

# SnowCap News

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SNOWCAP IS A PHILANTHROPIC ORGANIZATION CREATED TO PROVIDE FOOD, CLOTHES, ADVOCACY, AND OTHER SERVICES FOR THE POOR.

## Can You Guess?

What do the following things have in common: a fun-filled night, an opportunity to purchase a unique vacation and a chance to help feed the hungry?

If you guessed the SnowCap annual auction, then you're already a winner. If you buy a ticket for \$60 (\$65 after February 20th) for this March 12th evening of entertainment, then you're a winner, too. SnowCap's only major fundraiser will be held this year at the Holiday Inn Portland Airport. JillMarie Wiles will once again lead the oral auction, and the popular silent auction will precede dinner. Here, you will be able to bid on offerings such as gift cards at local businesses, gift certificates to dine out, handmade knitted items and much more.

To purchase tickets please go to [www.snowcap.org/2016-auction](http://www.snowcap.org/2016-auction). If you have items to donate to the silent or oral auction, you may email [Kirsten@snowcap.org](mailto:Kirsten@snowcap.org). Donations such as vacation stays, unique events and new household items are just what SnowCap could use for this event. If you're unsure whether you can attend but still wish to help, donations of wired, 1½-inch ribbon (any color other than red) and large baskets are also greatly appreciated.



# 2016

## Auction Dinner

**Join us for the  
14th Annual SnowCap  
Auction!**

*Saturday, March 12, 2016*

*Holiday Inn Portland-Airport*

*Silent Auction*

*begins at 5:00 pm*

*Dinner & Live*

*Auction begins*

*at 7:00 pm*

Ticket price is \$60  
(\$65 after February  
20th)

Tickets avail-  
able online at  
[www.snowcap.org/2016-auction](http://www.snowcap.org/2016-auction)

**Or call:**

Alicia Biastock  
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# SnowCap's Sources of Income

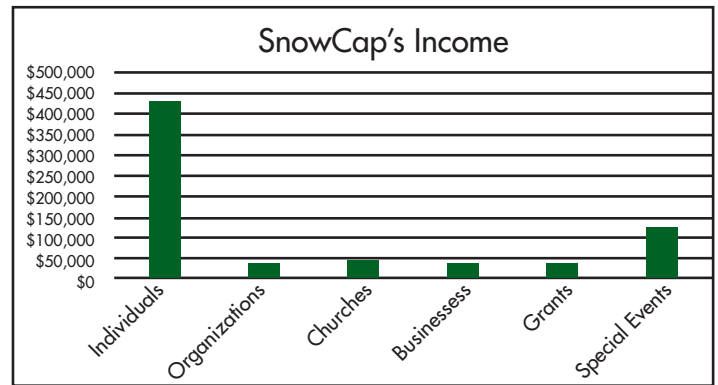
You may have heard that SnowCap receives no tax dollars, but have you ever wondered where we get the money to help East County's low income families? Here is a brief description of the cash that was donated to SnowCap in 2015.

Individuals donated \$432,081 in 2015. Sometimes these gifts are in honor or in memory of a friend or loved one. Sometimes they are a dedicated income stream like dividends on stocks or bonds. Sometimes they are gifts of IRA's, stock, or lottery winnings. There are as many reasons and ways to give to SnowCap as there are people who do the giving.

Organizations contributed \$43,867. Organizations might include labor unions, clubs, sororities, or neighborhood associations. If you belong to such a group, please consider inviting a SnowCap speaker to one of your meetings. These groups provide an important source of support, and you could be our connection to a new group.

Churches sent \$50,549 to SnowCap in 2015. These contributions are usually line items in the church budget, but sometimes they are profits from a special event. There are spaghetti dinners, noisy offerings (coins are collected), concerts and special offerings. Church is a common way for people to learn about SnowCap, and many of these church members go on to become individual donors.

Businesses contributed \$36,880 in the last year. Like



churches these dollars can be a simple expense item for the business. Or, they can be the proceeds from an event put on by the business, for example Riverview Community Bank's Fill-A-Bag.

Grants brought in \$41,300 in the last year. These funds are usually used for one-time expenses, like replacing trucks or our commercial appliances like freezers and coolers. This year we even have a grant to fund a special volunteer training session. We do not count on grants for routine operating income. East County giving supports SnowCap's regular operations.

Special events produced \$129,592 in 2015. The auction in March is the biggest of these events, but the Annual Christmas Breakfast and summertime Dine-Out Event also contribute to this line item.

As you can see, it takes more than a village to make SnowCap happen – it takes all of our community.

