

FISCAL YEAR 2026

Annual REPORT



STAR OF HOPE

A place for growth, opportunity,
and independence

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A Message from our Executive Director

Dear Friends of Star of Hope,

This fiscal year has been one of growth, progress, and renewed purpose for Star of Hope as we continued supporting individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in ways that promote independence, dignity, community participation, and belonging.

One of our most significant accomplishments was the continued progress on our new building project, a major investment in opportunity, accessibility, learning, connection, and meaningful daily experiences. We are deeply grateful for major grant support from the Judith Ann Mogan Foundation and the John and Tami Marick Foundation/JTMF, which helped move this important vision forward.

Across our residential, community-based, and day support programs, individuals participated in community outings, wellness activities, employment-related goals, Special Olympics preparation, creative projects, daily living skills, and individualized experiences based on their interests. These accomplishments reflect the heart of our work: helping people grow, participate, contribute, and live full lives in their communities.

None of this would be possible without our dedicated employees, who represent more than 1,000 combined years of service and bring stability, compassion, and commitment to the people we support every day.

Thank you to our Board of Directors, staff, families, funders, volunteers, and community partners for helping Star of Hope continue building a future rooted in opportunity, independence, and belonging.

With gratitude,

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Company Overview



Vision

Founded as a beacon of hope in 1964 by a dedicated group of parents, the Star of Hope Activity Center, Inc. is a dynamic private, non-profit corporation. We specialize in providing essential housing, community supports, and day activities for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities throughout Southwestern Oregon.

Mission

To provide community support services in Southwestern Oregon to individuals with developmental disabilities in a manner which encourages independence, productivity, and physical integration.





Board of Directors

- Star of Hope welcomed new Board members Donna Woods and Dominic Jurado, strengthening Board participation and leadership capacity.
- Sheila Banks was recognized as ‘Board Member of the Year’ at the annual “Celebrating Excellence” Awards Banquet. She was celebrated for her many years of service and commitment to Star of Hope’s mission.
- The Board of Directors maintains active oversight through review and acceptance of financial reports, audit updates, program reports, and operational priorities.
- The Board continued committee work throughout the year with Program Services and Finance Committee work, supporting oversight of services, compliance, capital planning, and organizational sustainability.

Board of Directors



President of the Board

Francine Worthen

Pacific Properties • Retired
Coos Bay Schools • Retired



Treasurer

Sheila Banks

South Coast ESD • Retired



Secretary

Patricia Johnson

North Bend Schools • Retired

Members



Terry Edwards

E.L. Edwards Realty II • Retired



Doug Veysey

Educator/Coach • Retired



Kim Brick

Early Child Education



Dominic Jurado

Oregon Coast Bank



Donna Woods

South Coast ESD



Financial Highlights

Star of Hope is contracted and licensed by the State of Oregon federally through Medicaid to provide residential and community based services to individuals with Intellectual and developmental disabilities across Coos and Curry Counties. Additional funding is received in the form of grants, donations, and fundraising

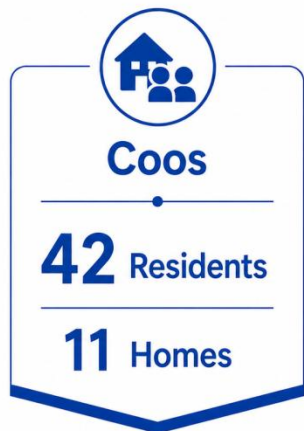


Star of Hope remained financially stable throughout the reporting period, with positive operating results, strong program support, and continued investment in facilities, systems, and service capacity. These results allowed the organization to move forward with major capital improvements while maintaining focus on long-term sustainability and responsible stewardship. This revenue represents the direct economic impact Star of Hope makes in Coos and Curry Counties - monies earned and spent in our home communities by our employees and clients.



Residential Programs

Residential programs continued to prioritize personal choice, wellness, community integration, and individualized support. Residents participated in a wide range of local activities, built social connections, pursued personal goals, and engaged in routines that promoted independence, confidence, and quality of life.





Community Based Services

Our Community Based Services Programs continued to create meaningful opportunities for skill development, social participation, and community contribution. Activities ranged from local recreation and volunteer-oriented projects to relationship-building events with community partners. These services helped individuals strengthen confidence, build routines, and participate more fully in community life.



Coos

60

Participants

Day Activities Program

Supported Living/
Community Living Supports



Curry

13

Participants

Day Activities Program

Supported Living/
Community Living Supports



Staff

45



Employee Spotlight



Lora Lunt

Lora is a very dedicated Direct Support Professional who has been a part of the Star of Hope Team since 2009. She was recognized by both the State of Oregon with their 'Works of Heart' Award and by Star of Hope with the first annual 'Making a Difference' Award that will be given in her honor in the future.



Holli Hickman

Holli is an accomplished Program Manager who has dedicated herself to Star of Hope since 2004. She was recognized by the majority of her colleagues as the Agency's 'Employee of the Year' at the annual awards banquet in January.





Building Project

In August of 2025 we broke ground on a beautiful new facility.



Star of Hope embarked on this building project because the future of our mission requires more than maintaining what already exists; it requires creating space for possibility. As the needs, hopes, and opportunities of the people we support continue to grow, we recognized the need for a facility that could better reflect the dignity, potential, and full lives of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

This new building represents an investment in accessibility, inclusion, independence, learning, community connection, and meaningful daily experiences. It is not simply a construction project; it is a commitment to the next chapter of Star of Hope's service. With every wall raised and every room planned, we are building a place where people can gather, learn, participate, contribute, and be seen as valued members of the community. This journey reflects our belief that people deserve environments that support growth, opportunity, and belonging—and that Star of Hope must continue evolving to meet that promise with vision, courage, and care.



Compliance and Quality



Compliance & Policy

Implemented new Oregon Administrative Rule requirements, updated policies and procedures, and finalized a new Employee Handbook.



Technology Improvements

Implemented an electronic daily medication administration record to improve medication documentation, consistency, and oversight.



Quality & Safety

Strengthened incident documentation, ISP alignment, medication expectations, safety oversight, and regulatory tracking.



Licensing & Cost Control

Completed positive ODDS licensing reviews at Brook, Acapella, and Driftwood while advancing fleet, transportation, and service-contract cost controls.

Community Engagement



Community Partnerships

Strengthened community partnerships through support from local businesses, service organizations, funders, volunteers, and community partners.



Giving Tree Project

Partnered with Oregon Coast Bank on the Giving Tree project, providing holiday gifts for all residents and clients.



Community Visibility

Expanded community visibility through events and engagement, including Empire Christmas Tree Lighting, Gingerbread Contest, Shore Acres Holiday Lights hosting, Northwest Conference on Disabilities, and ORA leadership visits.



Fundraising





Future Outlook

In the coming year, Star of Hope will leverage the new facility by expanding Day Support Activity capacity and continue to strengthen current services across Coos and Curry Counties.



Star of Hope will also increase community outreach, fundraising, grant-seeking, and public awareness to support long-term sustainability and future service expansion. As community needs continue to grow, the agency will pursue fiscally responsible opportunities to increase housing, transportation, and community-based supports for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

These goals reflect Star of Hope’s continued commitment to independence, productivity, community integration, and creating meaningful opportunities for the people we support.





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