

# Health Foundation News

## Gift of the Month

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The Mid-Columbia Health Foundation Gift of the Month program recognizes individuals who have helped us serve our mission of improving the quality of life in our community.

A recent Gift of the Month recognizes a series of concerts that have raised more than \$2,700 for Celilo House. The series was coordinated by Dan Ross and his wife Crystal Davis-Ross of SilverWire Productions. The story of how they became involved in the project is almost magical.

"It really was meant to be," says Dan.

Sheila Davidson, a friend, music lover and MCMC employee, recommended to Dan a musician named JohnSmith. Meanwhile, Dan had been hearing from another friend, Linda Glanden, a Celilo Cancer Center employee, about the Celilo House.

Linda explained how the house provides accommodations for families of cancer patients receiving treatment at Celilo. She also spoke of the need to remodel the house and install a new bathroom. Then Erin & Tim Schechtel, of Erin Glenn Winery, started talking to Dan about hosting some concerts at their tasting room.

On July 29, 2005, all roads came together, when the first JohnSmith concert was held at the winery, with proceeds benefiting the Celilo House. Since then, three more benefit concerts



**Dan Ross and Wife,  
Crystal Davis-Ross,  
SilverWire Productions**

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have been held, and more are planned. Dan says, "I just bumped into people and listened ... we felt like we could help out."

It is important to Dan and Crystal that the proceeds from the concerts benefit organizations that will use

the funds to make a difference locally.

We salute Dan and Crystal and all of you who support this worthy effort! Great talent, worthy causes, and a supportive community are part of an equation that brings health and harmony.