# SnowCap's Numbers Continue to Climb

A busy year finished in a flurry of activity as volunteers put in extra hours to provide services to a growing number of low income neighbors.

## Client Services

Throughout 2015 SnowCap served an average of 9,000 people each month, but in November and December the Toy Program, Adopt-A-Family, Something Wonderful, Thanksgiving Dinner and Christmas Dinner pushed the number of people served to well over 10,000 each month. In addition, during our Wednesday evening hours to serve the working poor, over 6,500 individuals received emergency food.

## Volunteer Numbers

Volunteer numbers also increased, but not nearly as fast as our need for them. Frankly, we could use more help.

Please consider volunteering for SnowCap. There is much we can do to ease the burdens of our neighbors in need. We need truck drivers, food demo volunteers, interviewers – all kinds of help! If you can help contact Nate at [nate@snowcap.org](mailto:nate@snowcap.org) or 503.405.4295.

## Food Distributed

Probably the best news of all is the increasing quality of our food offerings. SnowCap has been able to provide ample amounts of nutritious food for many years now. However, the protein is often found in items like beans and lentils. The dairy might include powdered milk. There would probably not be any oil to cook with.

Thanks to a generous outpouring of support, this holiday season we were able to offer eggs, fresh milk, a small bottle of vegetable oil, fresh or frozen meat and fresh fruits and vegetables. We hope to keep increasing quality while maintaining our current level of food distributions. We distributed 2,745,927 lbs of donated food in 2015!

## *Birthday Celebrations:*

**Judy Alley:** Anonymous  
**Merlin Aufdengarten:** Alyson Huntting  
**Israel Duran:** Barbara Karlstrom  
**Mary Jane Everist:** Scott & Cynthia Everist  
**Helen Gray:** Chuck & Sandra Schwartz  
**Alyson Huntting:** Anonymous, Mara Stine & Troy Ballew, Bill & Becky Huntting  
**Jesse Oleachea:** Barbara Karlstrom  
**Debbie Oleachea-Caufield:** Barbara Karlstrom  
**Shelley Oleachea-Caufield:** Barbara Karlstrom  
**Eric Schmidt:** William & Kristy Holts  
**Tom Shirley:** Barbara Karlstrom  
**Mara Stine:** Alyson Huntting  
**Jasmin Wright:** Barbara Karlstrom  
**Josie Wright:** Barbara Karlstrom  
**Logan Wright:** Barbara Karlstrom

## *Honors:*

**Behn Family:** Walter & Sherry Behn  
**Patricia Berger:** Covenant United Presbyterian Church  
**Regina Blake:** Kammy Breyer  
**Vicki Chambers:** Blair Loudat  
**Bob & Sarah Collmer:** Kenneth & Lynda Collmer  
**Carolyn Croker:** Galen & Nancy Harper, Margaret Ford  
**Dale Hadley clients:** Dale Hadley  
**Sterling Dorman:** Angela Downing  
**Cindy Edwards:** Blair Loudat  
**Margaret Ford:** Galen & Nancy Harper  
**Art & Joan Fossum:** Walter & Florence Lersch  
**Don Frueh:** Ruth Johnson  
**Jane Gibbs:** V Lael Hays  
**Nancy Harper:** Margaret Ford  
**Nancy Hassebroek:** Tom & Patricia Rich  
**Doug Henderson:** Jason & Tammy Willet  
**Alyson Huntting:** Carol Lynne Huntting, Bill & Becky Huntting  
**Bill & Becky Huntting:** Alyson Huntting  
**Erin Kalmbach:** Sue Tisdall  
**Barbara Karlstrom:** Israel Duran, Jimmie Oleachea  
**Frances Kralj:** Mark & Kathy Kralj  
**Nate Larsen:** Alyson Huntting

