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A MONTHLY LOOK INSIDE CAREY SERVICES

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A 'Night' for community awards

Carey Services is sponsoring a special night of dinner and dancing to recognize local people who have strongly supported community inclusion for people with disabilities.

"A Night at Carey" will be April 8 at Roseburg Event Center. Tickets will be \$75 a person for the event, which will include a dinner before the awards

program and dancing afterward. This year's inaugural event has a theme of "Paris Masquerade." As a way to add to the evening's French theme, attendees will receive masks that will be made in the agency's new art studio.

"We're excited to host 'A Night at Carey,'" said Jim Allbaugh, Carey Services' president and CEO. "We're planning on the night being one of celebrating with the community for the good things that are happening as Carey Services lives out our mission of seeing all people, regardless of abilities or barriers, as empowered and equally valued members of the community."

The highlight of the evening will be The Carey Awards, six awards that will highlight involvement with improving the lives of people with disabilities.

The awards are:

- Employer of the Year Award — This award recognizes an

employer who has truly supported our efforts to help people with disabilities find competitive integrated employment

- Mission Leader Award — This award recognizes the Carey Services employee who has helped advance our mission in notable and significant ways
- Self-Advocate Leadership Award — This award recognizes a self-advocate who has demonstrated genuine leadership qualities
- Carey Angel Award — This award recognizes a person, family or foundation that truly has benefited families and individuals in the communities we serve
- Community Partner Award — This award recognizes a person, family, business or foundation that has partnered with Carey Services to make a substantial impact in our service area
- Heritage Award — This award recognizes a person or family that was instrumental in helping Carey Services grow into the agency it has become

"The Carey Awards is a public way of saying thank you," Allbaugh said. "Carey Services would not be able to help people turn abilities and barriers into opportunities without our employees and the people in the communities we serve who support our work. We are all in this together to make a positive difference and make our communities more inclusive."

Look for more event details and the ways you can participate in the nomination process in coming weeks.

If you are interested in being an event sponsor, contact April Scott, executive office and event coordinator, at (765) 668-8961, ext. 111, or at ascott@careyservices.com.



Early Head Start important part of changing life

My name is Ashley, and I'm a recovering addict. I came from a broken home, raised by my mom who is an alcoholic and a father who left me at the age of 2.

At 16 I was with a guy who pinned me down and put a needle in my arm and shot me up with heroin. I was so scared, but for the first time I was numb. I actually felt at ease with myself. That day I found what I needed. Heroin became my best friend.

At the age of 28— still using daily and raising two kids with a guy who was also an addict — my luck ran out. On October 2, 2014, I overdosed again, but this time they didn't think I was gonna make it.

That's when I knew I needed to change. My babies are my world. A lot of people look at a mother with a drug problem and assume she is picking the drugs over her children. That's not how we see it; we need that fix to feel normal because we've become so



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dependent. The power of addiction is hard to understand unless you have lived it.

I went into an outpatient treatment program, and that was the beginning of my amazing transformation. I also began the Early Head Start Program of Carey Services. This program helped me to get my confidence back to be a better mother to my children and provided the help I needed. Being a family company, they really do care about others.

I realized the pain I caused my children even though they were only 4 and 1. It took me six months of drug screens and classes before I got my babies back. I sit here today with a little over 2 years sober. I'm grateful to have been given another chance at life and motherhood. I have two wonderful healthy boys and a husband who truly loves me.

Change is scary but possible if you really want it. I am proof there is hope after dope.

New executive committee elected

Carey Services has a new board executive committee for 2017. They started their term on Jan. 1. Committee members are:

- Steve Smithley, board chair. He is a retired banking and financial services executive.
- Angela Herrington, board vice chair. She is a life coach, author, and digital strategy coach for Christian entrepreneurs.
- Doug Bryant, board treasurer. He is a partner with Rea Logan and Company, LLC, a local certified public accounting firm.
- Jim Wallace, board secretary. He is a vice president in commercial banking with Star Bank.
- Keith Newman, immediate past board chair. He is chief executive officer for residential education and executive vice president for Indiana Wesleyan University.



Smithley



Herrington

Carey Services gets extra NAP credits

Carey Services has been awarded an additional \$1,100 in Neighborhood Assistance Program tax credits it can offer to donors through March 31.

Individuals and businesses who make a NAP donation to Carey Services can receive a credit on their Indiana income tax return for 50 percent of the donation amount.

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