



A Very Special thank you



To our Clothing Program volunteers!



Summerplace Shred Day

When: Saturday, June 3rd 9am-12pm

Where: 2020 NE 150th Ave, Portland, 97230

What: Bring your items for shredding and support families in need with your donation to SnowCap at this drive-thru event*



* Suggested donation of \$5-\$10 or 5 cans of food

More Neighbors in Need of Help this Spring

Despite the gorgeous spring flowers and sunnier skies, many of our neighbors are facing gloomy times. The confluence of high grocery prices, reduction of SNAP benefits (formerly known as food stamps), along with thousands of the most vulnerable folks who are struggling to get back on their feet after the pandemic, SnowCap is seeing a dramatic increase in need.

In March, over 400 families who had never been to SnowCap accessed our services. This is double the number of new families who came to SnowCap in March last year. Year-to-date, SnowCap is serving 30% more neighbors. Your support means that we have enough food and clothing to meet the need.

We recently received a call from a single mother in need of help. After receiving \$100 per month in SNAP benefits during the pandemic, she no longer qualifies despite small paychecks. *"Being a single mom with a 12-year old growing child has been a struggle. I am ashamed that I need to ask for help, but God told me that if you need help, you should go. So, I decided to call you guys."*

When our team let her know that we can help, it was clear how relieved and grateful she was. Not only to find help, but knowing that she isn't alone and that SnowCap really cares about her and her child.

Today, I hope you will read the information in this newsletter for ways to help SnowCap meet this increasing need. There are ways to help that fit every budget. Please know that if you find yourself in need of help, SnowCap is here for you too, that is what neighbors helping neighbors is all about.

Gratefully,

Kirsten Wageman

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Executive Director



P.S. Check out the other pages in this newsletter to learn more about ways you can help!

Why is Hunger Increasing?

- **High food prices** - grocery costs have increased 11% in Oregon since 2022.
- **Reduced benefits** - SNAP (formerly food stamps) benefits were reduced for all March 1st, 2023 by \$95 or more per household.
- **Supply chain disruptions** - food pantries like SnowCap are having difficulty reliably sourcing the products needed to meet increased demand.



Impacts on SnowCap & Those we Serve

- **Increased need** - SnowCap is helping 30% more neighbors in need each month.
- **Tough choices** - seniors, communities of color and those who live on fixed incomes are being hit the hardest. Increasing numbers of people report choosing between paying rent or buying food.
- **Fewer donations** - since everyone has increased expenses, supporters have less to share. This means that at the same time need is increasing, donations are lower than expected.

Volunteers Bloom at SnowCap!

If you're looking to kick off those winter blues, please consider helping your community and neighbors through volunteering!

Current Volunteer Needs:



Warehouse: Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays! This opportunity usually involves packing food boxes, or bagging bulk fruit and vegetables. This volunteer spot requires a once-per-week commitment from 9:30am until 2pm.

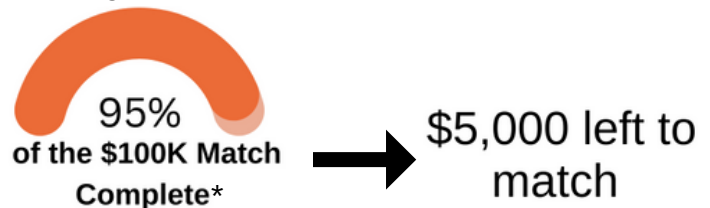
Clothing: Tuesdays from 11:45am until 4pm. This opportunity is for someone that has a passion for clothing and customer service. Please contact nate@snowcap.org for more details.



How can you support our Conduit of Compassion Campaign?

- Help us complete the match
- Make a multi-year pledge to give
- Include SnowCap in your estate plans
- Host a gathering for your community
- Host a social media fundraiser
- Attend an Information Session

Thank you to OCF Joseph E. Weston Public Foundation for providing the \$100K match!



For information or to make a gift, contact; Crystal@snowcap.org or call (503) 405-4931

*As of April 27th, 2023

Because of SnowCap, my family got to eat, and dress warm. Thank you so much!
~Stephanie, SnowCap Client



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

SnowCap is an equal opportunity provider and employer

SnowCap at a Glance



OPEN HEARTS, OPEN HANDS



Dates to Remember:

May 9 - Fundraiser at Panera Bread,
4pm-8pm, 1017 NW Civic Dr, Gresham,
SnowCap will receive 20% of your entire
meal. Use code: **FUND4U** or visit
www.snowcap.org/news--events.

June 3 - Summerplace Shred Day,
9am-12pm, 2020 NE 150th Ave.
Bring your sensitive material and a
suggested donation (\$5 or 5 cans of
food) for SnowCap. We will send your
papers through the shred truck for safe
disposal of your sensitive materials.

