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

Making Connections & Community

It was a busy day in the waiting room. One lady was complaining of electric shocks piercing her head through her eye. Another fellow asked if he could bring his pet pit bull indoors since it was raining outside. There was a very nervous Spanish-speaking mother and two children in the corner. A woman in an electric wheelchair was struggling to get in the front door. A middle-aged woman, clearly a first-timer looked about the room reading all the postings. A typical day with a lot going on.

Bilingual Diana was all smiles at the front counter as she checked eligibility through Linked 2 Feed (L2F), the Oregon Food Bank database that simplifies access to food banking services statewide. With L2F a thorough eligibility screening is done once a year. Throughout the year monthly visits can be made with speedy and simplified screenings. This system is a good balance between a detailed and time consuming eligibility determination at every visit and a rushed screening by well-intentioned volunteers that may never get the relevant information. Best of all this system is used by 57 different pantries in the metro area so we can accurately describe the demographics of who needs food and why. This is valuable information for both program design and advocacy.

The lady in the wheelchair wouldn't have been able to get in if the gentleman with the pit bull was not able to hold the door open for her.



The fearful Spanish speakers were reassured by Diana's fluent Spanish. The lady with the electric shocks was talked down from her hysteria and allowed to shop alone once we understood how nervous the crowd made her. The newcomer was welcomed and reassured.

Nothing dramatic, but everyone got what they needed. More importantly, it was given with great kindness and a calmness that brings everyone together. One by one they leave the waiting room for the pantry where the food is. This goes on until 2:00 when the door is locked and we can see that 97 families were served. More than the food, those 97 families were recognized as unique individuals, treated with respect and interest, and had the chance to visit with neighbors in a safe place. This is how we build community.

If you would like to be part of helping your neighbors in need, contact Nate at nate@snowcap.org. He works Tuesday through Saturday.

Wish List

Instant creamer for volunteer's coffee

Canned Fruit

Men's clothing, especially shoes

Diapers in sizes 4, 5, & 6. No smaller sizes please.

Facial tissue, no particular brand

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Volunteer Opportunities

SnowCap is only as good as its volunteers. Please consider what you could do for others.

Truck drivers and helpers to pick up and deliver food donations.

Mobile Food Pantry drivers & helpers to deliver food to our low income neighbors.

Clothing volunteers to help clients select the clothes they need.

Individuals with an interest in volunteering can contact Kathleen at kathleen@snowcap.org or 503.405.4293 for more information.

Founder's Luncheon Invitation

In celebration of SnowCap's 50th Anniversary we are having a luncheon to celebrate the foundational people and ideas that have brought us thus far. Not every good idea thrives and flourishes for 50 years. The community in which we are placed has been extraordinary! Both volunteers and donors have been generous and committed. Let us come together to count our blessings!

Monday May 8th

Noon

St. Aidan's

Reservations are required.

A free will offering will be taken.

Contact Danni at Danni@snowcap.org or 503.405.4298 to make your reservation today!

Wonderful news about the auction!

Our golden anniversary drew 380 guests to fill a glittering ballroom. Gold was the dominant color, even sashes tied in big bows on the backs of the chairs. Client photos made attractive centerpieces focusing the guests on the real purpose of the event. When auctioneer, JillMarie Wiles took the stage all expenses had been paid. Everything raised during the auction was profit. All together, guests and sponsors, raised \$147,000! Best ever. We are optimistic about the year ahead.

Put March 17th on your calendar for next year!

These are times of great controversy and change. Don't let the world cause you to lose your center. Always seek to be a positive force and remember to pray.

*God grant me
The serenity to accept the things
I cannot change
The courage to change the things I can
and
The wisdom to know the difference.*

Annual Shred Day at Summerplace

Location: 2020 NE 150th, Portland

Summerplace Club House

Saturday, June 10, 2017

9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Bring your shredding and \$5 or 5 cans of food
All proceeds will benefit SnowCap

Gifts to Celebrate Weddings:

Koreen Kalie & William Lucas III: David & Elaine Smith, Frank Sutherland Haak, Jr, Jerrey & Janielle Krzmarzick

Gifts to Celebrate Birthdays:

Barbara Karlstrom Family: Barbara Karlstrom

Cynthia Hopkins: Jean Weigant, Katherine Loveall

Dottie Tillstrom: Lael Hays

James Liefeld: Ben & Kim Moore

Gifts in Honor of:

Bess Wills: Joan K Geller

Guy Super: Bob & Mary Moore, Randi Moore

Jenell Harry: Jeffrey Hays
Jim & Sally Gaudina: Christy Strong

Kathleen Ris: NAO Employees

Maxine Kuhnau: Joel Kuhnau

Lael Hays: Jeffrey Hays, Martha Corona Goldstein

Gifts in Memory of:

Arliss Rolph: Betty Pogue

Beth Satchfield Lewis: June Satchfield

Bette Becker: Robert Bauer
Betty & Bud Riley: Robin Vandehey

Charles Paesch: Marilyn Paesch

Claude Ogle: Adrienne Yarnold, Gerald & Judith Rieder, Maryann Ikata, Shelley Ellis

Daddy: Leith Morton Gerber

Donald N Edmeades: Allan & Suzanne Richard

James Duston: Anne Duston

Joe Blaser: Eloise Blaser

Larry Tillstrom: Lael Hays

Linda Van Note: Bob & Barbara Oakleaf, Edward Hagan Jr, Geoffrey Bruce, John Murakami, Ken & Christy Knutson, Michael & Patricia Deich, Michael Van Note, Patricia Garrison

Marie E Squires: Thomas & Arlene Lemieux

Paul Satchfield: June Satchfield

Ralph Neils: Resurrection Lutheran Church

Gratitude List

Alyson Huntting

PGE

Pacific Power

Walsh Trucking

Starseed Foundation

The Boeing Company

Covenant United Presbyterian Church

Parkrose Community United Church of Christ

Gulde & Ortquist, PC

Key Bank

Les Schwab Tire Centers, Portland District

Perkins Coie, LLP

Gresham Outlook

Mid-county Memo

OnPoint Community Credit Union

Minuteman Press of Gresham

Clackamas County Bank

Sally Gaudina, Broker RE/MAX Equity Group

Gethesemane Lutheran Church

Unitus Community Credit Union

Do you belong to a church, service club, neighborhood association, union, or a professional association?

Would your group like to learn about SnowCap? Learn about ways they can volunteer together to make things better in their community? We would love to talk or partner with your group to care for our neighbors in need.

Contact Nate at: nate@snowcap.org or 503.405.4295 to schedule your next step.