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

WE NEVER STOP LEARNING

Even though summer has just begun, back to school will be upon us before we know it! The average cost of school supplies is \$100 per child in our area. For many low-income families, this expense will stretch their budgets to the breaking point. Will you help support East County students by donating some supplies? **Donations before August 15th are needed** to ensure they are in the hands of students and schools in time for school.

Scissors	Filler paper (college and wide rule)
3 ring binders 1.5"-3"	Pencils
Binder dividers	Ball Point Pens (black and blue)
Water Colors	Glue (sticks and liquid)
Kleenex	Crayons
Colored pencils	Spiral notebooks (college and wide rule)
Calculators	Pencil boxes
Rulers	
3-ring zipper pouches	



Photo by LeeAnn Gauthier



SnowCap's 50th Anniversary Picnic

will be at the Gresham Arts Plaza (401 NE 2nd St) on Thursday, July 27 from 4 pm to dark. Vendors will include Gateway Brewing and three food trucks: Gourmet on the Go (burgers), Up In Smoke (BBQ), and The Mobile Scoop Shop (ice cream). All the basic food groups!

Music will be provided by DJ Switch and nerd band Megathruster. For the kids, there will be the SnowCap beanbag toss, an arts and crafts table, and a Gresham fire truck. Kids of all ages can

enjoy magic by Mathias the Charming Cardist, and check out books from Multnomah County Library (non-English materials will be available). We'll also have a three-legged race, and door prizes for the first 200 attendees.

This is a family friendly event where all are welcome. Please come out to help us celebrate 50 years of serving our neighbors in need.



SnowCap's Monthly Givers

Judy Alley
 Carlotta Allin
 Larry & Sherre Barnett
 John & Mary Beckwith
 Ken & Maxine Benshoof
 David & Diane Berks
 Regina Blake
 Judy Chatelain
 City of Gresham
 Kirsten Coddington
 Edwina Cramer-Norris
 James Dalrymple
 Marvin Doering &
 Joyce Peterson-Doering
 Sharon Donovan
 Bernice Duckrow
 Judy Dunham
 Liz & Sadie Durant

Sylvia Eagan
 Virgil & Dawn Edwards
 Donald Ellam
 First Baptist
 Church of Gresham
 First Church of Christ Scientist
 Don & Jana Fogle
 Kathleen Forrest
 Elizabeth Fosterman
 Robert Gray
 Gulde & Ortquist PC
 Diana Gustafson
 Laura Hansen
 Leslie & Carol Harsch
 Darryl & Linda Hill
 Gabriele Holmes
 Michael & Connie Jarrett
 Mary Anne Joyce
 Sandra Kaufman
 James & Marsha Kitchen
 Judith Laborico
 Joseph & Melanie Lagerstrom
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 Dennis & Marci Laverty

Thomas & Arlene Lemieux
 Jim & Diane Liefeld
 Blair Loudat
 Charles & Charleen Martin
 Harold & Trudy Masloff
 Joyce Miller
 Greg Morgan
 Northwest Enforcement Inc
 Nettie Olmsted
 Teresa Osborne
 Mark & Beth Paul
 Harold & Joyce Pawson
 Matthew Phemester
 Duane & Karen Pollard
 Lorene Powell
 Robert & Mary Powell
 Esther H Rand
 David R Reich
 Reynolds School District No. 7
 Ann Richards
 June Satchfield
 Richard & Kathryn Schneider
 Robert & Susan Sloan

Betty Lou Stahl
 Dan & Georgia Standley
 Nicole Stein
 Julie Stream
 Christy Strong
 William & Mary Taylor
 The Cambia Employee
 Giving Campaign
 Robert & Elizabeth Trappe
 Umpqua Bank -
 Associate Giving Campaign
 Lucy Van Kirk
 Michael Van Note
 David & Catherine Vieira
 Janet Warrington
 Gail Welch
 Bernadine West
 Gail Hochhalter &
 Cathy Williams
 Larry & Sally Wilson
 Wood Village Baptist Church
 Elizabeth Worden
 Janet Wright

Sustaining Supporters Strengthen SnowCap

Most of us know that it is easier to manage our financial lives if we have a regular income stream. The same is true for a nonprofit, a nonprofit like SnowCap.

Regular income allows us to plan our purchases, take advantage of sales and other "good price" opportunities. Regular income keeps our credit good.

Regular income comes from regular giving. Regular givers make it a monthly commitment. They may not give more in a year than the donor who gives once a year at Christmas, but they give it consistently each month.

