



Columbia County Foster Parent Appreciation Day  
"BBQ BOX"  
May 30th, 2020

### **"Dinner's On Us"**

Greetings to Community Partners & Stakeholders of Columbia County Child Welfare!

**May is Foster Parent Appreciation Month.** Each year it is our honor to acknowledge the commitment and incredible work that our foster families do every day with the children in our custody. The state of Oregon would not be able to provide safe haven for children and teens from hard places without our dedicated foster parents.

**This year, during the time of COVID-19, it is more important than ever that Community Partners, Stakeholders and Individuals come together to visibly show our appreciation and support of our local foster families.** Our foster families are on the front lines in a way that no other essential workers are right now. They are caring for our state's most vulnerable children 24/7. Every day they are protecting, nurturing and loving all the children in their homes during this crisis. They have no babysitting, no regular respite, no school, no camps, no in person counseling and no end in sight. Columbia County Foster Families need to know that their community cares about them and appreciates the hard work they are doing. This message of support is more crucial than ever as our community struggles to deal with the challenges of the coronavirus.

**"Dinner's On Us" is the theme of this year's no contact event.** Every sponsor will be included in a short video message of support delivered to all our foster families. On May 30<sup>th</sup> your or your organization's personalized video message of encouragement, solidarity and support will reach every certified foster and adoptive family in Columbia County and they will get a much-deserved night off from cooking dinner. A **BBQ Box** full of delicious food, desert and party supplies will be delivered to their doorstep. ***We need your help to pull this off!*** Please consider participating and getting involved in the 2020 **"Dinner's On Us"** no contact foster parent celebration.

**Let's show Columbia County Foster Parents how wide the support for them is in the Columbia County Community.** We currently have 75 foster homes and we will be feeding 136 adults and 175 children. Your BBQ Box sponsorship will support our local foster families and the local businesses that have always supported our foster parent events in pre-COVID-19 times.

### **SPONSOR A BBQ BOX for a Foster Home**

#### **BBQ BOX**

- Full BBQ Dinner; Pulled Pork Sliders, 2 Sides and Cornbread from **Barnfire BBQ**
- Picnic Blanket
- Water Balloons
- Sidewalk Chalk
- Kettle Corn
- Pink Lemonade

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- Lawn Toys/Games
- Frisbee
- Stickers
- Glow in the Dark Necklaces and Wands
- Desert

**Large BBQ Box: \$100.00**

**Medium BBQ Box: \$50.00**

**Small BBQ Box: \$25.00**

*How many families can you or your organization sponsor?*

**Let us know, get involved. Show your LOVE for our Columbia County Foster Families. Help us make this no contact party a big success!**

**Please email Ana Hadar-Ziady [ana.j.hadar-ziady@state.or.us](mailto:ana.j.hadar-ziady@state.or.us) to receive instructions on submitting your “Dinner’s On Us” Foster Parent Appreciation Personalized Video Message. Contact Ana at 503-396-0555 with any questions. We can accept cash or checks.**

**Mail checks made out to: DHS Child Welfare Columbia County**

**Department of Human Services Child Welfare  
500 N. Hwy 30 Ste. 220  
St. Helens OR 97058**

### **Video Message Instructions:**

**Video must be filmed with your phone in a horizontal position.** Please include your personalized message made out to Columbia County foster parents. State your name or the name of your organization. Make it heartfelt, make it silly, make it fun, make it serious, make it count. Show your appreciation. Consider including your family (furry and chosen included) in your video message if you are comfortable doing so. **Please text your completed video to 503-396-0555 no later than 5/15/2020 to get your message included in our video.**

#### **Example:**

“Hello from the Hadar-Ziady family. We just want to take a minute to thank you for everything you do as foster parents. We want you to know how much we appreciate you now and especially with all you are doing during COVID-19 to keep foster kids in Columbia County safe, happy, loved and connected to their bio families, case workers, counselors and teachers. We know it is not easy. You got this! Dinner’s on us!”

We are also doing a- social distancing- front porch photo project to be included in the video. If you want to be included, please let me know with your donation. We will be shooting photos of families from their doorstep from a very safe distance which we will edit into the video. We will also be including social distance photos of any organization’s door front that sponsors a box.