**Joei Lattz:** Laura Bartroff  
**Hank Lewis:** Jo Callister  
**Diane Liefeld:** Nellie Bradwell, Barbara Edstrom, Rachel Hayashi, Sally Leake, Corrine Morton, Susan Moyer, Lawrence & Barbara Stith, James & Rae Ann Townsend,  
**Jim & Diane Liefeld:** Ben & Kim Moore  
**Renee Middendorp:** Lauren Ross  
**Ward & Julie Moyer:** Roseann Libonati  
Cindy Quintanilla: Blair Loudat  
**Residents of Courtyard Fountains:** Anonymous, Mary Hollingsworth  
**Sharon Rich:** Tom & Patricia Rich  
**Tom Rich:** Tony & Julie Manetti  
**William Rowe:** Thomas & Cathy Rowe  
**Hal & Anna Rosene:** Mary Rose  
**Mary Rossman & Anil Shah:** Ken & Sue Hirai  
**Pat Schaffer:** Bessie Wills  
**Marla Shuman:** Blair Loudat  
**Judi Sidey:** Matthew Sidey  
**Sunderland Children:** John & Frances Sunderland  
**Ken & AlmaLou Tischler:** V Lael Hays  
**Ann Tracy:** Richard Tracy  
**Janet Tracy:** Ann, Tracy, Richard Tracy  
**Anna Marie Updegraff:** Kate Rosen  
**Kirsten Wageman:** Monette Proffitt  
**Steve & Donna Wallace:** Ken & Sue Hirai  
**Elizabeth Webber:** Galen & Nancy Harper, Margaret Ford  
**Grettchen Weston:** Gresham Ford Co  
**Women's Work Coop:** Theodora Tsongas  
**JoAnn Wright:** V Lael Hays  
**Ron Wysaske:** Bessie Wills

## *Memorial:*

**Clara Abbott:** Gary Abbott  
**Maude M Ballard:** Kim & Rodney Ballard, Marlene Doehle, Albert & Carrol Harrison, Robert & Dolores Maynard, Elizabeth Webber  
**Earl & Lois Balzer:** Thayne & Mary Anne Balzer  
**Anne Bischoff:** Frank & Phillippa Lorinz  
**Joe Blaser:** Eloise Blaser  
**Jacqueline Burns:** Diane Abild  
**Orval & Jeannette Clay:** Charles Clay

**Bill Cooley:** Janet Cooley McChesney  
**Dick Cooley:** Janet Cooley McChesney  
**Elsie Cooley-Ackerson:** Janet Cooley McChesney  
**Joyce Crosby:** Debbie Chester  
**Frances & George Dean:** Gretchen Weston  
**Buz DeBogart:** Lois DeBogart  
**Evelyn DeYoung:** Robert K Bauer, Ronald & Rita Caldwell, Scott & Eileen Cunningham, Judith Irving  
**Elmer & Emily Dotterer:** Nancy Lee Dotterer  
**Ruth Job Elhard:** Edwin & Janet Stenberg  
**Herbert Frison:** Gretchen Weston  
**Edith Golik:** Dennis Golik  
**Ron Gustafson:** Diana Gustafson  
**Bob Hall:** Velma Hall  
**Lynn & Arlene Hamilton:** Christy Stokes  
**Caren Jackman:** Ramon & Mary English, Gary Hooper  
**John Juenemann:** Gloria Juenemann  
**Stacy Kelley:** Sharron Kelley  
**Louise Kersey:** Chuck & Sandra Schwartz  
**Irene Kristofferson:** Ervin & Dianne Burton  
**Frank LaFrienier:** Barbara Ann LaFrienier  
**Marian McBride:** Craig McBride  
**Maria Moran:** Frank & Phillippa Lorinz  
**Bill Morse:** Patricia Morton  
**Mary Nelson:** David Dery  
**Orville Neuschwanger:** Harold & Lois Lasley  
**Lois Olsen-Stanchfield:** Judy Olsen  
**Fred Powell:** Rose McGrath  
**Betty Riley:** Frank & Alice Donnelly, John & Carla Johnson  
**Lewis Roberts:** Ramona Roberts  
**Harold Romfo:** Linda Romfo  
**Gloria Ross:** Thomas Germann, Lyle Kuehl  
**Paul Satchfield & Beth Satchfield Lewis:** June Satchfield  
**Conrad & Helen Spady:** Ramona Roberts  
**Margaret (Maggy) Stone:** Scott & Eileen Cunningham  
**Lillie Sundholm:** Ron & Bonnie Kuhnau  
**Carol Tracy:** Thomas & Sandra Christoffer, Rolaine Grandey, Richard Tracy  
**Nona Thrower:** Paul & Vicki Warner  
**Deceased parents Vanderwerff:** Laura Vanderwerff  
**Arthur Wahler:** Dean & Janice Anderson  
**Dolores Ward:** Judith Boyd  
**Albert & Edna Wersch:** Diane West

**Allen Weston:** Gretchen Weston  
**Julie Wood:** David & Joanne Hermanson

## *Anniversary:*

**Dr James & Beverly Dixon:** Monette Proffitt

## *In Lieu of Christmas gifts:*

**Susan Hanson:** Michael Rountree  
**Donna Keller:** Rick & Kathye Partridge  
**Cecil & Gail Miller:** Kenneth Miller, Shelley Miller, David & Beth Miller  
**Bill & Ginny Morris:** Rick & Kathye Partridge  
**Betty Rae Partridge:** Rick & Kathye Partridge  
**Sydney & Don:** Tanya Paredes

## **Grandmother's Surprise**

The holidays are difficult times for many of us. We wish for perfection while recalling wonderful memories to help gloss over difficulties. I'd like to share a story from SnowCap's recent holiday experience. Even after our toy program reached 1386 children, miraculously, there were some toys left over.

