



## WASHINGTON FAMILY RELIEF FUND (WFRF)

The State of Washington just announced that low-income families with children under the age of 18 may be eligible for up to \$250 per child. Applications must be received before March 31st. For more information, including eligibility requirements, or to apply for WFRF, visit their website: [WAFAMILYRELIEF.ORG](http://WAFAMILYRELIEF.ORG).



## SAVE THE DATE - APRIL 17 (MON.)

You Asked! We Listened! Here by Popular Demand -- BOWLING!! April's group dinner will be replaced with our first ever BOWL-A-RAMA Group Activity. Because of scheduling requirements, we will have to meet on Monday instead of Wednesday. There is no cost and food will be provided; HOWEVER, You Must Sign-Up before April 10th to ensure we have enough for everyone. Details to come.

# NEWSLETTER

## THE STAR PROJECT

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## WILDHORSE FOUNDATION



### WILDHORSE FOUNDATION AWARDS FUNDING FOR STAR PILOT PROJECT

HOOP (Housing Obstacles Overcome by Participation) is a pilot program which will help 14 people earn a \$700 security deposit voucher following completion of a 6-module Ready-to-Rent class plus 20-hours participation. Vouchers must be redeemed before December 31st. Applications are currently being accepted, with the first group beginning May 16th.



### STAR SELECTED TO PRESENT AT SPRING GIVING EVENT

STAR participant, Shane Zabor, and Executive Director, Linda Scott, will be addressing 100 Women Who Care, Walla Walla Valley to request funding to establish an annual Chili Cook-Off that would promote The STAR Project and our partner organizations in a family-friendly atmosphere. If selected, STAR would receive \$10,000 to implement the event.



**GET TO KNOW THE STAFF**  
**LINDA SCOTT, EXEC. DIRECTOR**

I grew up in rural northern Idaho, some 15-miles up the St. Joe River from St. Maries. This experience fostered my creative mind, adventurous spirit, and work ethic. I love to learn new things and am typically led by curiosity. I attempted college right after high school but decided to adventure a bit instead. I worked an assortment of seasonal jobs including Yellowstone National Park, Mt. Spokane, sorting seed potatoes, and processing Alaska snow crab. Eventually I settled in Portland, Oregon where I learned the printing industry from the ground up..

I moved to Walla Walla in 2018 and began working for the Walla Walla Community College in 2020 when I began teaching at the Washington State Penitentiary. I love teaching and quickly discovered that the students in my WSP classes were some of the most gracious and appreciative people that I have ever worked with. As I got to know them for who they are and what they wanted, I became as excited for each of them as we worked together to establish goals and setting the stage for their transition back into the community. My students taught me about the many gaps in community support services that they had to face as they left WSP. This is what led me to STAR and to pursuing a master's degree in Sociology.

I started as a STAR volunteer in May 2022, when the organization was struggling with unexpected funding changes and staff turnover. I accepted the role as Executive Director and started working at STAR full-time in September 2022. I look forward to building a team which focuses on fostering hope and building a supportive community environment for individuals who want to move forward towards improving their lives and the lives of their families.

**GROUP DINNER - WED. MARCH 15TH @ 5:15**  
**BEEF STEW -- IT'S WHATS FOR DINNER!**



SEVERAL FOLKS HAVE OFFERED TO HELP COOK FOR OUR MONTHLY GROUP DINNERS. WE ARE WORKING OUT THE DETAILS AND LOOK FORWARD TO SOME GREAT PARTICIPANT PREPARED MEALS IN THE NEAR FUTURE. CONTACT US IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BECOME INVOLVED IN "FEEDING OUR COMMUNITY" MONTHLY ACTIVITIES.

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