How to do this? Well, writing a check on the 15th of every month would do it, but most of us are too busy to make that kind of commitment. A better way is to

authorize a monthly gift on a credit card. This can be done at the safe and secure SnowCap website, www.snowcap.org. An even better way, actually the best way, is to authorize a monthly payment from your checking account. You can do this by calling Louise at 503.405.4294. She can set you up to become a sustaining supporter.

Monthly payments from your checking account are best because there is no expiration date to remember. You can start or stop your payments any time you want. And, you are enabling SnowCap to be a good steward because we can plan our expenses, keep our good credit and meet our mission to feed and clothe our neighbors in need.

Gifts to Celebrate Birthdays:

Alma Lou Tischler:
Lael Hays

Bob Collmer:
Douglas &
Linda Wilson

Carlotta Allin:
Patricia Morton

Darline Payne:
Christy Strong

Jeff Hays: Lael Hays

JoAnne Wright:
Lael Hayes

Mary McLeod:
Patricia Morton

Meena Hays:
Lael Hays

Bill Huntting:
Alyson Huntting,
Patricia Huntting

Why Volunteer at SnowCap?

On a Wednesday in May I sat at my desk waiting for the next client. An older man approached tentatively. He was new and almost the first thing out of his mouth was "I am so ashamed for having to ask for help."

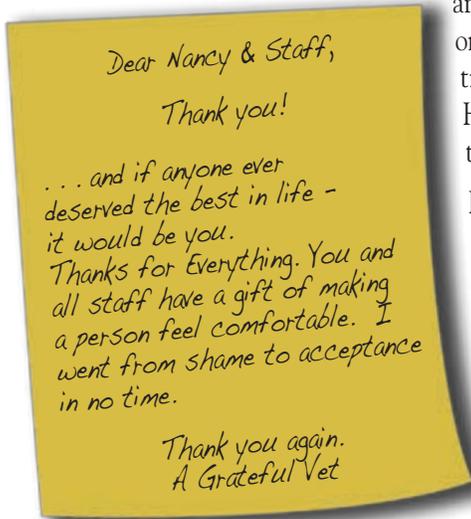
I assured him he should not feel shame here!! Perhaps uncomfortable since this was his first visit, but soon we would be friends.

As I was entering his information into the computer I found out he was a homeless veteran. His eyes watered up and I assured him we at SnowCap were privileged to serve him. After all, he had served his country and now it was time for us to serve him.

He did not want me to check PTSD so I spent extra time with him assuring him there was no shame in what he had done and who he was. I tried hard to make him feel comfortable and welcome. When we were done I told him I only work on Wednesdays and he said he would try to come see me on Wednesdays in the future. He said it would be nice not to have to explain things again to someone new.

I was not at my desk when he returned later that day with a card for me. Diane gave me the card after lunch and I was so touched.

This is one of the reasons I like volunteering at SnowCap----clients like this make my day! They are so thankful and I am able to help them leave with their pride intact.



Volunteers are Special People

One of the special things about SnowCap volunteers: they seem always to be thinking about new ways to contribute! For instance: do you think that forklift just showed up out in the warehouse? Goodness no!

One of SnowCap's faithful volunteers, Tim Dixon, worked in Hyster's technical shop at Blue Lake as a foreman. In 1998, there were 14 forklifts that were about to be torn down and disposed. It occurred to Tim that, if he and a few others were willing to make a few repairs now and then, maybe the forklifts could contribute to SnowCap and other non-profits in the area. And could they ever! The first one went to Skill Center in Vancouver, one went to Clark College, one to Benson High School - and one is even in Nampa, ID, working for Mission Aviation Fellowship. Pape Machinery helps with maintenance, as

do All Battery and Hyster Yale. Rick Talbot and Jeff Moyes have been invaluable at rebuilding batteries. All of the lifts are on a contract stating that if they aren't being used, they are to go back to Hyster to be dismantled.

As a member of Wood Village Baptist Church, Tim was doing some volunteer work there, but thought that maybe there would be more he could do somewhere, which is where SnowCap came into the picture. "If you want to do something," he said, "go! You will meet so many great people who want to give back."

Thanks very much, Tim, for your volunteer time and skills used for the benefit of SnowCap!

