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Letty Owings Receives White Rose Award for Contributions to Women and Children

Letty Owings, received the White Rose Award from the March of Dimes on May 21, 2008 for her volunteer efforts to serve pregnant or parenting women who are struggling with addictions to drugs and/or alcohol. In May 1989, the Letty Owings Center opened for eight women and 10 children as a program of the Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon. Letty worked tirelessly with co-founder Nancy Anderson to launch the Center and secure stable funding for its programs.

In 1997, the Letty Owings Center became an operation of Central City Concern. In addition to receiving intensive drug/alcohol treatment, residents at Letty Owings Center learn life skills such as budgeting, cooking, meal planning, laundry, communications and most importantly, parenting skills. Letty Owings Center has served more than 1,000 families since its inception and has celebrated the births of more than 200 drug-free babies.

For 26 years, the March of Dimes has hosted the White Rose Awards in honor of women of achievement living or working in Oregon on the basis of volunteerism, professional excellence and commitment to improving the status of women in the region.

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