

Tualatin's Ms Oregon, Libby Crawford Standing up for much more than beauty!

Twenty-five ladies sought the title of Ms America 2012 and our own Ms Oregon was among the Top 10 finishers, according to the national pageant Director Susan Jeske.

Tualatin's Libby Crawford recently represented Oregon in the national pageant that was streamed live on ustream.tv (you can still see it today) from the beautiful Doubletree Suites by Hilton Anaheim Resort on April 15, 2012.

Each lady is to have a platform and for Ms Oregon her platform is Eliminating Childhood Food Insecurity. With Oregon being #1 in the nations for childhood food insecurity, Libby feels very passionate about this and the effects it has for Oregon's youth and their families. "I cannot imagine putting my son to bed and having him tell me he is hungry but so many parents in Oregon do and that makes me very sad," say Crawford. Libby understands being hungry, "When I was younger, I remember always wanting to babysit for people because then I could make money for school lunches and eat," says the oldest of 4, "

After I would put the kids to bed I would hoard food then I would have so much shame I would hide the wrappers or cans at the bottom of the garbage can. To make up for it I would fold their laundry or clean just to compensate for what I ate."

Libby is also an advocate for children with special learning needs and in July of 2011, was instrumental in passing a bill, along with her daughter Katey, into law. It is called Katey's Law and replaced the language in 17 statutes in Oregon that labeled a child Mentally Retarded on an IEP (Individual Education Plan) with Intellectual Disabilities. Katey is a sophomore at Tualatin High School and because she suffered a significant hearing loss as a child, she has a delay in math and reading. Katey is very proud of the change, "People would call me names or bully me, it really hurt my feelings." Today, Katey belongs to the Unity Group at her school which is standing up against bullying. If you are over 26 and are interested in information about the pageant, please contact Libby at crowningmoment@comcast.net for the details. "It is an opportunity to get out there and be a voice for your cause or charity!" says Crawford.

On Saturday Night the ladies were treated like Celebrities on the Red Carpet at the Guard A Heart, the national pageants charity, Gala/Fundraiser. The Anaheim White House provided a beautiful setting for this event with fabulous service and cuisine. Media, TV, and photographers created an atmosphere of "Celebrity Status" for the contestants. Each lady had an opportunity to talk about the national charity and their own platform.

Though Libby Crawford did not win the title of Ms America 2012, Libby will continue her work in Oregon as



Ms Oregon America 2012. Libby will be at the Opening Ceremonies for the Challenge Division of the Oregon District 4 Little League, also at various activities for the Royal Rosarian Centennial Celebrations, a tower announcer on 4th and Morrison for the Starlight Parade, supporting the ALS Walk and is the Emcee for the Golden Leaf Education Foundation Fundraiser: A Magical Night in Cambodia. If you would like to book Libby for your upcoming event, email her at crowningmoment@comcast.net.