



Because of You, Our Community Bloomed in 2025

Hi friends, it's Buddy.

I watched our community grow in such beautiful ways this year.

Families found each other. Kids built confidence. Parents exhaled.

New friendships took root at every event. All of this joy and connection happened because ***you showed up with generosity and open hearts.*** Thank you for helping kids and families feel seen, supported, and never alone.

*"Keep being exactly who you are.
Kind, unique, and brave."
From Hey Friend Letters*

"We're genuinely grateful for the community and support you create for kids and families."

2025 Walk & Picnic Participant

Community by the Numbers

- 59 people attended Nutcracker Events
- 51 joined Bingo Night in Salem
- 49 bowled, played, and laser tagged at SuperPlay
- 275 attended the Walk & Family Picnic
- 98 came to Blazers Fan Night
- 34 kids participated in special on-court fan experiences
- 191 guests attended the Gala, raising \$83,000 to support kids and families
- \$2,500 college scholarship awarded to Stephen Willis
- 5 active Smile Oregon Youth Ambassadors

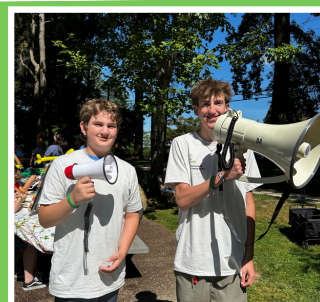
Kids found confidence



Parents found support



Youth ambassadors took the lead



What You Made Possible This Year

Here is a peek at all the joy and connection you helped create!



Walk & Picnic



"It feels good to meet younger kids and tell them they are not alone. I used to look up to the ambassadors and now I get to be that person for someone else."

— Gabe Wagner, Youth Ambassador

I saw so many smiles this year. Your kindness grew a forest of connection.



Blazers Night



Nutcracker Outing

"When Amy got her braces funded through Smile Oregon, it lifted a huge weight off our family. It is not just the financial relief. It is the feeling that we are not walking this journey alone."

— Smile Oregon Parent



Bingo Night

"I just wanted to remind you that you matter. Life can be tough sometimes, but please do not forget how strong you are."

— From our community's Hey Friend letters

Thank you for another year of joy, connection, and hope.

Every smile you helped create is a reminder of how strong this community is. I cannot wait to see what grows in 2026!!!

For the kids,
Buddy