

SnowCap News

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

The Most Wonderful Time of the Year

The holiday season is upon us, which includes all the hustle and bustle that comes along with it. When you get busy, it's easy to convince yourself that you just don't have any time left over for making a difference. However, nothing could be further from the truth. Volunteering at SnowCap takes only as much time as you feel comfortable giving.

Even while serving his second term for Oregon House District 49, Representative Chris Gorsek still finds time in his incredibly busy schedule to volunteer for SnowCap, and help his neighbors in need. Representative Gorsek volunteers on Martin Luther King Junior Day, Christmas, as well as the occasional Saturday.

So during the holidays, don't forget to set aside a little time to volunteer. Helping others is the quickest way to capture the true spirit of the season, and SnowCap has a wealth of opportunities for even the busiest person. For a complete list of current volunteer opportunities, please visit our website at www.snowcap.org.



Fill-A-Bag

Fill-a-Bag has become the largest annual food drive that SnowCap is blessed to benefit from. Bess Wills (Gresham Ford) and Larry Schwartz (Riverview Bank) lead many businesses and the community in this outstanding event.



Fill-a-Bag has not only provided much-needed donations of food and cash that keep SnowCap's pantry stocked, it raises awareness of hunger in East County and builds community. The 2015 Fill-a-Bag campaign kicked off with a bag folding party in early November where volunteers came together at Gresham Ford to stuff the collection bags into copies of the Gresham Outlook. Participants include students at the local high schools, employees at the City of Gresham, service clubs and businesses of all sizes. You are encouraged to go to www.snowcap.org and click on the Fill-a-Bag button to contribute or bring canned food donations to these Fill-a-Bag sites (more are being added daily, see <https://www.facebook.com/fillabag2015/?ref=hl> for the full list):

Riverview Community Bank, Gresham Branch	225 East Burnside, Gresham
Riverview Community Bank, Gateway Branch	0401 NE Halsey, Portland
Gresham Ford	999 E Powell, Gresham
Gresham Grocery Outlet	2925 NW Division St, Gresham
Stamp Connection	109 NE Roberts, Gresham
U.S. World Class Taekwondo, Troutdale (Cherry Park Plaza)	2443 SW Cherry Park Road, Troutdale
U.S. World Class Taekwondo, E. Powell	2332 E. Powell Blvd. Gresham
U.S. World Class Taekwondo, 181st	1507 NE 181st, Gresham
U.S. World Class Taekwondo, Sandy	36655 Highway 26, Sandy

If you are interested in having a barrel or donation jar for Fill-a-Bag, contact LarrySchwartz@riverviewbank.com. Thanks to everyone who supports this important effort

Food for the Holidays

Food means more at Thanksgiving, Christmas, even New Year's. At these special times of the year, food isn't just nutrition and a source of energy to get through the day. Food brings people together, family and friends who may have drifted apart. In this sense, food is one of those things that can actually strengthen relationships. It sets the stage for peacemaking between people by bringing them to the table together. And after dinner it promotes that feeling of general peace and wellness that encourages hope and health.

So this year, we ask that you consider the foods you choose to donate for the holidays. Thanks to the Oregon Food Bank, we have surprisingly large quantities of produce (cabbage, onions, potatoes, etc.) However, what we really need are the meats and condiments or extras that we all hope to see on the holiday table. Instead of giving lots of canned vegetables, please consider a turkey or even bottles of ketchup. Ham, Jell-O, horseradish sauce, coffee and tea are much appreciated holiday foods. Help us fill the holiday tables of people whose jobs don't always pay enough for necessities, let alone these little luxuries.

Food donations are gratefully received weekdays, 9-3 at 17788 SE Pine. Thanks for helping build strong families in small but practical ways.



SnowCap Timeline for the Holidays

You can count on lots going on at SnowCap during the Holidays, so here are some important dates to remember if you'd like to be involved!

