

Dear Friends,

Next year will be the 45th anniversary of Head Start and celebrations are being planned. The National Head Start Association's (NHSA) is planning a celebration in September 2010. They are requesting information from Head Start graduates, past EHS/HS parents, staff, and volunteers. 45 people will be selected to attend and be recognized at the celebration in Washington, D.C. There will be an Alumni book published with the information on everyone who submits information. About 40% of our employees are past Head Start parents, a statistic I am very proud of. I encourage you to submit your information, whether staff, parent or volunteer. Please pass this information on to others to encourage them to submit information, especially if they have a compelling story.

We will be planning a local celebration and want to recognize the successes and contributions of as many as possible. So I would appreciate it if you would send me a copy of your information, too. Don't be reluctant, we want to recognize and celebrate Head Start's success as the premier early childhood program in the nation and Jackson & Josephine County.

In summary:

- ✓ Submit information to NHSA & me
- ✓ Watch for more about our celebration

Sincerely,

Nancy S. Nordyke

Head Start Director

Southern Oregon Head Start

Southern Oregon Child and Family Council, Inc.

I am a Head Start Alumni

Please complete and email to Charles4headstart@gmail.com no later than Monday, August 9th.

Name _____

Head Start child ____ Head Start parent ____ Head Start staff ____

Head Start Friend ____

Address _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

Email _____

The Head Start Center (former/current) you were affiliated with:

Describe your Head Start Story in 300 words or less. (one page 8 ½ X 11)