

ACCESS

A MONTHLY LOOK INSIDE CAREY SERVICES

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Welcome to the new Access newsletter

You're looking at Access, a monthly look inside Carey Services. As someone who has a connection to our work, we invite you to learn more about what we are doing to take abilities and barriers and create opportunities. This monthly newsletter will provide a

glimpse inside Carey Services and keep you informed on what we are doing and how you can support our work.

Let us know what you think and how you think we can make this newsletter more valuable to you.

Milestone race makes big splash

Carey Services celebrated the 10th anniversary of its duck race in spectacular fashion, making some changes to the landmark event that will carry it into its second decade.

"In the 10 years we've been doing the duck race, it truly has become one of the highlights of the year, not only for us, but for many folks in the area," said Jim Allbaugh, Carey Services' president and chief executive officer. "The race is one of the things we are known for, and people look forward to it each summer. Each spring we have people who call us to make sure they know the date and that we can make sure they get their tickets before we sell them out."

This year's race raised more than \$39,000 for agency programming. The money raised will be used to meet client needs in ways clients' normal budgets might not be able to accommodate unexpected needs.

As part of the anniversary celebration, the agency moved the race to a Saturday evening to enable more people to participate. Traditionally, the race had been conducted about noon. In addition to the traditional three cash prizes of \$1,500, \$500 and \$250, a \$25,000 cash prize also was available. Nobody won that big prize.

In addition, the well-known Carey Services duck mascot was

Shirley won the \$1,500 first prize in this year's duck race. She bought the ticket at the Splash House about 15 minutes before the 2,500 rubber ducks hit the water. She's shown with items she enjoyed buying for her home.



particularly pleased by the end of the evening's activities. One of the last parts of the evening was the christening of the duck with the name "Quackers." The duck also now has a baseball jersey with that name and the duck race logo imprinted on it.

"The move to the evening really worked out well," Allbaugh said. "We had hoped that it would enable more people to be at the event and it also gave us more time to be able to make a bigger splash, if you will, with some of the activities."

Much of the money raised came from local sponsors, including gold level sponsors Round Robins Bingo, Via Credit Union and Crowe Horwath. A silent auction — also new — sold out.

It didn't hurt that the event didn't have to deal with the, er, fowl weather that has hampered recent races. It was a perfect night for a duck, or anyone else who wanted to be around water.

"This year, with the 10th anniversary, made for a special night," Allbaugh said, "but the community response showed us that people really appreciate the event and the fun atmosphere."

And, in case you're already wondering, the 2017 — and 11th annual — duck race will be June 24, 2017.

Expressions art event set for October

Carey Services will culminate two weeks of intensive work kicking off the new Creative Abundance art programming with Expressions: a community art experience event on Oct. 7.

The event will be 6-9 p.m. at Roseburg Event Center, west of Marion. The evening will begin with hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. Artist presentations will begin at 7 p.m.

Art will be for sale, with the artists receiving the bulk of the

proceeds; a small percentage will be used to buy supplies to support the new programming.

The inaugural event is free and open to the public.

Sponsorship opportunities are available to help support the event. Call (765) 668-8961, ext. 111 for information.

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