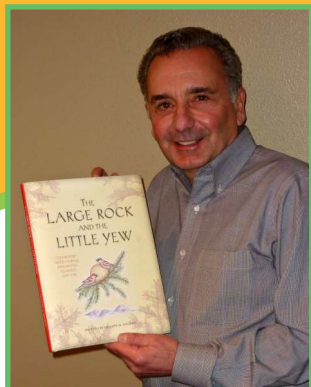


## DOING GOOD UPDATE: GREG AHLIJIAN



I first met Greg Ahlijian at a Chamber of Commerce event in 2010. He was walking around showing people a copy of his children's book; "The Large Rock and the Little Yew," which he had written to provide comfort and financial support to the Jasper Mountain Center. In speaking with Greg you could immediately sense the warmth and compassion he had for the children of Jasper Mountain, a local

organization that helps disadvantaged children and their families. Not only this, but the quality and craftsmanship of the book he created was amazing. The story is beautifully told and illustrated as it takes the reader on a journey with a tiny seed which finds itself trapped in the cold, dark, narrow-walled split of a large rock. Amidst the difficult circumstances the little seed must find a way to sun, soil, and water, all the while portraying the timeless life lessons of perseverance and hope in the darkest of places.

In the Spring of 2011 we highlighted Greg Ahlijian's book, "The Large Rock and the Little Yew," in our Sanipac Recycler newsletter. From the article we received a wonderful amount of feedback about Greg's story and work. Since then Greg has been featured on numerous news outlets including KVAL, KUGN, KPNW, KKNX, KSCR, Eugene Magazine and The Springfield Times among others. In February of 2012 Greg and his book were featured by Bob Welch in his popular Register Guard column entitled, "Planting a Seed of Good Will." The book is now recognized by the Executive Director at Jasper Mountain Center, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lane County, Boy Scouts of America Oregon Trail Council, Looking Glass Family & Youth Services, Inc. and Oak Hill School as a book that is beneficial to the children served by their groups and organizations.

It is a true privilege to call a man like Greg my friend. Please take a chance to look at the book and give him a call or email. I'm sure you'll feel the same privilege as well!

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Greg by the numbers:

- 32 - Number of years he worked as an arborist in the Eugene/Springfield area.
- \$13,600 - Amount he personally spent to publish the book.
- 100% - Amount of the retail price of the book that is donated to Jasper Mountain.
- \$26,500 - Amount donated to Jasper Mountain from the book sales so far!

Books are available for sale locally at: Hiron's Drug Stores, Imagine Gallery, and The Book Nest.

For more information on the book and Jasper Mountain:

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