

“That no one in our community go hungry...”

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## Meet the Plowshares' Staff!

Plowshares achieves its' Mission through the efforts of more than 150 volunteers and 6 staff members. With such a small staff it is critical that we can rely on our dedicated and loyal volunteers. Here is a brief summary of who our staff members are and what they are focusing their efforts on.

### **Brett Albee and Blake Shupe are both Program Assistants.**

Our two Program Assistants are hardworking cleaners, dishwashers, floor scrubbers, cooks, and yard maintenance workers. They maintain the Personal Care area where mail and grooming items are distributed.

As with all our staff, the Program Assistants are customer service liaisons to our guests and volunteers. They also reinforce the rules with Plowshares' guests.

### **Keith Vidra is the Evening Supervisor.**

Keith is responsible for all operations at the dinner hour and for closing Plowshares at night. He is our goodwill ambassador to the local retail stores and supermarkets where he picks up donations each morning. He is the back up for our Operations Manager and is very handy with building maintenance as well.

### **Patrice Mascolo is the Office Manager and Executive Assistant.**

Her responsibilities include bookkeeping, purchasing, maintaining Plowshares' website and online presence. She assists the Executive Director in producing the newsletter, applying for grants and Board relations. Patrice is very frugal and is adept at researching the lowest price for services or products we use.

### **Rhonda De Los Santos has been with Plowshares for 18 years and is our Operations Manager.**

Rhonda has responsibility for compliance to Health Department Standards, kitchen operations, staff, and volunteer management. She makes sure we have the ingredients and equipment the cooks need. She recruits and trains volunteers and staff. Rhonda knows most of the guests from years of serving them. She has been an advocate for our guests and our Community Service Volunteers for many years. She is a natural coach and is always there with an encouraging word.

### **Marlene Kurowski is the Executive Director.**

Marlene has responsibility for the management of Plowshares' staff and the budget. She is the support and liaison to the Board of Directors. She assures that the mission and Board policies are carried out. She directs public relations and community relations. Fundraising and special events such as Empty Bowls and Blues, Brews & BBQ, the Winter Appeal are major responsibilities for the Executive Director. She serves on the Continuum of Care, which is the County's non-profit agency forum and is on the Board of the South Ukiah Rotary. She collaborates with the county and other human service agencies.



**For our staff as well as our volunteers, working at Plowshares is more than just a job.**

**It is a commitment to serve.**

## Save the Date

- **Volunteer Recognition Luncheon:** August 6th
- **Brews, Blues & BBQ:** September 17th
- **PumpkinFest:** October 15th & 16th

## Meals Served May 2016

	Total	Daily Average
Lunches - Adults	1364	62
Lunches - Children	28	1
<b>TOTAL LUNCHES</b>	<b>1392</b>	<b>63</b>
Dinners - Adults	1270	60
Dinners - Children	43	2
<b>TOTAL DINNERS</b>	<b>1313</b>	<b>63</b>
<b>DINING ROOM TOTAL</b>	<b>2705</b>	<b>126</b>
<b>MEALS-ON-WHEELS</b>	<b>2873</b>	<b>131</b>
<b>TOTAL MEALS</b>	<b>5578</b>	<b>256</b>

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### Wish List

- Cheese
  - Coffee\*\*
  - Butter\*\*
  - Broccoli
  - Cauliflower\*\*
  - Carrots
  - Cream of mushroom and chicken soup
  - Tomato Sauce
  - Pasta
  - Juice
  - Cooking oil
  - Cornstarch \*\*
  - Sugar
  - Poultry seasoning
  - Clorox Bleach\*\***
  - 1 gal Ziploc bags\*\*
  - Sandwich Ziploc bags\*\*
  - Pump bottles of hand sanitizer
  - Socks
  - Travel size mouth wash\*\*
  - Toothpaste\*\*
  - Deodorant\*\*
  - Denture cream and cleanser\*\*
  - Dog & cat food\*\*
- \*\* Items we are currently out of



## Save the Date for the 3rd Blues, Brews & BBQ!

**September 17th, at Barra of Mendocino 6:00 to 10:00 pm**

Blues, Brews & BBQ is a fundraiser for Meals on Wheels. This important program delivers free hot, nutritious meals to homebound seniors in the Ukiah area. We expanded to 4 routes last year and are still getting more seniors who want to be added to a route. Many times we have a waiting list. Last year we sent out 30,718 meals. We now allocate 50% of our Program Resources to the Meals on Wheels Program. Your \$60 ticket includes a gourmet BBQ dinner with micro brew beer and dessert. Wine will also be available. A world class blues band will entertain with plenty of opportunity to move and dance. Check the website [www.plowsharesfeeds.org](http://www.plowsharesfeeds.org) and this newsletter for further details on buying tickets as the event approaches.



### We will be participating at this years PumpkinFest and need your help!

The Ukiah Country PumpkinFest is the largest street fair in Mendocino County. This annual two-day event is held each fall in October. The streets of Downtown Ukiah are filled with food and craft vendors, fine arts exhibits, live music, a haunted house, pet costume contest, a "Scarecrow City" and the ever popular children's carnival. We will be manning a booth to raise awareness, let people know of the services we offer, recruit volunteers, cooks and donors. We will have a bean bag toss for children. We need volunteers to help us at the booth for both Saturday, Oct. 15 and Sunday, Oct. 16. We have slots available for morning and afternoon shifts. Please call the office at 462-8582 to sign up for a shift and be a Plowshares' ambassador! Thank you!

### T.R. Eriksen Matching Grant Final Amount!

Our Matching Grant campaign collected **\$14,115.20** in matching funds for the Eriksen Grant. We thank the T.R. Eriksen Foundation for their continued support of Plowshares. We also extend a huge thank you to all the matching grant contributors. Thank you is just not adequate to express our gratitude and the appreciation we feel when we see the generosity of our supporters.

"Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do."

-Pelé





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