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# Soup-port Helpline Thanks

THE SOUP-PORT Helpline benefit luncheon, Wednesday, April 19, 2006, 11:-00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Blanchet Hall, St. Patrick Catholic Church, Walla Walla.

Many thanks to all who have made the first annual Soup-port Helpline a reality!

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## Participating Dignitaries

The Hon. Maureen Walsh  
The Hon. Bill Grant  
The Hon. Barbara Clark  
The Hon. Dominick Elia  
The Hon. Greg Loney

## Music

Dr. Eleanor James

## Photographic Program

Joe Drazan, "Windows of Walla Walla"

## Graphic Design

Andrea Christiansen

## Soup-port Walla Walla Steering Committee

Mary Campbell, chairperson  
Andrea Christiansen, John Cress,  
Wendy Gonzalez, Fr. Patrick Kerst,  
Sharon Longmire, Phyllis Pulfer,  
Mary Schoenfelder, Melinda Townsend

**Thank you also to area churches and businesses that helped spread the word about this exciting event.**

## Windows of Walla Walla

A UNIQUE VIEW of our fair city. Over 550 photographs of windows in the city of Walla Walla—public buildings, private homes, churches and businesses. Amateur photographer, Joe beautiful gift to you, for your contribu-

tion of \$50 or more to Helpline. Use as a screen saver, wallpaper on your screen, or send to a friend to see what they're missing in Walla Walla. Order by mail or stop by Helpline, 16 S. Colville, Walla Walla.



# Link to HELPLINE

## Great Music, Splendid Views, Excellent Community Action, and one Terrific Bowl of Soup

*One ought, every day at least, to hear a little song, read a good poem, see a fine picture, and if it were possible, to speak a few reasonable words.*

— Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

LET'S FACE IT, even in Walla Walla it's not always easy to put into practice this sage advice. That's why Helpline has created one signature event in which all of Goethe's prescriptions come together in one place, at one time, just for you.

### Soup-port Helpline, April 19

If Goethe had lived in the current era and in our valley, he would have added several things to his list of life enhancers. His 21<sup>st</sup> Century addendum would have sounded something like this: And, at least once a year, you ought to do something really good for your community and enjoy some terrific soup and bread in the process.

### You Are Invited to the Good Life

The Soup-port Helpline Luncheon would make Goethe proud. We're adding the soup and bread he strangely overlooked. Oh, and one other thing: we're inviting you!

### A Springtime Festival of Fun and Community Support

Soup-port Helpline takes place between 11:00 and 1:30 p.m. at Blanchet Hall of St. Patrick Church, on the corner of 6<sup>th</sup> and Alder/Poplar in Walla Walla. The benefit luncheon will feature a variety of soups and great bread prepared and contributed by some of our valley's finest chefs and restaurateurs.

### Fine Music and Art

And because none of us were meant to live by bread and soup alone, all who attend Soup-port Helpline, will have their following sensory needs beautifully met:

- **Auditory**—Enjoy great piano music by Eleanor James.
- **Visual**—See Joe Drazan's splendid photographic tour of our community, "Windows of Walla Walla," on the big screen.

- **Tactile**—Fall in love with your bowl and take it home with you for keeps. Each soup bowl is a hand-crafted treasure, donated by one of our area's fine artists in support of this event.

- **Olfactory**—Simply, fresh-baked bread.

- **Taste**—Uh, we mentioned the savory soups already, didn't we?

- **Service**—They're the most refined of all of our senses, and maybe most important—our senses you of caring and sharing.

While delighting your senses, you can help those around you. Helpline has

been assisting people with emergency social services for over 35 years. Your support of Helpline makes sure this multi-faceted agency keeps up its good work in our community.

### Our Leaders Are Our Servers

The idea of Servant Leadership gets a lot of verbal affirmation these days. At Soup-port Helpline, you'll get to see how it really works. You're likely to have your soup bowl filled by one of the members of the Helpline Board of Directors, or even a local, county, or state official, such as: Maureen Walsh, Bill Grant, Barbara Clark, Dominick Elia, and Greg Loney.



Soup-port Helpline 2006

### Tickets Available Now

A Soup-port Helpline ticket is \$25 and entitles you to a great lunch and a handmade bowl to keep, plus all the additional fun and features of this community event.

Call Helpline, 529-3377, for tickets. Buy some for your friends. Make it a family or group outing. Above all, enjoy!

Tickets not pre-sold will be available at the door, but the best way to ensure that you won't miss out is to call or stop by the agency and purchase yours in advance.

# Get to Know New Helpline Board Members



## **John Lohrmann**

**Occupation:** Attorney, general civil practice

**Years lived in the Valley:** 28½ years

**Your other community activities:** I am active at Christ Lutheran Church, where

I am on the Church Council and enjoy singing in the choir. I am on the Governing Board of Walla Walla General Hospital, and the Board of the Blue Mountain Chapter of the American Red Cross. I am on the board of the Camp Kiwanis Foundation and a Day Leader for WWCC's Leadership Walla Walla program ('95-'96 alumni), and a recent graduate of the Sherwood Trust Leadership Training Class, which is still putting the final touches on our class project to improve Washington Park. I am a member of the State Bar Association's Board of Bar Examiners.

**Favorite thing about the Walla Walla Valley:** The more relaxed pace is healthy for personal and family relationships.

**Hobbies/personal interests:** Sports, fishing, traveling, music, home brewing, time with Linda, kids and grandkids.

**Why you said yes when invited to serve on the Helpline Board:** I want to be part of directly helping those in need.

**Your vision for the agency:** To manage our limited resources to give effective, timely help to those who need it.

**Gifts, skills, and perspectives you bring to the Board:** My connection between my church and my community, and whatever legal talents I can offer.



