



SnowCap

Community Charities

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SNOWCAP NEWS

WINTER 2019



A Place for Help and Compassion

Happy New Year! With the hustle and bustle of the holidays behind us, I want to take a moment and tell you about a client who touched my heart this past month.

A mother whose family had been adopted by a sponsor for Christmas came at the appointed time to receive gifts for her family. We had a moment to visit and it seemed the woman was having some difficulty keeping things straight.

It is true what they say: Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a battle that you may know nothing about

This sweet client then shared that she is unable to work right now as she has a seizure disorder and had been suffering from multiple seizures all week. It wasn't easy for her to even get to SnowCap that day and had taken every ounce of determination she could muster to make it at all. Even though she was struggling to focus on putting one foot in front of the other, caring for her children was her motivation. She told me:

"I am not thinking very clearly because of the seizures, and I wasn't sure I would be able to make it today, but without SnowCap my kids will not have anything for Christmas and I won't let them down. Anything for my kids."

This is just one of thousands of similar connections SnowCap makes every day

SnowCap touches the lives of real people in your neighborhood. The world we live in seems to bring news of more tragedy, more pain, more suffering every day. Our goal is to be an oasis of compassion for those who ask for help.

Together, with each of us helping in the ways we are able, SnowCap continues to provide a little bit of respite and care for those who are struggling.

Kirsten Wageman

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Executive Director



2018 Fill-A-Bag raised over \$27,000 plus 7,000 lbs of food, Thank You!

A big thank you to
Rental Housing Alliance
Oregon for raising \$3000 for
SnowCap!

Wow!
Over 1,300 local
children received toys
this holiday season
from SnowCap!



SNOWCAP'S MOBILE FOOD PANTRY DELIVERS FOOD AND SMILES

Holgate Plaza in SE Portland is one of SnowCap's Mobile Food Pantry (MFP) sites where many residents find themselves in need of food, but lack transportation or physical ability to visit our pantry. "This is low-income housing with most on very low, fixed incomes," says site manager, Brian Martinez. He reports that, for most, every penny of resident income goes to rent and utilities, with virtually nothing left for other expenses.



Will, Holgate Plaza Resident

When asked how SnowCap helps make ends meet, Holgate Plaza resident Jen tells us that she feels more secure to have the food we bring and that she will never be completely out of food. She says "You guys gave me my first experience of canned beets. We love pink applesauce too! When we are down to nothing, my little girl was happy to eat pink food."

Holgate Plaza resident, Will, a Vietnam War Veteran (pictured left) was all smiles telling us that SnowCap makes things easier because the box "has more than I can use each month."



Larry, volunteer

It would be impossible for us to do this program without hearty volunteers like Larry, Tub, Floyd and others. Rain or shine, these volunteers haul hundreds of boxes and greet clients with a smile. They are the heart of the program.

The MFP program began in 2010 in response to client requests and the Oregon Food Bank's hope that SnowCap develop this type of program to reach those who have barriers like childcare, disability or transportation. Volunteer teams deliver pre-packed food boxes monthly to qualified low-income properties and a Title I school. We have built strong relationships with Home Forward and others to identify underserved locations. Currently, the MFP visits 24 sites and helps around 950 each month.

"I've struggled this year to support my daughters on my own, even with my own disabilities. The hardest part has been admitting I need help. I thought help would be difficult to find and it wasn't. Everyone here has been so kind and thoughtful. My daughter still believes in magic because of you. Thank You."

Ruth (Adopt A- Family recipient)

Families that were adopted were giving away lots of hugs!



URGENT VOLUNTEER NEEDS

- **Clothing Associate (or two)** on either Mondays or Fridays from 9:30am until 2:30 pm, that can help our clients select donated clothing, hygiene items and more from our clothing closet.
- **Pantry Shoppers & Donation Intake** on either Mondays and Wednesday from 9:30am until 2:30pm, that can help guide clients through the pantry or help greet donors, unload and records donations, and provides donation receipts with a smile.

These opportunities require a once-per-week commitments. Please contact nate@snowcap.org for more details.

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

Share this page with your office, church, service club and friends!

Dates to Remember

January 21st: MLK Day of Service Garden Clean-up, 9am until 1pm at SnowCap. Bring your gloves and favorite tool, and help get our community garden ready for the upcoming growing season!

We are closed for Client Services this day.

March 1st: Last day to drop off auction items - we are in need of gift cards and new household items,

March 16th: SnowCap's Annual Auction --->

Save the date: June 8th Summerplace Annual Shred Day. Details coming soon!

Most Needed Items

- Canned hearty meals (chili/stew/soup)
- Canned fruit
- Tuna fish
- Blankets
- New underwear (all sizes)
- Baby wipes
- Ziplock sandwich/quarts
- Deodorant
- Toilet paper
- Egg Cartons (12 pack)
- Brown paper bags
- Cans & bottles (please rinse)
- 350 pint canning jars for a project
- Large basket for auction (we are all set for small baskets)

SnowCap Auction 2019 A Recipe for Compassion

Saturday, March 16th, 2019 at the Holiday Inn, Portland Airport.