June 8 - Fundraiser at MOD Pizza,
1844 NW Eastman Pkwy, Gresham,
10:30am-10pm, SnowCap will receive
20% of your entire meal. Use code:
MODGIVE20 or visit
www.snowcap.org/news--events

Save the Date

September 15, 2023 at 12:30pm -
SnowCap's Annual Sam Wolsborn
Memorial Golf Tournament.*

*contact Crystal@snowcap.org at 503-405-4931
for sponsorship opportunities.



"Because of SnowCap, I get to eat and
feed my family and the clothing program
has helped me significantly."
~ a SnowCap client

Volunteers Shared How Serving at SnowCap Makes Them Feel



Most Needed Items

The dramatic increase in need means that SnowCap is low on all pantry staples. Please consider donating food or hosting a mid-year food drive at your business, church or organization.

We are in particular need of:

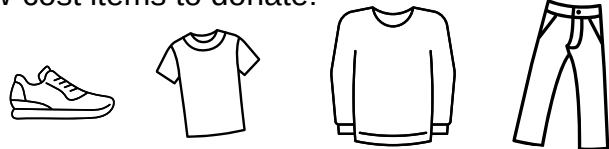
- Canned vegetables
- Canned fruit
- Jello and boxed desserts
- Soups, chili and stew
- Granola bars and snacks
- Quart size zip top bags
- Cat food
- Gently used sweatshirts and coats
- Gently used shoes of all sizes, labeled with size on toe with tape (this really helps!)
- Cans & bottles with deposit - rinsed please!



It will be time for back to school before we know it!

Help us get a head start on collecting items that are not often donated such as pants for kids sizes 6x-14, shoes, coats and tops.

Garage sales, thrift stores and friends who have growing children are wonderful ways to find free or low-cost items to donate!



SnowCap

PO Box 160, Fairview, OR 97024

Phone: 503.674.8785

Web: www.SnowCap.org

Email: info@snowcap.org

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

Gifts in Honor of:

Eloise Blaser: Denise Moore
Dogwood Pet Hospital: Margaret (Peg) Watry
Shorty & Katherine Harvey: Lynda & Stewart Harvey
Diane Liefeld: Sharon Magnuson
Tom Rich: Meghan Rich
Gloria Schiewe: Shirley Alhadeff
Sandra Smith: Jeffrey Smith

Celebrate Birthdays for:

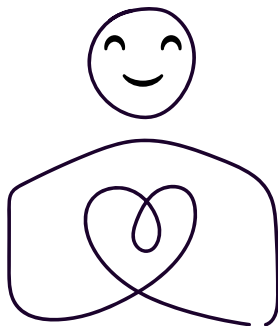
Mary Latter: Rev. Joshua Dunham
Diane Liefeld: Ben & Kim Moore
James Liefeld: Ben & Kim Moore
Mary Karter: Barbara Tew

Gifts for Holiday Celebration:

Bob & Jan Skolnick: Rick & Barb Votrobeck
Matsya & Justin Siosal

Gifts for Anniversary Celebrations:

Paul Asana
Scott & Cynthia Everist



*These gifts were received from
January 1, 2023 through April 20, 2023*

Gifts in Memory of:

David Adams: Susan McGee
Joe Baker: Gretchen Weston
Dorothy & Leonard Blair: Elizabeth Blair
Barbara Close: Teresa Hubert
Jesse Colbert: Carolyn Colbert
Bill & Elsie Cooley: Leslie Howell, Janet Cooley McChesney
Dick Cooley: Janet Cooley McChesney
Richard Cooley: Leslie Howell
Steve Cramer: Bob Avila & Bess Willis
Virginia Crow: Sandra Anderson
Susie Dekker: Joshua Dekker
Deborah Eley: Michael Eley
Gloria Foster: Judy Dunham
Donna Gilliland: Shelby Rice
Kathy Greenhalgh: John Greenhalgh
Velma Hall: Vivian Fischer, Jenell Harry, William & Frances Maddox, Bob & Ilona Skipper
Lael Hays: Jo Ann Wright
Luella Hogoboom: Louise Burt, Kirsten Wageman & David Hohnstein
Donna Jackman: Perry Jackman
Carolyn Kolibaba: John Fuhrer
John L Kordosky: Nancy Kordosky
Ann Krupa: Betty Fish-Ferguson
Alfred Marsh: Jim & Carol, Becky & Kelly, Kelly Pratt Garrett, Ella Hensley, Lois Traeger
Norma McPhail: Shannon & Robert Bohrer
Betty Merkley: Annette Mattson, Richard Solomon
Ralph Miles: Janet Cooley McChesney
Wendy Miles: Janet Cooley McChesney
George Morton: Patricia Morton
Nana: Jennifer Alvin
Al Neese: Gayle Lopes
Michael Orelove: Rachel Polish
Bill Padgett: Connie Cork
Bonnie Lee Reeves: Evelyn Sass
John Schmidt: Joanne & Ronald LaCroix
Marie Squires: Teresa Squires-Osborn & Alan Osborne
Nona Thrower: Paul & Vicki Warner
Jennifer Young: Dean & Marilyn Young



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