Nov 25 – deadline for sign-up to be a sponsor for Adopt-A-Family (contact Anna@snowcap.org if you are interested in adopting a family)

Nov 26 – Thanksgiving Day Supper – free for the whole community from 11:00-2:00

Nov 28 – City of Gresham Christmas tree lighting (please contact Nate (503)405-4295 or nate@snowcap.org for details on how to volunteer)

Dec 4 – City of Troutdale Christmas tree lighting (contact Nate)

Dec 11 – Gresham Chamber of Commerce Christmas Breakfast 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. (free for the public)

Dec 18 – cut-off date for toy donations

Dec 25 – Christmas Day Supper – free for the whole community from 11:00-2:00

Those Important Extras

SnowCap serves culturally diverse clients each month and provides them with good nutritious food. It's also SnowCap's desire to offer clients more than just the basics—the extras that many of us take for granted. Perhaps jams or jellies to go with peanut butter, or mayo to mix with a can of tuna, or catsup for added flavor, etc. Spices are also a great extra and give clients the ability to prepare food using spices based on their cultural preferences. Unfortunately, SnowCap has no room in the budget for these "extras." Next time you go out for a fast food meal and receive condiment packets, think about passing the extras onto SnowCap. And, if possible, when you are grocery shopping, pick up an extra jar or two of condiments or spices to donate to SnowCap. Remember, everything you donate is tax deductible.

Link2Feed Database Update

The Link2Feed pilot program is now over. This Oregon Food Bank database enables SnowCap to capture information about our clients that, we hope, will enable us to serve them more fully in the future. Clients and volunteers, both, are embracing the new database. The face to face time with the clients lets them know that we are listening to their concerns and helping the best we can with food, clothes and referrals.

The volunteers have stepped up to the plate and are now able to enter the client data while the client is still at the desk, asking for any needed clarification. We have a wonderful group of volunteers and we are very grateful for their support.

Through this process we are learning a great deal about our clients. For example, we know that 401 two-person households, 139 seven-person families, and 1 thirteen-person family visited our pantry in September. There are numerous numbers and facts we can get to help us better serve our clients.

We are looking forward to using the information we collect to provide more complete service in the future and are thankful for all those who have helped with the pilot program.



Birthday Celebrations:

Ann Richards: Lavera Ayers, Judith Babcock, Joyce Bauer, Patricia Berger, Richard & Barbara Brooks, John & Carolyn Dawson, Dorothy Marshall, Joyce Miller, Robert & Carol Potter, Faye Anne Shepherd, Suzanne Shepperd, Louis & Peggy Smith

Bob Baker: Perry Jackman

Jesse Cornett: Anonymous, Michael Sonnleitner

Patti Dahlquist: Michael & Angela Tobin

Honors:

Lynne Perry: Clifford & Judith Allen

Roberta Jwayad: Elsie Johnson

Tom Hiller: Gloria Kelsay

Memorial:

Anna Marie Pavlicek: Wendell & Charyl Jacobson

Anthony Crumpton: James & Billie Crumpton

Beth Satchfield Lewis: June Satchfield

Betty Riley: Bettye Gavigan, Janet Plog

Dave Cayton: Victor & Margaret Stockman, David Tondreau, Trish Young

Donald & Gladys Colburn: Perry Jackman

Donald Villeneuve: Susan Enders, Lorene Powell, Marie Rydell

Gloria Ross: Robert Osborne

Jill Shelley: Thomas & Arlene Lemieux

Kathy Schuman: Joan Nicholas, Garry Schuman

Mary Helen Stephens: Mary Morris

Nadine Aufdengarten: Merlin Aufdengarten

Paul Satchfield: June Satchfield

Peggy Wolsborn: A Kimberly Majors

Sam Wolsborn: Charles & Barbara Wolsborn, Don Wolsborn, Richard Ham & Sam Wolsborn Foundation

Steven Conrad: Donna Long, Kenneth Thrasher

Wanda Nelson: Savage Memorial Presbyterian Church

Winston Wong: Connie Cork

Wedding:

Hollis & Tristan: Stephanie Goodwin



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