

Jimmie Heuga Nomination

Lawrence 'Chad' Chadwick

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Lawrence M. ("Chad") Chadwick, was born in 1947 in Alderson, W. Virginia. Chadwick is his adopted name. Prior to graduating from Bend Senior High School, Chadwick's early years were filled with multiple challenges....he had attended 27 different schools all over the mid-west and north-west. From the ages of six to nine, he spent life in numerous foster homes.



In 1988-early '89, Chad had lost several friends and family to cancer. He was deeply saddened at their loss and mad as hell at the disease! His wife, Sharon urged him to do something positive with his pent up emotions. With a group of friends they created an organization that works to raise funds for cancer research, education, and hospice care. Thus, the Oregon Cancer Ski Out (OCSO) was born and for nineteen years has been working to raise funds and awareness to help fight the war against cancer. Of the dollars raised, 90% of the monies actually go to causes working on the forefront of this battle.

Currently the Oregon Cancer Ski Out supports:

OHSU Cancer Institute; researching causes and cures for cancer

Willamette Falls Hospice & Hospice of the Gorge; Providing compassionate home care and family support for terminally ill patients.

Candlelighters: supporting programs for children with cancer and their families.

To date, OCSO has raised over \$500,000 to give to the beneficiaries. 2008 will mark the 20th anniversary of this event. Each year volunteers organize and put on a uniquely formatted two day fun ski race at Mt Hood Meadows, for 35 five member teams made up of skiers and snowboarders of all ages and all levels. The format rewards teams for consistency, rather than speed.

As President of Cancer Ski Out, Inc, Chad is now working towards a national expansion program.

Not everything in Chad's life has been a bowl of cherries. In 1998, he came to grips with a 20 year long addiction to alcohol. This is a progressive disease and he finally found his bottom. Chad says with God's blessings, a wonderful wife and children that supported him through the toughest time in his life he was able to stop drinking and get sober once and for all. He says "There is so much to do; I'm convinced you have to change how you look at life and how you treat people".