By Pat Berger

Gifts in Memory:

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| Bette Becker:
Linda M Rasmussen | Ken Boese:
Gretchen Weston |
| Betty Kaufman:
Velda Altig | Lori Kaiser:
Chuck &
Saundra Schwartz |
| Bill Cooley:
Janet Cooley
McChesney | Louise Kersey:
Chuck &
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| Caren Jackman:
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Schwartz | Marian Caldwell:
Lael Hays |
| Claude Ogle:
Krystal David | Marie Squires:
Jo Callister |
| Colleen Morgan:
Susan Kate Perry | Marilyn Buley:
Jo Callister |
| Elsie Cooley-Ackerson:
Janet Cooley
McChesney | Michael Eagan:
Ann Richards,
Jane Blake |
| Father & Mother:
Michael
Bartholomew | Patricia Elizabeth
Clingman:
Jill Peterson |
| Frances Buley:
Cindy Miller | Paul Satchfield:
June Satchfield |
| Pat Beeson:
Mark &
Sherry Beeson | Phyllis Davis:
Jo Callister |
| Harold Ellmers:
Hank Lewis | Beth Satchfield Lewis:
June Satchfield |
| Harvey Tofte:
Lael Hayes | Sue Deibele:
John & Peggy
Brockamp |
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Alyson Hunting | Sue Thompson Lane:
David &
June Stahly |
| Jack & Nadine Perry:
Susan Kate Perry | Dick Cooley:
Janet Cooley
McChesney |
| Joan Willie:
Elizabeth Webber | |

Gifts in Honor:

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| Beverly Richer:
Gloria J Carlson | Hank Lewis: Ella Dix |
| Patricia Morton:
Deane &
Nancy Allin | James Liefeld:
Ben & Kim Moore |
| Carlotta Allin:
Deane
& Nancy Allin | Janis Lea Fujii:
Robin Madden |

Gifts to Celebrate Anniversaries:

Ken & Alma Lou Tischler: Lael Hayes

Will You Support A BVS Intern This Year?

You may not have heard about the Brethren Volunteer Service (BVS) program, but if you have visited SnowCap in recent years you have probably met one of these interns. This year-long, full time volunteer program of the Church of the Brethren matches volunteers from the US and abroad with nonprofits like SnowCap.

This program provides a simple living experience in a communal setting. Living on a small stipend, these interns work full time at socially significant work. They learn to share resources and household responsibilities. It is a great growing experience for the intern.

There are also important benefits for SnowCap. These students bring fresh ideas and perspectives to our work, especially those who come from other countries. Their new ideas have helped us expand our food pantry and improve delivery services. They

provide the youthful energy and muscle that our predominantly retired volunteer force appreciates. Interns help with routine work, but are always eager to help with the more physically demanding tasks. BVSers have led the mobile food pantry crew, coordinated adopt-a-family at Christmas, and worked in our community garden. It was a BVSer who painted the beautiful mural of growing food in our main hall.

We had hoped to fund a BVS position this year with a grant, but it was not approved. We need \$7,000 to fund this position. Contributions toward the BVS expense would be very appreciated. To make a donation, write a check with BVS on the memo line and place it in the enclosed envelop or click the Donate Now button at www.snowcap.org and put BVS in the comment field. For more information feel free to call Judy at 503.405.4289.



BVS Interns Michelle and Freddie keep the pantry stocked with fresh vegetables

Dear Friends and Supporters,

I have been blessed to work with some of the most wonderful people, SnowCap people, for over 25 years now. As I look forward to retirement in October and the board searches for a new executive director, I want to take this opportunity to give thanks for all you have done.

This community has responded generously to growing client needs, the recession, capital campaigns and the everyday need for food drives and volunteers. You have amazed me with your thoughtfulness and willingness to work for the greater good of all.

You have also been forgiving. As we grew there have been awkward moments, but you have always been patient and understanding of our learning curve.

I am writing today to thank you for your tremendous support and to ask that you extend this same support to SnowCap's new leadership. SnowCap will need your volunteer hours, your food drives and your financial support during this leadership transition. As you embrace the future, keep faith with the wisdom that brought us this far.

If there is among you a poor man, one of your brethren, in any of your towns which the Lord God give you, you shall not harden your heart or shut your hand against your poor brother . . . You shall give to him freely and your heart shall not be grudging when you give to him because for this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all you undertake.

Deuteronomy 15: 7-10

Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me . . . Lord, when did we see thee hungry and feed thee, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see thee a stranger and welcome thee or naked and clothe thee? Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these, my brethren, you did it to me.

Matthew 25: 34 - 40

In great gratitude,

Judy Alley

Executive Director



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