

**October 2023**



**Sarai Quintana,**  
YouthZone's Parent  
Education and Community  
Outreach Coordinator

### **Stronger Together: Community Education and the Power of Engagement at YouthZone**

"They say it takes a village to raise a child, and I'm inclined to agree. It's through these collective efforts that our children, the leaders and innovators of tomorrow, grow into well-rounded individuals. Community education programs are critical to this growth. By providing resources and platforms for learning, we facilitate opportunities for parents, youth, and families to navigate the varied challenges and triumphs that adolescence has to offer."

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**Free Community Engagement Event on Nov. 11th**

**TRUE  
COLORS**  
**FREE COMMUNITY  
ENGAGEMENT EVENT**

- Folkloric Performance by **ASPEN SANTA FE BALLET FOLKLÓRICO**
- Featured Keynote Speaker: Dr. Jaiya John
- Panel Discussion Facilitated by Tom Karrel
- Youth Artist Exhibition in partnership with



**AndersonRanch**  
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**THE ARTS CAMPUS AT WILLITS**  
**NOVEMBER 11, 2023 | 3 - 7 PM**

**YZ youthzone TACAW**

Mark your calendars for November 11th, as we bring you True Colors - an exciting community engagement event that blooms with creativity, resilience, and a fierce spirit of youthful vibrance. Join us from 3 to 7 pm at TACAW as we celebrate our local youth and community.

We are privileged to have Dr. Jaiya John as our esteemed keynote speaker. Two thought-provoking discussions on trauma-informed approaches and positive change will be led by Tom Karrel. Captivate your senses with awe-inspiring performances by the Aspen Santa Fe Ballet Folkloric and be amazed by a youth art exhibition with talent sourced from Anderson Ranch Arts Center's Teen Summer Workshops.

The entry is FREE and OPEN TO ALL, so hurry up and RSVP to reserve your spot at this transformative event. Let's unite as a community, nurture our youth, and employ trauma-informed practices as pillars of change. Our youth awaits your support and encouragement - together, let's make a difference!

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**Celebrating Carol Wolff's  
Retirement**



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Terming Carol's journey at YouthZone as just a career would be a humble understatement. It has been an era marked by dedication, passion, and a relentless zeal to bring positive change. As she passes the baton and embarks on the golden phase of retirement, the YouthZone family stands in applause and reverence, reflecting on all that she has brought to our organization and community as the Director of Development.

### Welcome to the Team, Paula Hall and Chelsea Smith!

We are elated to introduce our newest YouthZone team members, Paula Hall and Chelsea Smith!

Paula, a dedicated leader with vast experience in various community settings, brings her expertise as a Licensed Professional Counselor-Supervisor (LPC-S) and Licensed Addiction Counselor (LAC) to our team. She holds a certification in Organizational Leadership, focusing on diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Chelsea has worked with youth in diverse settings for over a decade; her passion for Restorative Justice Practices and collaborative approach strengthened during her time as a district social worker, are invaluable to YouthZone.

We are confident about the positive impact Paula and Chelsea will bring to our community. Join us in welcoming them onboard!

[Meet Paula](#)

[Meet Chelsea](#)



**Paula Hall, YouthZone's  
Clinical Director**



**Chelsea Smith,  
YouthZone's Restorative  
Justice Coordinator**



### Celebrating a Legacy: Remembering YouthZone's Founding Member, Marilyn Rae Hall

It is with a heavy heart that we share the sad news of the passing of our dear founding member, Marilyn Rae Hall, a true pillar of the community. On August 25, 2023, at the age of 84, Marilyn left us peacefully from Albany, Oregon. We are immensely grateful for Marilyn's extraordinary vision, commitment, and enduring contributions to both YouthZone and the broader community. Her spirit lives on in our ongoing work, exemplifying the indelible impact she had on our mission. Her light continues to shine brightly, guiding us all, one youth at a time.

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**A Heartfelt Thanks for Your Participation in the**

## Superintendent's Revenge Golf Tournament

Overflowing with gratitude, we salute everyone involved in the Superintendent's Revenge Golf Tournament on October 21st - a testament to the power of community collaboration supporting YouthZone's Scholarship Fund. This was not just a golf tournament, but an enthusiastic dive into a movement championing hope and transformation. Our deepest thanks go to all participants, the Romero Group, Lakota Links, and all sponsors of this event, whose dedication fueled this memorable event, making a tangible difference one swing at a time.



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**Tania Beltran,**  
YouthZone's Business  
Manager



**Ali Naaseh-Shahry,**  
YouthZone's Deputy  
Development Director

### YouthZone Promotes Tania Beltran and Ali Naaseh-Shahry

Promoting and recruiting within YouthZone is a deeply personal commitment to fostering a thriving and successful work environment.

Today, we have the absolute pleasure of announcing the well-deserved promotions of two exceptional individuals who have grown and flourished within our close-knit community— Tania Beltran and Ali Naaseh-Shahry.

Please join us in congratulating Tania and Ali on their well-deserved promotions. Their shared journey of personal and professional growth, reflective of YouthZone's commitment to nurturing talent and providing opportunities for development, stands as a beacon inspiring the entire team. We remain steadfast in making a difference, all driven by the unwavering passion and potential of our incredible team. Congratulations!

[Learn More About Tania and Ali](#)

### Empower Youth, Transform Lives: Join YouthZone Today!

Shape young lives in your community with YouthZone. Whether you volunteer or donate, you become part of a dynamic support system dedicated to strengthening families and communities.



Each step you take with YouthZone creates a chain reaction of positivity, making a lasting impact on young lives. Join us on this meaningful journey of transformation and light the path to a brighter future, one act of kindness at a time.

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