



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2025

A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

YAAS is growing, and I'm excited to share what's happening. We've welcomed two new staff members: Cal King, a current YAAS member supporting events and fundraising, and Bonnie VanDusen, owner of VanDusen Design, who will lead outreach, education, and development efforts. Their contributions will help us reach new goals and better serve our community.

We've also refreshed our branding, and you'll continue to see updates as our outreach expands. Don't forget about our Glass Card Program, one of our most important fundraisers—whether you're a business offering a promotion or a supporter purchasing a card, your involvement makes a real difference.

As we look ahead to September, we're eager for new events and opportunities. Thank you for being part of this journey with us.



YAAS
DIRECTOR
DARUS JUAREZ



HOT TOPICS:

- Our Glass Card Program continues to be one of the most impactful ways we raise funds for YAAS. Local businesses partner with us to offer exclusive promotions, and community members can purchase a card to enjoy those savings while supporting our mission. Whether you're a business or a supporter, we invite you to get involved—every card makes a difference!
- We are thrilled to welcome Cal King and Bonnie VanDusen to the YAAS team! Cal, a current YAAS member, will assist with events and fundraising, bringing his passion for building community. Bonnie, owner of VanDusen Design, joins us to lead outreach, education, and development. Together, they bring fresh energy and expertise to help us grow.
- YAAS is growing—and with growth comes opportunity. We are currently seeking sponsors and community partners to help us expand our programs, events, and resources for autistic adults. Sponsorships not only support our mission but also highlight your business as a community leader. If you or your organization would like to learn more about partnership opportunities, we'd love to connect!
- Mark your calendars—September is full of opportunities to connect! From social outings to community education events, there's something for everyone. Don't forget to register early and invite a friend to join you. Keep an eye on our website and social media for full event details and sign-ups.



YAAS CLUB
Young Autistic Adults
Social Club

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www.yaasclub.org

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5:30 PM – PHOENIX TIKKUM OLAM SANCTUARY

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL OUTING TO TIKKUN OLAM FARM SANCTUARY, A FOREVER HOME FOR RESCUED FARM ANIMALS. 🐔🐓 THIS HANDS-ON EVENT GIVES OUR GROUP EXCLUSIVE TIME TO MEET, PET, AND CONNECT WITH THE ANIMALS IN A PEACEFUL SETTING.

COST: \$5 • SPACE LIMITED TO 25 • YAAS REP: SERENA
REGISTER SOON—THIS POPULAR EVENT FILLS UP FAST!

460 HARTLEY RD, PHOENIX, OR 97535

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11:00 AM – MEDFORD FOOD 4 LESS FUNDRAISER

EVERY MONTH, YAAS PARTNERS WITH A LOCAL GROCERY STORE TO SHARE OUR MISSION AND SELL OUR GLASS CARDS—OUR LARGEST ONGOING FUNDRAISER THAT DIRECTLY SUPPORTS AUTISTIC ADULTS IN SOUTHERN OREGON. THIS MONTH, YOU CAN FIND US AT FOOD 4 LESS IN MEDFORD, OR. STOP BY OUR TABLE, PICK UP YOUR GLASS CARD, AND LEARN HOW YOU CAN BE PART OF BUILDING COMMUNITY WITH YAAS.

2230 BIDDLE RD, MEDFORD, OR 97504

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5:30 PM – GRANTS PASS BARNEY'S BURGERS

COME JOIN THE FUN AT BARNEY'S BURGERS FOR THE BEST BURGERS (AND SHAKES!) IN TOWN. 🍔🥤 ENJOY A NIGHT OUT WITH FRIENDS AND COMMUNITY IN A CASUAL, WELCOMING ATMOSPHERE.

COST: FREE TO SIGN UP (PURCHASE YOUR OWN MEAL) • SPACE LIMITED TO 20 • YAAS REP: CAL

1320 REDWOOD AVE, GRANTS PASS, OR 97527

FRIDAYS
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4:00 PM – MEDFORD BOWLING WITH FRIENDS

JOIN US EVERY FRIDAY FROM 4 PM TO 6 PM AT LAVA LANES IN MEDFORD FOR BOWLING WITH FRIENDS! THIS IS A FUN, DROP-IN LEAGUE WHERE YOU CAN BUDDY UP WITH FELLOW BOWLERS AND ENJOY SOME FRIENDLY GAMES TOGETHER.

COST: \$4 PER GAME (INCLUDES SHOES) • NO SIGN-UP NEEDED—JUST SHOW UP AND SAY YOU'RE WITH BOWLING WITH FRIENDS TO GET THE DISCOUNTED RATE.

2980 CRATER LAKE HWY, MEDFORD, OR 97504

SIGN UP AT YAASCLUB.ORG



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UPCOMING EVENTS



Budget Blinds

featured sponsor

www.budgetblinds.com/southernoregon

Since 2001, Budget Blinds has proudly served more than 25,000 residential and commercial customers in the Rogue Valley. They offer window coverings for every style and budget—from premium manufacturers like Lutron and Hunter Douglas to budget-friendly options like Norman and Alta. With a five-star Google rating and more reviews than any other window covering business in the area, Budget Blinds has truly earned its reputation for quality and service.

We are especially grateful for their commitment to community. For every quote they provide, Budget Blinds donates \$5 to YAAS, helping us expand opportunities and support for autistic adults in Southern Oregon. Partnerships like this show the power of local businesses investing in people and building stronger communities.

Thank you, Budget Blinds, for your generosity and support!



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