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Asante Helps Kairos Meet Challenge Grant

A donation from Asante Three Rivers Medical Center to Kairos will enable the youth mental health service provider to bring in a total of \$475,000 in challenge grants from three foundations.



Win Howard (right) with Robert Lieberman of Kairos

The grants will support development of the Kairos Children's Mental Health Campus in Grants Pass, and will enable the agency to treat more clients and reduce clinic wait times.

"Kairos provides an invaluable service to kids, teens, and young adults in our community," said Win Howard, CEO of Asante Three Rivers Medical Center. "Our continued support of Kairos will help address the growing need for mental health services in our area for an underserved population."

Kairos was founded in Grants Pass in 1977 as the Southern Oregon Adolescent Study and Treatment Center, but changed its name three years ago to Kairos – a Greek word that means the moment change becomes possible. The organization currently operates from 14 locations in four Oregon counties, and has a school-based mental

wellness promotion program serving the Three Rivers School District, Grants Pass District 7 and Rogue River School District.

Kairos has been conducting a capital campaign to help fund construction of the Children's Mental Health Campus on Nebraska Avenue in Grants Pass. The campus is largely complete, and consists of a Community Services building and a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility that also houses a crisis unit for young people experiencing severe mental and behavioral emergencies.

The fundraising campaign was supported by grants from state and regional foundations, along with extensive local support. The Meyer Memorial Trust challenged Kairos to raise \$250,000 locally in order to earn the final \$100,000 of the \$350,000 Meyer award. The M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust and The Ford Family Foundation each committed parts of their grants (\$250,000 and \$275,000 respectively), contingent on local support.

The Asante donation of \$27,500 topped off the local campaign, enabling Kairos to achieve its \$250,000 challenge.

"We are very excited at having reached this challenge and very appreciative to Asante for giving us the final push," said Robert Lieberman, CEO of Kairos. "We are also appreciative of the health-care community in southern Oregon, which has supported this innovative development that will help young people experiencing severe mental and behavioral challenges have access to high quality attuned support and services.

The Kairos board has set an overall fundraising goal of \$2.5 million and is within about \$50,000 of the target. A special Moments of Hope project is planned for the final, community-based push.