Doors open at 5pm for silent auction
Dinner and Live Auction at 7pm

Join us for the biggest fundraiser of the year!

Highlights include:

- Silent auction
- Wall of Wine
- Dessert Dash
- Live auction with award-winning auctioneer JillMarie Wiles
- Raffles, games and prizes throughout the evening!

Reserve your seat **today** at www.snowcap.org and click the auction button.

Seats are \$60, table of ten \$600 until February 22nd (\$65/\$650 after)

3 Reasons YOU Should Come to the Auction:

1. There are items in every price range! Every dollar raised counts.
2. Learn more about how SnowCap touches lives and get inspired.
3. Have a **FANTASTIC** time!

"If you don't have fun at SnowCap's auction...well, actually it would be impossible not to have fun at SnowCap's auction!" - Annual Attendee, John S.

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For donations deliver to 17788 SE Pine St
Monday thru Friday from 9 am to 3 pm



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SnowCap honors Walsh Trucking for sponsoring all of the evening services for December!

Gifts in Honor of:

Bob, Linda & Mark Cowgill, Carlotta Allin, Carolyn Croker, Carolyn Kolibaba, Carolyn Olszewski, Christy Strong, Claire Riddle, Darren & Kecia Riordan, Debby (daughter & sister), Dick & Barbara Close, Don Frueh, Dorothy Felker, Doug & Kathy Henderson, Dr. & Mrs. de Wette, Edna Harvey, Elizabeth Webber, Isabelle Curphey, Jane Hickey, Jim & Connie Cockrell, John & Frances Sunderland, Lawson Fisher, Margaret Ford, Marian E McBride, Mark Ruble, Mary Ann Elliott, Mary Ellen Summer, Mary Jane Everist, Maureen Jepson, Maxine Kuhnau, Mike & Claudia Andrews, Nancy Harper, Nessie Doss, Our Families, Patricia Morton, Portland Rifle & Pistol Club, Rebecca (Becky) Peterson, Shelley Oleachea-Caufield, Sue Penk, Sunday School Class at Parkrose UCC, The Stuckey Family, Wendell Jacobson, William Campbell

Gifts to Celebrate Birthdays:

Regina Blake, Mom, Gary Olds, Carolyn Olszewski

In Lieu of Christmas Gifts:

Anna Marie Updegraff, Cecil & Gail Miller, Dad & Shannon, James Dickinson, Jim & Diane Liefeld, Marilyn Welter, My Children, Regina Blake, Sally Hewitt, The Kissler Family, William & Katherine Lamb

These gifts were received from October 4, 2018 to January 7th, 2019 for a full listing please visit our website www.snowcap.org.

Gifts in Memory of:

Albert & Edna Wersch, Allen Weston, Jr, Bonnie Lehne-Ingle, Bud & Roberta Samel, Buz DeBogart, Caren Jackman, Cecily Mosby, Chas W Smith, Cooley Family Members, Daryl Meyer, Dean Anderson, Denny & Marie Bourdonnce, Diane Goheen, Dorothy & Leonard Blair, Doyle Backus, Dr James Dixon, Ed Hug, Ed Stenberg, Edith Golik, Elmer & Emily Dotterer, Ernest Herzog, Felicia Seery, Frances Chartier, Frank LaFrienier, Fred Powell, George & Frances Dean, Gordon Story, Grace Coy, Hank Lewis, Herb Frison, Irene Kristofferson, Ivan Gillam, Jack & Nadine Perry, Colleen Morgan, Felicia McCarthy, Jeannette Clay, Joanne Carroll, Joanne Minato, John & Joannie Hill, John Juenemann, Joyce Bates, Kent Cumming, Lois Eurick, Lorraine Bodack, Louise Cates, Lucille Brunner, Lyle Cumming, Lynn Hamersly, Marie E Squires, Marilyn Munger, Mary A Nelson, Mary Norseth, Melissa Stough, Melissa Wolsborn, Michael Eagan, Nadine Fredrickson, Nina Cook, Paul Hacking, Peggy Wolsborn, Ray Broyles, Sam Wolsborn, Shep & Peggy Shephard, Shorty & Katherine Harvey, Skye Lynne Ditemore, Steven Godfrey, Sue Carthy, Sue Deibele, Susan King, Susie Dekker, Verna Forbes

Gifts to Celebrate the Holidays:

Books Around the Corner, Ken & Roseland Tjen, Susan Whitney, Tove Danovich, Elmer Lee Morrison, Walter & Florence Lersch, Sara Grown Glass, Robert Jason Houghton, Anthony Botteron, Jim Endy, Moe Farhoud, Tawan Bowling, Andrea Covey, Faithful Savior Lutheran Church

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someone special, visit our website
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