An elderly woman came to the toy door, pushing a grocery cart that had all her belongings and some groceries recently acquired at the SnowCap pantry. She smelled as if she hadn't had an opportunity to bathe recently and said that she had been staying outside. She heard there were toys here and mentioned she had grandchildren who she wanted to be with Christmas Eve, but she did not want to show up empty handed. Our ever-generous volunteers helped her select a toy for each grandchild and placed them in decorative bags.

Later, one of those volunteers was walking to the light-rail station, and she passed this same woman pushing her cart toward an apartment complex. The woman was humming "O Holy Night" and whispering, "Thank you, Jesus!"

This wasn't really what we had anticipated when organizing the toy program, but it feels good to know that we helped a grandmother share a happy holiday with her grandchildren and creating memories that they will all hold on to in the coming years.



## Feeding a Child's Mind

We all know that SnowCap's focus is providing nutritious food, but did you know that we also help feed the minds and imaginations of the children who visit SnowCap? A selection of free children's books is located in the lobby to enjoy while waiting and for taking home to keep. SnowCap receives these books from generous donors like you and also from Books 4 Giving ([www.books4giving.com](http://www.books4giving.com)). The next time you're cleaning out your bookshelves, please consider donating those books to SnowCap. Donated children's books stay at SnowCap while paperbacks etc. are exchanged for even more books for kids through Books 4 Giving. CDs, DVDs and audiobooks are welcomed, but please no magazines or periodicals.



## Community Basket

Community Basket is a program put on by the Oregon Food Bank (OFB) to further help low income families. We host it here at 17805 SE Stark on the second Thursday of each month from 11 to noon. It is a separate program from SnowCap pantry.

The client must fill out a Community Basket application before receiving food. If the family would qualify to be an OFB recipient, then they would qualify for this program as well.

When the program first started, we only received food that other pantries did not want or items which were overstocked at OFB. These might have included soda, tofu, crackers, bread etc., and the cost to participate was \$1.25 a month.

Now however, the program is free for the recipients, and OFB tries to provide something from each food group. For example, in December we received eggs, peanut butter, flour, pinto beans, entrees, soup, cereal bars, mixed vegetables and cheese.

We usually ask the client to bring their own boxes or bags to carry the food home. We serve anywhere for 90 to 120 families a month through Community Basket.

## Paying It Forward

Paying it forward has many faces. One of those faces is Sandra who receives a small disability payment plus a mere \$50 a month in food stamps. She is a client of SnowCap and a volunteer. She is able to supplement her nutritional needs by visiting the pantry. Sandra has paid it forward as a valued volunteer at SnowCap for the past ten years. She finds volunteering to be rewarding and said it makes her feel good when she is able to help others. She likes working with other SnowCap volunteers, keeping busy, and enjoys the grateful hugs from those receiving help.

Another way of paying it forward is making a donation. SnowCap recently received a large monetary contribution from a family who wrote a note of thanks for the help they had received while they were facing financial difficulties. Their circumstances have changed for the better, and now they are in a position to help others just as they had been helped through SnowCap.

SnowCap appreciates the spirit of "Pay It Forward."

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## New Year, New Opportunities

2016 is finally here, and what better way to kick off the new year than by helping your community and neighbors by volunteering?

While we are always keeping our eyes open for new volunteers for our shopping-style pantry, clothing room and client services office, SnowCap is also seeking a few folks that can really deliver! We currently have a need for a two-person driving team, as well as a loading assistant that can help with our individual senior home deliveries every 4th Wednesday in the afternoon and evening.

Both of these opportunities take place only once per month, so it's perfect for someone who wants to volunteer but doesn't have the ability to commit to a weekly schedule. For a complete list of current volunteer opportunities, please visit our website at [www.snowcap.org/volunteer](http://www.snowcap.org/volunteer).





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## Wish List

All the fattening food that you have resolved to do without in 2016

New children's underwear

Covered electric skillet, UL approved, for food demos in the lobby



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