Going once, going twice... sold for the benefit of those in need! 320 guests bought tickets to the 14th Annual SnowCap Dinner and Auction which raised a record breaking $127,000 on March 12th of this year.

Among the items auctioned off to help SnowCap fund our programs were a beautiful Breitling men’s watch donated by the Boeing Company, a buyers’ choice of handyman services provided by our own Pete Marendish, a full-service yard and garden clean-up, and a trip to a Ducks game including accommodations.

The paddle raise offered guests an opportunity to sponsor SnowCap clients. It costs $24 per person per year to provide the services we offer across our entire spectrum of programs to the poor in our community. We asked people to raise their paddles and fund services to 1,000 low-income East County residents and they did. Once again, SnowCap’s terrific supporters have proven to be caring and generous people and rose to meet the needs of our needy neighbors. This auction was incredibly successful thanks to our guests and many dedicated volunteers, and we are truly humbled and grateful to each and every one. To see the latest SnowCap video that debuted at the auction, go to our homepage at www.snowcap.org.

Wednesday Evenings Matter

While the majority of clients are served at SnowCap during the regular 10:00am-2:00pm service hours, there are many who would not be able to get the help that they need without our extended Wednesday evening hours. Every Wednesday, from 6:00pm-8:00pm, the pantry and clothing programs are open and ready to help. In 2015 alone, over 6,500 people were served during these extended hours.

“I just got a new job and it will be a couple weeks before I get the first paycheck,” a single dad named Mike told a SnowCap volunteer on a recent Wednesday evening. “There isn’t any food in the house for the kids and I didn’t want to ask my new boss for time off to go to a food pantry. I’m so glad SnowCap was open tonight.” Thanks to all of the volunteers and supporters for increasing access to SnowCap’s services for working people like Mike.
Spring has sprung, and along with it, SnowCap’s Community Garden has officially come to life!

After getting a thorough cleanup along with a thick layer of healthy compost, SnowCap’s 49 raised-bed garden plots have now been assigned for the season. Now it’s up to each individual to decide what nourishing fruits or vegetables they will be growing in their garden. Regardless of what comes up, SnowCap’s clients will also benefit, as we ask each gardener to donate ten percent of their crop yield back to the pantry, so they can help feed others.

In addition to helping feed people, SnowCap’s Community Garden can also provide a peaceful sanctuary. Gardeners often cite the mental benefits of getting away from the stressful demands of life by digging their hands in the dirt.

Throughout the summer, residents will also be able to take advantage of free gardening tips, jarring and canning tutorials, container gardening classes, and much more! For a complete list of garden opportunities and free classes, please visit our Community Garden page at www.snowcap.org/community-garden.

A Client Gives Back

“I know what it is like to worry about food and to open up the cupboards and see little.” These are Valorie’s memories as she thinks back to a bumpier time. She was under a great deal of stress, having opened those cupboards and wondering how she and the three people living with her were going avoid going hungry. The other people in her household were either unemployed or underemployed, while Valorie herself was working two part-time jobs. Having seen the SnowCap sign, she decided to check it out.

She only used SnowCap’s services once, but still thinks fondly about how the one visit eased her through that rocky time. Valorie especially thinks warmly about how she was offered pet food, and knew that struggling people would have a hard time feeding their beloved pets when they could hardly feed themselves.

Valorie is a Snow Cap client success story. Today, she has a good job, is involved in food and diaper drives, and takes part in the Hearts of Gold Pet Food Drive, all benefiting SnowCap clients. Valorie knows how important it is to give back. With a grateful heart, she works to see that other people’s pantries hold the food they need too.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Weekday Morning Drivers (to drive SnowCap vehicles)

Pantry Workers

2 Clothing Sorters
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SnowCap is more than a food pantry

SnowCap has been helping its low income neighbors since 1967 with emergency food baskets and, throughout the years, has been able to add additional services. Among those are clothing for children and adults as well as layettes for newborns and diapers for babies. There is utility assistance for those who struggle to keep warm during the winter and home delivery for seniors and the handicapped. There’s also a backpack program during the school year for grade school children providing nutritional child friendly food for weekends. TriMet fare is available for special needs, such as medical appointments. With our generous donors’ help SnowCap, is able to offer this wide spectrum of services to our clients.

Birthday Celebrations:

Tessa Ballew: Mary Stine
Rosalie Newman: Patrick Newman, Irene Standley
Carol Scalf: Dena Stuerhoff

Honors:

Judy Alley: Rose King
Kelly Broomall: Jim & Diane Liefeld
Mary Jane Everist: Melissa Manning, Mary Lu Spenser
Maxine Kuhnau: Joel Kuhnau
Hank Lewis: Keith Lewis
Diane Liefeld: Ben & Kim Moore
Guy Super: Martha Moore
Janet Tracy: Linda Lee O’Neel
Louise Varley: Donald & Patricia Varley

Memorial:

Joan Rechard Baxter: Gary Baxter
Pat Beeson: James & Mary Holmes
Betty Bellamy: Marilyn Rasmussen
Dick Cooley: Janet Cooley McChesney
Evelyn DeYoung: Henry & Nancy McGregor, John & Joan DeYoung
Lyndel “Clem” Jennings: Blair Loudat
Mary Beth Krum: Perry Jackman
Anthony Malizio: Stephen & Diane Malizio
Robert Rindfus: Joseph & Carol Storer
Beth Satchfield Lewis: June Satchfield
Paul Satchfield: June Satchfield
Robert Senseney: David & Dena Ochs
Bill Zimmerman: Sally Hewitt
Wish List

- Tuna
- Peanut Butter
- Toilet paper
- Re-usable grocery bags
- Planting a garden? Plant an extra row for SnowCap!
- Shoes for children and adults-gently used

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