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Members of the OESCO Board of Directors gratefully receive a large check from Kaiser Permanente in support of OESCO's unique mission.

Kaiser Permanente is a leader among the 30+ "host" employers that partner with OESCO to give the Portland area's developmentally disabled residents opportunities to work on meaningful projects in the real world.

### Kaiser Permanente Makes \$10,000 Donation to OESCO

Kaiser Permanente, one of the region's and nation's largest healthcare providers, further increased its support for developmentally disabled individuals and their families in Oregon, by offering a generous donation to OESCO of \$10,000.

"Kaiser Permanente greatly values the mission and work that OESCO provides in the community. I know OESCO will use the money wisely and hope that

this gift 'primes the pump' for additional donations from other organizations and individuals," said Kurt Shusterich (far right in photo), a senior organizational development specialist for Kaiser and Chairperson of OESCO's volunteer Board of Directors.

With help from OESCO's trained staff, Kaiser Permanente, since 1989, has created or tailored more than 20 employment opportunities throughout the Portland metro area for OESCO clients.

Money from *this* donation will be used by OESCO to help develop new and additional employment opportunities for people with developmental disabilities.

OESCO is a business-oriented nonprofit that works in partnership with employers to support community employment for individuals with developmental disabilities.



### Guess What We Did with a \$500 Gift?

With tremendous thanks to **Farmers Insurance Group** for its recent \$500 donation, the OESCO team was able to arrange door-to-door transportation, provided by **TriMet**, free of charge to

one of our clients for a whole year!!! Such funding offsets the cost of a yearly "Lift" pass, enabling our clients who have few transportation options to arrive at the jobs they love.

Left: Example of TriMet's "LIFT" services. Photo courtesy of OESCO.

### What does OESCO do on a human level?

"I started with OESCO right after high school. They helped me find a job I love, working with children".  
Aaron G



# Want to become one of the first designated Friends of OESCO?

## OESCO SPECIAL NEWS ITEMS

**New Position Will Open Doors:** OESCO has introduced and filled an exciting new role—the Job Development Coordinator position. Dennis Benjamin, who in May 2007 moved a long way to bring his field experience and dedication to this important position, has *already* helped develop and create new work opportunities for OESCO clients. He is also assisting local employers by offering them both (1) reliable and spirited employees; and (2) a chance to give back to the community in a way that benefits their own organizations. Dennis will work both independently and in coordination with veteran consultant Clyde Muirheid.

**Milestones:** *Gerald Pearce*, leading operational team member of OESCO for 17 years, has gradually been transitioning into Executive Director duties as OESCO Founder *Paul Crowther* gradually shifts into the role of supportive consultant to OESCO. OESCO's staff and Board of Directors warmly thank both for their commitment, accomplishments, and ongoing service.

**OESCO** is looking for individuals and businesses in the Portland area to show their support for people with developmental disabilities who are eager to work in real jobs.

Contact us today at [www.oescorp.org](http://www.oescorp.org) regarding your interest in any of the following:

- Donating almost-new computers
- Volunteering
- Offering a tax-deductible gift of:  
\$10 \$25 \$50 \$500 \$1,000+

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