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Birdies 4 Babies Potluck Party Slated for September 27
Grassroots Fundraiser Benefits MountainStar Family Relief Nursery

Who: “Birdies 4 Babies” golfing participants are invited to share their favorite “birdie” stories and tally the proceeds of their birdies at the upcoming Birdies 4 Babies Potluck Party.

What: Birdies 4 Babies is a grassroots fundraiser that plays off the golfing tradition of giving a dollar to fellow golfers when they score a birdie. In Birdies 4 Babies, golfers collect their birdie money and donate it to MountainStar Family Relief Nursery at the end of the golf season.

When: Wednesday, September 27th, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Where: “Camp Silverado” – the home of Shelly Hummel, one of the original Birdies 4 Babies golfers. Contact Kathy Murch at 318-8749 to RSVP and receive directions to Camp Silverado.

Why: Birdies 4 Babies was conceived by Kathy Murch, MountainStar board president and by several of her golfing pals. Murch and her friends started collecting their birdie dollars for the babies at MountainStar Family Relief Nursery. At the end of last season, they donated more than \$500 to the organization. This year, Murch and her friends rolled out the grassroots fundraiser to the larger community, attracting golfers from local golf courses, including Crosswater and Widgi Creek and support from local golf professionals, including Bob Garza (Lost Tracks), Tim Fraley (Awbrey Glen) and Greg Robbins (Broken Top).

About MountainStar Family Relief Nursery

MountainStar Family Relief Nursery www.mountainstarfamily.org is the only program in Deschutes County that provides comprehensive services to prevent child abuse and neglect in at-risk families with children, ages six weeks to four years. We offer services free of charge to families facing major challenges when they most need help. The average family we serve has 16 risk factors for child abuse/neglect, and the majority of our children exhibit social, intellectual, emotional and physical delays. Our Therapeutic Classroom provides a safe, nurturing environment where children can address their specific issues and delays. We provide parents with support, parent education, referrals for counseling, and transportation, food and clothing as needed. Our mission is keeping children safe, parents successful and families together.

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