## **Andrea Christiansen**

**Occupation:** Graphic Designer

**Years lived in the Valley:** 5½ years

**Favorite thing about the Walla Walla Valley:** The people

**Hobbies/personal interests:** Snowboarding, football, sewing, friends and family

**Why you said yes when invited to serve on the Helpline Board:** I feel that I might have a new and different perspective to bring to the board, as well as, the opportunity to help Helpline increase its presence in the community.

**Your vision for the agency:** I would like to see Helpline expand its reach to more efficiently serve all the residents of Walla Walla County.

**Gifts, skills, and perspectives you bring to the Board:** Youth, passion, creativity, drive



## **Paul Rasmussen**

**Occupation:** Business owner, Northwest Collision

**Years lived in the Valley:** 29 years

**Other community activities and associations:** Member, Rotary of Walla Walla; member, Walla Walla Valley Chamber of

Commerce; acting director, SonBridge Community Services Center; deacon/member, College Place "Village" Adventist Church; member, "More about Jesus," Board.

**Favorite thing about the Walla Walla Valley:** Warm, friendly people. A great place to raise a family.

**Hobbies/personal interests:** Family activities, including water sports—boating, waterskiing. Reading.

**Why you said yes when invited to serve on the Helpline Board:** I've been interested in Helpline since its beginnings. I am eager to see SonBridge and Helpline work closely together and becomes a strong allies. Working together we can help more people than working alone.

**Your vision for the agency:** I want to see Helpline continue to effectively achieve its positive vision and goals.

**Gifts, skills, and perspectives you bring to the Board:** I am aware of needs in our valley. I'm supportive and willing to help.



## **Sandi Madsen**

**Occupation:** Director, College Relations and Extended Learning, Walla Walla Community College

**Years lived in the Valley:** 30+ years

**Your other community activities:** St.

Mary Medical Center and the YMCA

**Favorite thing about the Walla Walla Valley:** My favorite thing about the WW Valley is the people. Such a wonderful community that works together to accomplish many wonderful projects.

**Hobbies/personal interests:** My four grandchildren and when time permits, reading.

**Why you said yes when invited to serve on the Helpline Board:** Because I totally believe in Helpline's mission statement and organizational statement and feel the agency is meeting the community need for emergency social services

**Your vision for the agency:** I need to do more listening and attend more Board meetings before I come up with a vision for the agency but would like to see their donor base increase.

# Statistical Soup

A FEW WEEKS AGO we compiled our 2005 Statistical Report for Helpline. No wonder we thought we were busy last year! In 2005, Helpline provided emergency social services to 2,629 households or 7,103 individuals living in Walla



**Melinda Townsend**  
*Helpline Director*

Walla County. Over \$121,000 of this assistance came in the form of direct financial assistance from Helpline in addition to in-kind items and referrals to other agencies. This direct monetary aid included utility assistance, rent assistance, shelter, prescription assistance and transportation assistance.

Helpline provides all of these services only through the generosity of people and organizations in our community who are capable of sharing with those who find themselves in need. Every volunteer, employee and Board member associated with Helpline is grateful for the broad community support that we receive which in turn enables us to fulfill our mission. We are grateful to our individual donors (many of whom donate on a monthly basis), to our area churches that pledge either monthly or quarterly, to our local businesses who donate financially and in-kind to the work of Helpline, and to the local foundations that assist in funding the work of Helpline and have partnered with Helpline in serving those most in need within our community.

On Wednesday, April 19, Helpline will host Soup-port Helpline, our first signature fundraising event for 2006. The

Board of Directors and the staff of Helpline are very excited about this event (see front page for details). This simple soup luncheon is so congruent with our mission as a poverty agency. We are thankful to Anne-Marie Zell Schwerin, Executive Director of the YWCA, who led us to this event, recognizing how well it fit with our mission. Our hearts have been warmed by the generous response of so many in our community who are donating their time, expertise, talent and resources to making this event possible. We are profoundly grateful to area artists and potters who are eagerly donating bowls for the soup. We are thankful to the individuals who have offered to make delicious homemade soups and Merchants LTD for providing fresh focaccia bread. We look forward to listening to talented musician (and former Helpline volunteer), Eleanor James, as she provides musical accompaniment during the luncheon. For each and every person and organization that makes this day possible and for those who will attend, we say "thank you very much."

In purchasing a ticket to this event (see front page for ticket information), you are partnering with Helpline as we serve those who are most in need in our community. We look forward to sharing some delicious soup served in beautifully designed bowls with you on that day.

All who attend the Soup-port Helpline will get to take their hand-crafted bowl with them as a reminder of a delightful luncheon and of the many (over 7,000) people in our community served by Helpline last year.

**See you there!**

## New Helpline Board Members—continued



**Jane Corando**

**Occupation:** Credit Underwriter, Banner Bank

**Years lived in the Valley:** 39 years

**Hobbies/personal interests:** Hiking, camping, reading and spending time

with family and friends

**Why you said yes when invited to serve on the Helpline Board:** My way of giving back to the community

**Your vision for the agency:** To see Helpline support the opening of other satellite offices in the surrounding areas

**Gifts, skills, and perspectives you bring to the Board:** Commitment, involvement, support

## The Helpline Team

**Melinda Townsend**  
*Executive Director*

**Wendy Gonzales**  
*Assistant Director*

**Sheila Fergusson**  
*Bookkeeper*

**Elaine Simons**  
*Admin. Assistant*

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**Jane Coronado**

**Dr. John C. Cress**

**Fr. Patrick Kerst**

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