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YCAP HELPS SENIORS COOL OFF

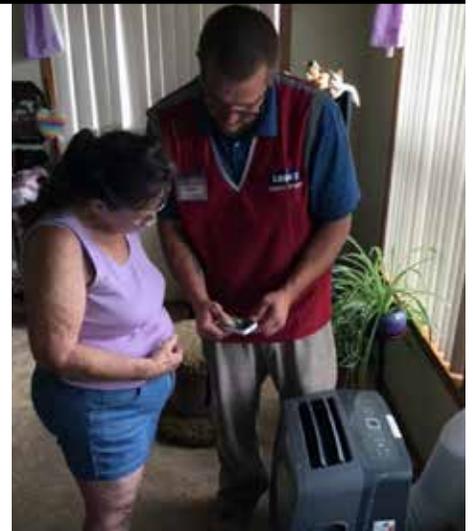


An article appeared in the June 10th edition of the News-Register revealing that low income seniors in three McMinnville apartment complexes had their window air conditioning units removed in the midst of a heat wave. The property management firm, based out of Portland, claimed they had alerted the seniors six months prior that the units would have to be removed.

Within days of the article, YCAP received a couple of calls from concerned citizens asking if we were doing anything. The management team had already been discussing possible solutions. Adult and Youth Services Programs Director Kate Stokes and her Client Services staff quickly established an Elderly Assistance Fund and set up an application and screening process. We had no idea what the demand would be, so limited the program to the three complexes featured in the article and gave priority to applicants who had the greatest medical need.

At the same time, we had to source approved portable air conditioners at a reasonable price. We contacted several potential suppliers. Lowe's in McMinnville was receptive from the start and gave us a sizeable discount.

Two weeks after the article, we had fliers produced and distributed to the impacted apartment complexes. On July 1st we received our first request. By the 15th, we delivered the first eight units. Eric Baughman, Store Manager at Lowe's, provided timely support, while Nick and Casey were there for the deliveries and installations.



Nick shows Betty the remote for her new air conditioner.

The News-Register followed up with another story, and included a request for donations. Remarkably, five generous individuals contributed enough to cover the entire cost of the units we needed. By the end of July, when we'll conclude the program, we had installed 13 portable air conditioners for some relieved seniors who couldn't have afforded them otherwise. The recipients were so gracious and appreciative.

"My name is Dianne Moscarelli. I am 71 years old with health problems. I live on the third floor at Orchards Plaza and am one of the people who had to have an air conditioner removed. Thanks to the articles in the News-Register, Yamhill Community Action Partnership rallied for donations to purchase air conditioners from Lowe's.

I gave YCAP information from my doctor on my health and financial status, also an interview. They saved my life when on Monday July 25 the executive director of YCAP and Lowe's installed a portable air conditioner (at no cost to me) in my apartment. Thank you, News-Register and Lowe's, and a big shout out to YCAP. It's in the 90s this week!"



As You Give to YCAP, We Nourish Our Community

At the turn of our new fiscal year on July 1st, budgets, revenue and expenses were swirling in my head. Perhaps not that interesting for many, but critical for us. Much of what we do is funded by state and federal grants or in-kind donations, but approximately 12% of our cash budget must come from community donations. That may not seem like much, but it amounts to \$500,000 this year. Fortunately, we have very generous local individuals, foundations and businesses who step up to provide vital monetary gifts, in-kind donations and volunteering. But what many

may not realize is that YCAP is investing back into our communities in several ways.

Direct client assistance, including energy and rental payments, job training, transportation or other immediate needs, amounts to over \$1.0 million annually. We collect over \$2.0 million a year of in-kind food through inspiring food drives and donations by our local farmers, grocery stores and the Oregon Food Bank. That goes right back out to our 35+ partner pantries and community meal sites.

For the local businesses we spend \$350,000 in client weatherization assistance, facilities maintenance and other services, mostly funded by state or federal grants and paid to local contractors.

For our marvelous staff, we invest over \$1.5 million yearly in salary and benefits. These decent paying jobs to people who live and work in Yamhill County equal 40% of our cash budget. We also annually host several student interns and Oregon Employment Department trainees, providing valuable experience for low-income people seeking permanent jobs. In addition, several of our full-time employees are former clients.

In this edition, you'll see the names of several employees we've hired since our last newsletter. These include vital roles in all four of our primary services: Energy, Food Bank, Client Services/Housing and Youth. In addition, thanks to the State of Oregon's one-year boost in emergency housing assistance, existing staff member Shauna Williams recently transitioned into a new full-time role as our Homeless Prevention/Shelter Diversion Case Manager. With these funds we are also hiring a new Housing Specialist. Both will help drive our shift in approach to reduce homelessness in Yamhill County towards a prevention and rapid rehousing model. This includes more emergency assistance, intensive case management, and moving individuals and families more rapidly through our shelters into stable homes. This requires building relationships with kind-hearted local landlords to accommodate our clients. So far, the approach shows great promise.

