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MaLaren Youth Correctional Facility honors volunteer of the year



Ron Taylor

The MaLaren Youth Correctional Facility (YCF) in Woodburn has named Ron Taylor its volunteer of the year for 2013.

Taylor, a retired high-school teacher and coach who resides in Gladstone, began volunteering at the facility in 1996. Since then, according to facility Superintendent Sid Thompson, “he has met and counseled many kids. He has a heart for helping incarcerated youth to change their lives and find hope.”

Matt Griffin, an employee at MaLaren, says, “I have known Ron for more than 15 years. He faithfully continues coming in week after week to meet with youth one-on-one or in groups. Ron truly cares about the welfare of the kids here.”

The facility honored Taylor at a ceremony earlier this month. He was presented with a certificate and an OYA coin award, a silver dollar-sized medal bearing the state seal.

MacLaren YCF is one of 10 youth correctional and transitional facilities operated statewide by the Oregon Youth Authority.

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