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We have served over 27,000 more neighbors so far this year than last

Creating a Community of Compassion and Gratitude

Spring has sprung and one of my favorite parts of the warmer weather is chatting with folks in line as they visit our pantry. As supporters of our work, I wish you could see the smiles and hear the kind comradery as neighbors and volunteers interact. When I arrive to start the day, more often than not I am greeted with a mix of new and familiar faces, cheerful greetings and many variations of “Thank God for SnowCap, I really appreciate your help!”. Over the past year, the need for SnowCap’s help has skyrocketed.

Over the past nine months, the average number of clients served per month has increased from 9,500 to 12,500

The level of sustained, ongoing need for the most basic of items tells the story of a community that is hurting. With your help, the relationships SnowCap continues to build and nurture with our neighbors tells the story of what can happen when you invest in compassion and hope.

“I love going to SnowCap because they are very friendly. The staff are very friendly and so are the people outside trying to help you. They have very good quality food and thank you so much. When I’m out of everything, I think of SnowCap. Thanks for all your help and God bless. Me and my boys, we appreciate everything you do for us.”
Kathy- Recent Client

How does SnowCap continue to be the most reliable source of help in our area? We do it together! I have included a variety of ways to connect and help in this newsletter. There are several upcoming events, volunteer and donation needs, as well as deeper opportunities to support our work. As always, SnowCap’s work is made possible because of **YOU**. We could not be more grateful.

Gratefully,

Kirsten Wageman

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Executive Director



A “Can-Do” Attitude

Every Wednesday at SnowCap, for the past 16 plus years, you’ll see them. A dynamic four person sorting crew, doing whatever SnowCap needs done at the moment. Whether it’s reaching deep in a tote full of donated canned goods to inspect for outdated products or suspicious dents, putting on gloves and sorting through empty beer bottles and soda cans, helping with the newsletter mailings, or joyfully filling bags of food, the sorting crew will do whatever task is needed.

Margaret Heydon has been volunteering at SnowCap for 7 years. Clare Fisher and Pat Hill have been coming for 16. While DeEtte Vetsch has volunteered at SnowCap for a whopping 22 years. The reasons they came to SnowCap are varied. But what keeps them all coming back, is incredibly similar.

“It’s such a good feeling to be involved with caring people who do all this great work” said Clare. DeEtte added “SnowCap is such a big help to so many people, and Wednesdays have become a very fun habit”.

“It’s such a pleasure to be here, helping people” said Margaret, with Pat emphasizing, “I love that it gets us out of the house to help”.

That shared attitude, of just wanting to help others, is evident when you watch the sorting crew work. “There is a camaraderie, that I really enjoy” mentioned Clare. But just because they like what they do, they also realize that giving away donated food becomes serious business, when it comes to people’s health.



“Most donations come in really good, and we see quite a lot of variety” said Pat, “If a donation is useable, we want people to have it”. While DeEtte was quick to clarify, “But if something doesn’t look right, we don’t want to give it out and make people sick”.

It’s this attention to detail, and the care they feel for their neighbors, that makes the Wednesday sorting crew such an important part of SnowCap’s success.

And even after all these years of sorting, don’t expect the crew to give up their Wednesday volunteer gig any time soon.

“I have a feeling that we’ll be doing this until we simply can’t do it anymore” said DeEtte, while Clare, Pat and Margaret all smiled and nodded in agreement.

The Drive to Volunteer

When most people think of volunteering at SnowCap, they naturally think of working in the pantry, warehouse or clothing area. But did you know there are also opportunities to drive? SnowCap is looking for a 2 person volunteer driving team on the 4th Wednesday of every month, that would be willing to drive a regular route to drop off food boxes at individual homes and apartments.

Drivers must deliver in pairs, provide their own vehicle, and be properly insured, as well as able to lift 30 lbs repeatedly. To find out more about this unique opportunity, **contact nate@snowcap.org**.

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

SnowCap is an equal opportunity provider and employer

SnowCap at a Glance



OPEN HEARTS. OPEN HANDS

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

Most Needed Items

- Hearty Soups / Chili / Stews*
- Canned fruit*
- Granola Bars & Snacks
- Cans & bottles with deposits - rinsed please
- Quart size zip top bags
- Shampoo
- Dish soap
- Pet Food
- Kids pants sizes 6x - 14
- Men's underwear (Especially size large)

***Pull top cans please!**

Thank you

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

The Perfect Time to Host a Food Drive!

Did you know, the vast majority of drives happen during the holiday season? However, hunger is a year-long problem, please consider doing a food drive.

Host a Food Drive in 3 easy Steps

- 1.) Set a goal and timeframe that works for your organization or business.
- 2.) Request a barrel online or by contacting Nayely@snowcap.org.
- 3.) Spread the word with your network, sharing why helping SnowCap is important to you and other specifics (email, social media, snail mail, phone call)!

That's all there is to it!

We are happy to help with virtual materials and pickup arrangements.



Dates to Remember

Summerplace Shred Day - June 8 from 9am-12pm, 2020 NE 150th Ave, Portland

Bring your sensitive material and a suggested donation (\$5-\$10 or 5-10 cans of food) for SnowCap. We will send your papers through the shred truck for safe disposal of your documents..

SnowCap's Annual Sam Wolsborn Memorial Golf Tournament - September 13, 2024 at 12:30pm - contact Nayely@snowcap.org at 503-405-4293 for sponsorship opportunities. *****CORRECT DATE*****

Mcmenamin's Power Station at Edgefield Friends and Family Night- October 8th- 50% of sales from 5pm to close will be donated to SnowCap

-My visit was for food for myself and my dog. I've been there before and they are super nice. They treat you courteously with dignity!! If you need help I'd recommend SnowCap!! Good people work there and they are eager to assist you! - recent client

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More Options to Make a BIG Difference!

- **Gifts of Stock, IRA Distributions and other financial instruments-** Contact louise@snowcap.org or call 503-405-4294 to make arrangements.
- **Donate your car to benefit SnowCap-** Call our partners at Speed's Towing at 503-234-5555.
- **Include SnowCap in your estate plan-** Leave a legacy that will help others. Have you already done so? Wonderful! Please contact louise@snowcap.org so that we may be aware of your plans.
- **Consider making an additional gift this year to support our capital campaign-** As you may know, SnowCap has outgrown our facility and is building an additional location to provide a permanent home for our clothing program, additional warehouse space and more. As construction costs continue to rise for this critical \$9.1M project, your support matters! Please contact kirsten@snowcap.org or call 503-405-4293 for information about this vital project.
- **Connect your workplace, faith community, service club or other organizations with SnowCap**
Do you know of a group that would like to learn more about SnowCap? Whether it is a giving campaign at your work or a group of friends who care about their neighbors, we would love to know them! Contact nate@snowcap.org to find out the best way to connect. From coming to speak with your group, providing materials, scheduling tours or volunteer projects, there are many options.
- **Make an ongoing monthly, semi-monthly or quarterly gift from your checking account or credit/debit card-** This kind of gift helps our neighbors all year long! Reliable funding is essential to being a stable source of help for those in need. Visit www.snowcap.org or call 503-405-4293 to get started.

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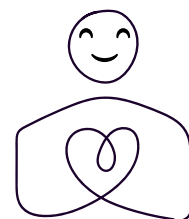
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of someone special, visit our
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