You'll also read later in this newsletter about our innovative new mobile pantry which launched this summer. We converted a former transit bus so we can take fresh produce and other nutritious foods directly to agricultural workers. Continuing this fall we'll expand to visit Virginia Garcia Health Center Clinics and other locations.

I recently received a call from a woman who had just met with Nena, one our YCAP case managers. The caller wanted to thank us for the kind and respectful attention she received, including an assistance kit of hygiene products and even pet food. Our caring and talented employees are so essential to us making our mission "to advocate for and assist persons toward self-sufficiency" come true.

So I hope you can see that as you invest in YCAP, we invest right back into stronger, more stable communities in Yamhill County. Thank you for your support.

With Gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeff Sargent', written in a cursive style.

Jeff Sargent
Executive Director, YCAP



EVENTS & OUTREACH

“LIGHT THE FIRE” RETURNS TO NEWBERG

YCAP is fired up for the second annual “LIGHT THE FIRE” fundraiser at Ruddick/Wood restaurant in Newberg! It will all ignite on Sunday, October 9, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. with a fantastic dinner and wine pairing prepared by local chefs, including R/W’s own Paul Losch! This year’s menu courses are still a surprise but will feature delicious, seasonal creations from chefs at Ruddick/Wood, The Painted Lady, Red Hills Market, and The Diner. Observing the creativity and collaboration of all the chefs was a highlight for guests last year. At 6:30 p.m. the Street Party sparks with Portland’s Latin jazz band, Sabroso (hear their upbeat sound at www.sabrosopdx.com), street food, local wines and beer, and fantastic raffle experience packages!



Strike early and get \$10 off each ticket when you purchase before October 1st! Tickets are now available at www.yamhillcap.org/lightthefire for both the Chefs’ Dinner and the Street Party. Proceeds from our fall fundraiser will benefit our Food Bank and Youth Services in Newberg and Dundee. Special thanks to our volunteer event team: Paul Losch and Kyle Lattimer (Ruddick/Wood) and Ashley Lippard & Jennifer Sitter (Pulp & Circumstance)! Come celebrate the harvest and the strength of community!

Many thanks to our sponsors who support strong communities and make this event possible

EMBERS - Express Employment Professionals, Pacific Office Automation

SPARK - Pulp & Circumstance, Markusen & Schwing

KINDLING - Bailey Nurseries, Advanced Orthopedic Physical Therapy, P.C. , Dundee Family Dentistry, First Federal, Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center Foundation



YCAP OUTREACH

We’ve had a busy summer at various social service fairs, food drives and employer health fairs. We also hosted a landlord luncheon to expand stable housing options for our shelter clients. Some of the fairs focused on the impact of volunteering on one’s health, others were set up to let folks know about YCAP’s services and programs. Our interactive booth at the A-dec Health & Wellness Fair in Newberg featured The Wheel of Wellness, which was a great way to break the ice and share information.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



CLIENT SERVICES & HOUSING



The Spoke House program had a bike repair and give away of children's bikes at the Yamhill Community Connect (photo at left). Twenty six bikes were given out to children. The Client Services

department was also represented at the main YCAP table and offered a raffle along with information and resources about housing, shelter, and financial assistance.



Two new households were recently added to the Support Services for Veterans' Families program, for a total of 17 current active clients. This Department of Veterans Affairs funded program is designed specifically to secure stable housing and job placement for homeless veterans. One new

client is a single mom fleeing domestic violence and the other is a retired couple, one who is a Vietnam veteran. Another veteran client exited the program after obtaining his Commercial Driver's License and securing a trucking job at \$25 an hour. Since the program inception in July 2015, 18 Yamhill County homeless veterans have been housed.

One of our older Stabilization Program clients has moved into her new unit and her case manager has provided numerous support services to her. The client has limited mobility and severe depression. Her YCAP case manager arranged for a local food pantry to deliver weekly food boxes to her, for Faith in Action volunteers to visit weekly to help with chores, and helped her enroll in services with the George Fox Counseling Center. The client started attending a local church and now feels much more connected to her community.

ENERGY SERVICES

Energy Services has increased outreach activities to individuals that may be eligible for YCAP services strategically throughout Yamhill County. Currently, Energy Programs Outreach staff Tabitha Smith is going to Food Bank partner agencies (meal sites, food pantries) and manufactured home parks. 13 different locations have been visited. 93 households were provided for energy assistance. This produced 48 referrals.

