



DID YOU KNOW?

SnowCap's food pantry served two thousand more people in March 2022 than in March 2021!

"SnowCap has saved our lives more than once by clothing and feeding us, as well as helping my pets. I am so thankful" - Thomas



Looking for ways to help? We have included a list of most needed items and events in this newsletter!

Remember to plant a row or two for SnowCap in your garden!



Welcome Back!

"I haven't been here in a long time," Monica said quietly. "Welcome back!" I responded, "We are so glad you came." This exchange is becoming a common refrain at SnowCap as neighbors who haven't needed help recently visit the pantry.

Monica shared that even though she and her husband are both working full time, rapidly increasing prices for essentials like food, diapers and gasoline have stretched the budget to the breaking point. It warmed my heart to see a smile light up her face as SnowCap volunteers wheeled out a cart loaded with fruits, vegetables, pantry staples, cat food and hygiene supplies.

"Your help is a big deal for my family. Forget extras! We are just trying to keep a roof over our kids' heads and food on the table. Things are hard right now."

I am sure that you or someone you care about can relate to what Monica and so many others are going through. It is simple enough to see the problem: expenses are up and paychecks are not.

Folks know where to go when cupboards are bare and money is tight. This is why SnowCap is here and why we need your help.

Two thousand more people were helped at SnowCap in March 2022 than in March 2021. No one was turned away because people like you gave what they could. AND just like you, SnowCap's expenses to meet the most basic of human needs are increasing.

Today, on behalf of neighbors like Monica, I am asking you to consider making a gift in an amount that fits your budget. Please do not worry that your donation is too small, and if your circumstances allow you to give a bit more than in the past, please do!

Perhaps your family is in need of help right now. SnowCap is here for you too. As we often say, this is a place to get what you need and to give what and when you can. This is what community is all about.

Gratefully,

Kirsten Wageman

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Executive Director



50 Years of Service

In October 1970, Charlie Ross was just 33 years old when he and his wife took a cross-country trip from Illinois to Portland, Oregon to pursue an opportunity as the new pastor of Parkrose UCC. After landing the job, Charlie was certain that he wanted to engage with the community beyond the church, and asked around to see if there were any local services helping those in need. Although he can't remember who it was, somebody happened to mention a small, relatively new charity called SnowCap that was providing food to the hungry.



After initially taking a few canned food donations to the fledgling organization, Charlie began volunteering for SnowCap in 1972, ultimately deciding that was exactly where he was meant to be.

"Human connection is so important" said Charlie, "and SnowCap has always done such a good job making sure people have enough to eat, as well as making them feel welcomed and cared for. I just love that they help people who need help."

Throughout his many years at SnowCap, Charlie has just about done it all. From working in the pantry, to helping on the board and volunteering at special events, Charlie has an extra special place in his heart for SnowCap's auction.

After 50 years, Charlie is now SnowCap's longest continually serving volunteer. And while he's satisfied with the work he's done, the one thing that makes Charlie truly beam with pride, is passing down his legacy of serving the community, to his own family.

"I'm so happy that both my kids and now my grandkids have all

volunteered with SnowCap. They've helped fill food boxes, and helped with the auction, and now they volunteer with me, to make sure I get a ride over here every week, so I can keep volunteering."

While he might not be able to do every volunteer job he used to do, at 85 years old, Charlie still carries that same passion for helping others, that drew him to SnowCap in the first place.

"SnowCap was built to last" said Charlie, "I'm excited about what we've done, and I'm excited to see where it goes from here."

We are too, Charlie. And we can't thank you enough for 50 wonderful years of helping SnowCap, help others.

Bilingual Volunteers Needed

At SnowCap, we want to make sure our message is reaching everyone in our community, and are currently looking for some volunteer help translating.

This will **help us communicate more effectively** with the folks we serve, so that anyone who doesn't speak English as their first language will still have equal access to food and clothing. You can help from home translating messages or volunteer on a regular shift.

We are looking for the following languages:

- Russian
- Arabic
- Mandarin
- Spanish

Other Volunteer Needs:

Monday & Wednesday - Evening pantry (5:45pm-8pm)

If this sounds like a good fit, **please contact** nate@snowcap.org for more details.

Did you know...

SnowCap helps one of the most diverse areas in Oregon, and that those clients speak **75** different languages?



Mail Donations to:
PO Box 160
Fairview, OR 97024

Contact us:
www.snowcap.org
503.674.8785
info@snowcap.org

Donation Drop-Off:
17788 SE Pine St
Portland, OR 97233
Monday to Friday 9 AM - 3 PM

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SnowCap at a Glance



OPEN HEARTS, OPEN HANDS

Please let your friends and family know how they can help!

