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2 Silverton organizations named 'Outstanding Community Partner'

Silverton Together and **Somos Hispanas Unidas** jointly received recognition as the "Outstanding Community Partner" at the 2006 Oregon Law Center and Legal Aid Services Open House Oct. 5.

The award was presented by Mark Wilk, managing attorney for the Oregon Law Center, Woodburn Office, and recognized these organizations for "dedicated service in building a community that strives to ensure justice for all Oregonians."

According to Wilk, "Children and families are the center of our programs. Silverton Together's mission facilitates community cooperation in promoting the health and well

being of all children and families. We are impressed with the range and depth of services this organization provides."

O.B. Bergin, program manager for Silverton Together, and Susana Ghio of **Somos Hispanas Unidas** accepted the award.

"Silverton Together's mission to strengthen and support families utilizes education, mentoring and community connection as tools to assist families," Bergin said. "We do this in collaboration with our community partners in identifying and addressing current and emerging needs."

One of those needs was a social and service connection for Hispanic women and their

families. In 2002, Silverton Together helped to form **Somos Hispanas Unidas**. The group, under the leadership of Ghio, has developed to provide programs and services for the Hispanic community. These include literacy, ESL, domestic violence awareness, underage drinking prevention, translation and a variety of other services.

Legal Aid Services has programs that provide civil legal services to low-income Oregonians through 20 offices across Oregon. The work closely with the local police, district attorneys, domestic violence shelters and other service providers.

To learn more about Silverton Together, call (503) 873-0405.

BRIEFS Halloween Events

Screams & Scrappers Event at Baby Cakes

Baby Cakes, 207 E. Main St., Silverton, hosts a Screams & Scrappers Event from 7 p.m. to midnight Oct. 30. Come celebrate (the night before) Halloween and have some crafty fun. \$30 supplies fee, save \$15 if you come in costume.

Halloween Festival at Marquis Care

Marquis Care at Silver Gardens holds a Halloween Fest Halloween party from 6 to 8 p.m. Oct. 27 at the care center, 115 S. James St., Silverton. Come for trick-or-treats, face painting, chili feed, pumpkin garden and haunted house. Call: Dodie Brockamp at (503) 873-5362.

Halloween Haunted Egyptian Tomb

A Halloween Haunted Egyptian Tomb can be found at 6118 Mount Angel Hwy., Silverton. The tomb is open from dusk to 10 p.m. Oct. 19-

21, and 26-31, and is suitable for brave souls ages 8 and up. Cost is \$7 per person and \$6 on Thursdays. Mention this write up and get \$1 off on Oct. 29 only. Call: Nancy White at (503) 873-3273.

October Fall Festival at The Oregon Garden

The Oregon Garden presents its October Fall Festival from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 28-20. Activities include a pumpkin seed toss, corn-husking race, water balloon watch, corn maze and more.

Prizes will be awarded to all children wearing a costume. Snacks, cider and coffee will be provided. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$4 for students and seniors. All children ages 12 and younger are free.

Send us your Halloween events. Mail to the Appeal Tribune, P.O. Box 35, Silverton, OR 97381; drop them off at 399 S. Water St., Silverton; e-mail them to sanews@salem.gannett.com; or fax them to (503) 873-8064.