

ROCKWEST TRAINING COMPANY, INC.

SUPPORTING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES = A SOLID COMMUNITY

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COMING EVENTS

The Holidays At Rockwest. I know, I know, its still early in the year. But here at Rockwest we can already hear the sounds of carolers and sleigh bells. Many of our clients live in group homes and are unable to be with friends and family for the holidays, so we start planning early in order to give them the best holiday season. This year's Client Holiday Party will be held on Friday, December 18 at Rockwest Training Company. It's a time for sharing and caring with our clients, their families, friends, and staff. A visit from Santa Claus, food, treats, games, dancing, and presents are already being coordinated and planned. Join us in celebrating the holidays with some very special people and thank you for supporting adults with physical and intellectual disabilities.

Rockwest is accepting donations in support of this event. If you, your organization, or company would like to contribute to this event, please visit our [donation page](#). All donations are tax deductible. Unable to give monetarily? Volunteer to help at the event, donate food or treats, or provide holiday entertainment for the clients. Please contact Marjie Smith, our Vocational Training Manager at (503) 390-7355 with any questions you may have about volunteering and/or donations.

Will Quackenbush



ROCKWEST SERVICES

Activities Program. The Rockwest Activities Program is an in-house program for clients that are unable to work due to their disabilities. Clients participating in the program are involved in arts & crafts, field trips, social interaction, movies, and games. It's an opportunity for these individuals to see and spend time with their friends and former coworkers. This very popular program is constantly growing and changing. Click [here](#) to see what the members of this program have been doing this summer.

ROCKWEST NEWS

Things have been really busy here at Rockwest since our last newsletter, so allow me to bring you up to speed on what has been happening.

Rockwest Picnic. Rockwest held its annual cookout for its client/employees, staff, family and friends on August 14th and it was a resounding success! This years theme was "On Safari". Our drive to raise funds in support of the cookout was a great success! Although we did not achieve our goal in terms of dollars raised we did get services, food, prizes, and volunteers as donations to offset the cost. A tip of the hat to the **"Alley Stars" and their bowling league** for donating over \$495 towards the picnic fund! Way to go team! Thank you very much, you made a lot of people very happy!

A great time was had by all. Click [here](#) to view photos, slide shows, or videos of previous picnics.

Urgent Need for Donated Medical Equipment. Rockwest is in need of the following items: Wheelchairs, Hydraulic chair lifts, walkers, a medicine cart on wheels. If you, or anyone you know has these items and would like to donate them to Rockwest please contact us at 503-390-7355 or email us at rockwesttraining@callatg.com.

IN MEMORIAL



Harry Neilson (1966 - 2009)

Harry was born in Tillamook, Oregon and was adopted by Robert and Anita Neilson. He had two sisters and one brother. Together, they grew up in a big farm house. Harry remembered that the farm had a donkey, a cow, a horse, chickens, and a big garden. He worked on the farm and helped his Dad in his construction business. Harry fished, trapped crabs, and dug clams with his father for fun.

Harry's brother passed away when he was quite young. His father died 15 years ago and his mother last year. He lived at home until four years ago when his mother became too ill to take care of him. In 2006, Harry came to Salem and moved into Shaniko residential living.

He started work at Rockwest that same year. Harry had always wanted a job and so he was very excited to go to work. So much so that he tried to go to work even on the weekends. He enjoyed his time at Rockwest and was always happy to see his "Old Buddies" and "girlfriends" at work. In July 07, Harry moved into Rockwest's Activities Program (an in-house retirement program). He enjoyed the outings, bowling, picnics, and fishing.

Harry brought with him such a joy of simple things, his sense of humor, and his straight from the heart friendliness. He was everyone's friend and shared everything that was important in his world.

He spent his last years surrounded by love at home and at work. His many friends enriched his life and he in turn

Halloween. Our clients are already looking forward to the next event to be held at Rockwest -- a Halloween party. Clients and staff alike dress up in their finest costumes and wear them to work. Near the end of the day they are served treats and have a costume judging contest. A great time is had by all. Click [here](#) to view videos/slide shows from previous Halloweens.

SPECIAL OFFERS

Click the coupon below to view our complete line of apparel

An advertisement for Rockwest Team Support Supplies. At the top, it says "www.rockwesttraining.com" and "ROCKWEST 503 390-7355". Below that is a logo featuring a red sun with three horizontal lines. A blue banner reads "Supporting People with Disabilities = a Solid Community". The main image shows three items: a red fleece blanket with a logo, a white baseball cap with "CAPS" written on it, and a blue stadium cushion with "TEAM STADIUM CUSHION" written on it. To the right is a yellow box that says "Get 10% OFF When You Mention This Ad Expires 9/30/09". At the bottom, it says "TEAM SUPPORT SUPPLIES" and "See Our Catalog at: www.companycasuals.com/rockwest".

ROCKWEST MEDICAL

Business Of The Month. The following businesses were the top consumers of Rockwest products and services during the months of June, July, and August 2009

June

Assembly/Production - Industrial Fasteners Inc.
Custom Embroidery/Screen Printing - Brim Tractor
First Aid Supplies - Oregon Housing & Community Services
Industrial Sewing - Steelhead Metal & Fabrication
Janitorial Services - Brim Tractor

July

Assembly/Production - Portland Willamette Division
Custom Embroidery/Screen Printing - Graham Aviation Services
First Aid Supplies - Oregon State Police, Portland Road
Industrial Sewing - Zymark
Janitorial Services - Brim Tractor

August

Assembly/Production - IFI, Salem
Custom Embroidery/Screen Printing - Liberty House
First Aid Supplies - Multnomah County Central Stores
Industrial Sewing - Southern Oregon University
Janitorial Services - Brim Tractor

PRODUCT NEWS

[Emergency Preparedness Kits \(E.P.K.\)](#) are currently taking on new interest throughout communities. Regulations are in place for a September 1, 2009 deadline for twenty-four hour care facilities to have an emergency preparedness plan. Homes such as foster and group homes are also taking interest and or action. Organizations like Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT), Neighborhood Watch, and many other groups are actively involved in responding to disasters. All groups, organizations, and families are encouraged to have a personal emergency plan in place. In the event of a real emergency, even with all the support groups available, your life depends on your preparedness action today.

ROCKWEST TEXTILE

touched all of our lives. He will be missed and remembered.

Industrial sewing has been working with a local company called Mogul Buddy which produces and sells ski equipment bags - one for skis - one for boots. Mogul Buddy is owned by Joyce Thompson.

NEW DIRECTIONS

Rockwest is always looking for new products and services to better serve you! The below listed items are products or services we are currently developing and anticipate making them available to you in the near future.

- Rockwest has implemented a new online catalog of personalized apparel. You can now see our complete line of apparel and accessories online by going to our [home page](#) and clicking on the coupon displayed there. The Rockwest Screen Printing and Embroidery Department is standing by to assist you in personalizing your purchases.
- Double stitch sewing is now available from the Industrial Sewing Department. Rockwest recently purchased a double needle sewing machine for stitching that is required in many applications.

Emergency Preparedness Kit



E.P.K.

Power to
save a life



HEARTSTART
DEFIBRILLATORS