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Tip Sheet for MountainStar Family Relief Nursery - 2007

Birdies 4 Babies™

[Birdies 4 Babies](#) was conceived in 2005 by MountainStar Board members Kathy Murch and Joanne Michael and golfing pals Susan Battistella, Melinda Bailey, Shelly Hummel and Susan Weir. Following the tradition that rewards birdies with a dollar or two paid to the player “birdie maker”, this small group of women collected their birdie money and donated over \$500 to MountainStar. In 2006, Murch, Michael and their friends rolled out the grassroots fundraiser to the larger community. Golfers from all over Central Oregon raised more than \$15,000 for MountainStar.

Among the major birdie makers in 2006 were golfers from Crosswater Golf Club, who donated more than \$4800, including a contribution of \$2500 from Dr. Jim Stone of Mountain Medical Group Immediate Care, who had pledged to match the funds raised by Crosswater participants. Several local golf professionals also participated in the program, including Bob Garza of Lost Tracks, Tim Fraley of Awbrey Glen Golf Club, Greg Robbins of Broken Top Club and LPGA (Ladies Professional Golf Association) professional Taya Battistella. Garza, Fraley, Robbins and Battistella each asked friends, family, club members and other sponsors to make a donation for each birdie they made while playing in Oregon PGA and other professional golfing events. Together, the four golf pros made over 100 birdies and raised more than \$8,000 for MountainStar.

Children’s Expedition Luncheon

MountainStar Family Relief Nursery is holding its third annual [Children’s Expedition Luncheon](#) on Thursday, October 11th at noon at the Riverhouse Convention Center. During this free, one-hour luncheon, we will share the inspiring story of MountainStar Family Relief Nursery’s work to prevent child abuse and neglect in Deschutes County, with an opportunity for attendees to make a contribution and join the Children’s Expedition Society.

RSVP to Joanne Michael at 617-5825.

Designs for Dining

STAR (Supporting Those At Risk) is a Crosswater/Sunriver-based group of dedicated and generous women, whose mission is to raise awareness of MountainStar Family Relief Nursery through fundraising and donor support. In addition to organizing the [Designs for Dining](#) charity luncheon and auction, the women of STAR serve as ambassadors for MountainStar through active participation in [Birdies 4 Babies](#), a season-long golfing fundraiser. STAR creates special “Birthday Bags” for every child enrolled in MountainStar’s therapeutic classroom. Each child receives a birthday bag filled with gifts and party items that are hand-selected and donated by the women of STAR. Many STAR members also belong to MountainStar’s Children’s Expedition Society, a multiple-year giving society where each member of the society pledges a minimum of \$1,000 per year for five years.