Dates to Remember:

June 1 to July 17 - Gresham Ford Peanut Butter Drive, drop off at 1999 E Powell Blvd, ending their drive at Gresham Arts Plaza on July 17th. Visit GreshamFord.com for more.

June 4 - Summerplace Annual Shred Day: 9am-12pm, 2020 NE 150th Ave, Portland. Bring your shred items and a suggested donation (\$5 or 5 cans of food) for SnowCap! We will send it through the shred truck to safely dispose of your sensitive materials.

SAVE THE DATE:

September 16 - SnowCap's Annual Sam Wolsborn Memorial Golf Tournament, more information coming soon!

Donations are gratefully accepted
Monday-Friday between 9am-3pm
at 17788 SE Pine St.

Back to School Wish List

- Subject dividers
- Three-ring zipper pouches
- Colored pencils & markers
- Multi-color highlighters
- Water color sets
- Pocket folders
- Pink pearl erasers
- Rulers
- Pointed & blunt scissors
- Glue sticks & white school glue
- Paper (college & wide rule)
- Spiral notebooks (college & wide rule)
- Composition notebooks (college & wide rule)

August 5th - Last day to bring back-to-school donations

Most Needed Items

- Hearty soups / Chili / Stews
- Gallon zip top bags
- Canned fruits & vegetables
- Canned tuna
- Children's pants in kids sizes 6x-14
- New socks (all sizes)
- New underwear (all sizes)
- Gently used shoes, labeled with size on the toe with tape (this helps so much!)
- Cans & bottles with deposit - rinsed please!
- School supplies (list on the left)



"When "Helping People" never gets old, where you will always get a smile and a kind word. "We're here to serve you" comes from the heart. The kindness of these wonderful people takes my breath away at times....Blessings~" - recent client

Are You a Gardener?

Now is a great time to plant a or two for SnowCap.



SnowCap

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Gifts in Honor of:

Debbie Portin: James & Cheryl Kerr
Diane Liefeld: Sharon Magnuson
Dogwood Pet Hospital: Margaret (Peg) Watry
Judy Alley: Michael & Donna Hellums
Katrinia McNeal: Larkin Franks
Kim Moore: Carrie Monnie
Mom: Robert & Nita Cunningham
Scott & Shelby Mullin: William Mullin
The Brill Family: Katie Scancarello

Celebrate Birthdays for:

Sarah Collmer: Douglas & Linda Wilson
James Liefeld: Ben & Kim Moore

Gifts for Anniversary Celebrations:

Scott & Cynthia Everist

CONGRATULATIONS

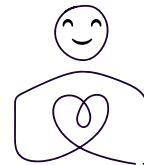


*Bess Wills, Gresham Ford General Manager
Awarded 2022 Salute to Dealers honor by
Ford Motor Company.*

Thank you Bess for all the support!

Gifts in Memory of:

Bud & Nadine Aufdengarten: Myrna Graham
Colleen Morgan: Mary Jean King
Corinne Cumming: Carly Allen, Corinne Cumming,
Stevan Burdick, Lillian & Milo Miller, Joni Pokorny,
David Qualheim
David & Andrew Adams: Susan McGee
Diane Smith: Joe & Amy Over
Don O'Neill: Joanne & Ronald LaCroix
Dorothy & Leonard Blair: Elizabeth Blair
Eileen Sobota: Kathryn Clevenger
Gloria Foster: Judy Dunham
Henrietta (Hank) Lewis: Andy Peterson
John & Frances Sunderland: James & Luisa
Sunderland
John Joy: Mark Steven Lander
June Renie: Joan Renie
Katie Petke: Thomas Petke
Madella Lewis: Greg Lewis & Jason Houser
Marie Squires: Teresa Squires-Osborn & Alan
Osborne
Martha Holm: Evelyn Sass
Melanie Gleason: Augustus & Marguerite McCleary
Nana: Jennifer Alvin
Nina Cook: Teddy Cook
Norma McPhail: Shannon & Robert Bohrer
Reo Boren: Pamela & Roy Wilber



*These gifts were received from
January 1, 2022 thru March 22, 2022.*



*"It has been a very difficult time because of the
pandemic and SnowCap has helped us a lot with
food." - Marcela (recent client)*



To make a gift in honor or memory of someone special, visit our website www.snowcap.org