your debit card or your credit card, use your credit card. If an identity thief nabs your credit card information, you’ll be out no more than \$50. If your debit card information gets stolen, your entire account can be siphoned off.
2. If your credit limit is high enough, put all online purchases on one card. Why? First, you limit an identity thief’s access to only one of your credit lines. Second, using one card makes it much easier to track how much you are spending.

**FINANCIAL FACT:** Twenty-five per cent of credit card debt incurred for holiday expenses still won’t be paid off twelve months later.

See the enclosed schedule of upcoming Money \$marts! workshops for more information about identity theft and other financial topics.

**Coalition for Kids Child Care  
Redwood Campus**  
Building A just off RCC’s  
West Entrance

**Open House**  
January 4, 2011  
7:30am – 5:30pm

Stop by our new child care center and see what your support has made possible.

