

NEWS RELEASE



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NATURE OF STORY: **SHERIFF'S OFFICE**
VOLUNTEER TURNS 90

LOCATION: Lane County Adult Correctional
Facility-Sherman Center
101 W. 5th Ave.
Eugene

TIME/DATE OF EVENT Monday November 27, 2006
11:00 AM -1:00 PM

DETAILS:

Sheriff's Office employees have planned a gathering to acknowledge Sister Margaret Graziano's 90th birthday.

Sister Margaret has been a volunteer for the Lane County Sheriff's Office-Corrections Division for over 33 years. She has volunteered almost 5,000 hours in the last 3 years.

Most of Sister Margaret's volunteer time goes towards assisting inmates with their needs while in jail. This includes contacting employers and getting items for inmates not available from the jail commissary, like reading glasses. She assists in obtaining donated reading material for inmates, both religious and non-religious.

The services she provides while volunteering for the Corrections Division is invaluable. If it were not for her many of these services would not be done.

Biography of Sister Margaret Graziano

Born on November 25, 1916

Education:

St. Mary's Academy - 1934

Holy Names College Bachelors of Arts - 1946

Marylhurst College Bachelors in Music - 1951

University of Portland Masters in Education - 1961

In September 1973 after a teaching job at the Maclaren School for boys, she walked past the jail in Eugene and thought if the boys she was teaching at Maclaren didn't change they would end up there. She stopped in and asked for a tour. Instead she was invited for lunch and asked if she would like to be a volunteer.

On October 2, 1973 she was fingerprinted and became a volunteer for the Lane County Sheriff's Office - Corrections Division under Capt. Paul Bailey. That was five Captains and 33 years ago. She is still a very active volunteer. This year alone she has already donated over 1500 hours of service.

During her service and thousands of hours later she has earned many awards and achievements. The most significant of which are:

National Justice Volunteer of the Year Award

Human Concern Award

Oasis Senior Role Model Award

Valiant Woman Award

Catholic Community Services of Lane County Award

and most notably the rarely awarded CASS CORRECTIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD, the nations highest honor given in the field of corrections.

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