Kirsten Wageman  
Executive Director

Gratefully,

“Hello, this is Kirsten. It sounds like we made a mistake today with the food you needed and we are going to make it right.” I could almost hear the tension resolve before her surprised response, “Um. Yes. You see, we got home and saw that instead of rice, vegetables and staples, we had 4 bags each of potatoes and oranges and no other food. My kids are so hungry and I felt like no one would believe me if I didn’t talk with the person in charge.”

Disregarded. Overlooked. Not trustworthy. Our neighbors in need, particularly people of color and those from historically marginalized communities, often share similar experiences. When trying to access help, often folks come up against a barrier or problem and simply are not believed. “I am sorry for being rude, but sometimes I don’t know how else to be heard”, Joanna said.

SnowCap believes that everyone matters. That every person is worthy of excellent service. That people in need of help are trustworthy.

Joanna and I had a good conversation. I learned that Joanna works nights so that she can be there for her kids during the day, and that it is still a struggle to make ends meet. I assured her that if she returned, we would get her the groceries she needed with our apologies for the inconvenience. The gratitude she expressed at the simple act of being heard and believed is humbling.

Your support does so much more than feeding and clothing families in need. Your support builds confidence, trust and opportunities for positive human interactions to those who are all too often left behind. Thank you for being part of this important work.

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Genuine Care at SnowCap

Rodney, a warm and engaging client that has utilized SnowCap’s pantry and clothing services in the past, always knew that SnowCap helped people, but never to the extent than when he and his family had to move out of their temporary living situation in very short order.

“We were living in a hotel for about 6 months, but due to COVID and some money issues, we had to move out of there very quickly. And the timeframe they gave us to be out, meant that we had to leave a lot of our stuff behind.

Unwilling to let his 10 year old son face homelessness on the streets, Rodney immediately began searching for new housing. He also reached out to SnowCap with no expectations, but was pleasantly surprised to find that he was able to get more help than he originally thought.

“I was so happy and grateful to get some extra help” said Rodney. “Not just food and clothing, but extra things like gift cards around the holidays and utility assistance that played a big part in my family being able to get into an apartment, where things are better now – a little more stable.”

We asked Rodney if there was anything he wanted to share with others, who may not know about SnowCap’s services, or who might be afraid to ask for help. Rodney replied, “SnowCap is like a family. You can just go there, and you won’t be judged. There is a camaraderie between the volunteers and the people needing help, and you can tell that they genuinely care for you as a person. They don’t just provide a service … they are the service.”

SnowCap’s pantry is open every Monday through Friday from 10am to 2pm, and Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6pm to 8pm.

Thank You Fill-A-Bag Sponsors

Raised $45,000 and 7,890 lbs of food, 128 lbs of clothing, pet food, and hygiene!

New Business that participated in 2021:
Premier Dentistry, Advantage Orthopedic & Sports Medicine, La Petite Academy, Amazon, Limit Out Performance Marine Inc, All About Adventures,


Clothing Volunteers Wanted

2022 is here, and what better way to kick off another New Year, than by helping your community and neighbors through volunteering!

While we are always on the lookout for volunteers to help in our warehouse and food pantry, SnowCap is currently seeking folks that have a passion for clothing! At present, our clothing closet is open two days each week. But soon, we are hoping to open up an additional day to be able to serve more clients than ever. When this happens, we’ll need some great volunteers that can help our clients shop, as well as folks who enjoy sorting, hanging and filling the racks of our clothing space with donated goods!

If this sounds like a good fit, please contact nate@snowcap.org for more details on this and other volunteer opportunities.

Mail Donations to:
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Fairview, OR 97024

Contact us:
www.snowcap.org
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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

Dates to Remember:

March 5 - Scouting for Food, more information online www.snowcap.org

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!

Most Needed Items for Food Boxes

- Gallon zip top bags
- Hearty canned soup, stew & chili
- Canned vegetables
- Canned fruit
- Peanut butter
- Canned tuna
- Plastic, paper & reusable grocery bags
- Warm hats
- Warm gloves
- Socks & underwear for adults and kids
- Deodorant
- Baby wipes
- Shampoo
- Toothpaste & toothbrushes
- Cans & bottles with deposit - rinsed please!
- Gently used cookbooks

Do you have any cookbooks, you no longer use? Our clients will love them!

Thank you for sponsoring our winter care packages that helped thousands of people in need this holiday season.

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Gifts in Honor of:


Celebrate Birthdays for:

Bonnie Kuhnau, Regina Blake

Gifts for Holiday Celebration:


Gifts for Anniversary Celebrations:

Scott & Cynthia Everist

Gifts in Memory of:


These gifts were received from October 29, 2021 thru December 31, 2021.

"These people are some of the best people! We went yesterday and we got a big amount of food! Some other people gave us what they didn't want and I just wanted to say THANK YOU ALL so very much!" - recent client

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