A client applied and received energy assistance last winter. The electric bill was larger than average due to the client not using the natural gas furnace. Eventually, the owner of the rental property allowed YCAP to complete an energy audit and evaluate the furnace. The audit discovered that the 1980 unit wasn't working properly, leaking at the gas valve inside the furnace. YCAP staff also identified moisture problems caused by a roof leak. The landlord did extensive repairs, while YCAP Weatherization services added ceiling and floor insulation, duct sealing/insulation, mechanical ventilation and a new 95% high efficiency furnace. The home owner and the tenant were both very happy with the improvements, and the client now feels much more comfortable and safe in the home.

Weatherization projects continued to be released throughout the summer on a monthly basis. As of July 1, 2016, 35 full weatherization projects were completed last fiscal year, while fifteen were in progress with contractors.

Recent comments from participants in our Energy Education classes:

- "The class was interesting. Gloria made it easy to understand and gave helpful hints and she listened to my concerns. She smiled and assured us times are hard and to not be embarrassed."
- "Was very pleased with the way the project was presented. The instructor (Jake) was very well read on the subjects."



FOOD BANK

Ask anyone here at the YCAP Food Bank, “how well does the FCI Sheridan garden grow?” and they will tell you, “nothing short of amazingly awesome is how it grows!” This summer we received over 28,000 pounds of fresh produce from FCI Sheridan! Our Partner Agencies, our Harvest2Home programs, and other Regional Food Banks in Oregon are benefiting from this amazing bounty. We are grateful for the generosity of our communities.

Our “Mobile Pantry” launched July 13th at Bailey Nursery in conjunction with a wellness event. Seven-hundred-eighty (780 lbs.) of produce and dry goods were distributed to the nursery employees that day. In subsequent weeks the pantry visited KCK Nursery, Sokol Blosser and Woodside Park Apartments (a Housing Authority of Yamhill County property). Plans are to eventually distribute daily to a number of locations throughout Yamhill County, including Virginia Garcia Clinics in McMinnville and Newberg.



YCAP's cool cat and Food Bank Partner Agency Coordinator, Kris Zirkel, at Bailey Nursery

YOUTH SERVICES

Youth Services was asked by the Newberg Downtown Business Association and the Cultural Center to do chalk art around the downtown area for July’s “First Friday.” It was a huge success, and our kids returned to do the same for Newberg’s Old Fashioned Festival.



This spring, our Jobs Development Specialist conducted several workshops at Newberg’s alternative high school, Catalyst. With positive feedback from students and staff, Youth Services worked with Catalyst to create regular “office hours” at the high school where students could access our Specialist and information about other program resources. This new outreach resulted in several meaningful contacts with youth seeking jobs, as well as other Youth Outreach support.

Evan was 19 years old when he applied for our Transitional Living Program (TLP) for chronically homeless young people, ages 16-21. At one time, he had lived with his girlfriend’s family in an apartment, but when the relationship dissolved so did his home. His job and access to transportation quickly followed. As a child, Evan’s family was homeless several times. Now, after being homeless again for almost two years, he was feeling hopeless. He needed one more chance at “making it.”

Within the first week of the program, Evan had two jobs. He worked between 40-70 hours a week to pay off some debts. He also started saving the required 30% of his income into the “TLP Savings Program”, fully returned to him upon program completion.

Today, Evan continues to work many hours, and has gotten raises and upgraded positions at both jobs. He is happy and sees this as the perfect opportunity to get back on his feet. Evan is interested in getting into the construction industry and potentially getting his CCB license in the future. For now he is working toward more immediate goals that move him toward his bright future.

MONTHLY GIVING

YCAP is grateful for, values and respects our generous donors. We only send out two direct mail appeals a year, in the summer and winter, and we include donation envelopes in our two annual newsletter mailings. However, in the late summer and early fall, donations dip but our demands for food, shelter, and youth services remain high. Energy service demands accelerate in October.

Regular monthly donations go a long way toward allowing us to continue meeting the demands year-round. For example:

\$10 per month – buys vehicle tags to help a client get to a new job.

\$25 per month - buys two “Street to Home” Kits for formerly homeless people moving from our shelter to more stable housing.

\$50 per month – purchases the equivalent of almost 2,000 meals for hungry Yamhill County residents.

\$100 per month – pays for essential repairs to our Food Bank box truck, which logs 20 miles a day five days a week picking up and delivering donated or purchased food.

You can direct your donation to the general agency, and we will apply it where it has the greatest impact. Or, you can designate it to a specific YCAP program, such as Client Services & Housing, Energy Services, the Food Bank, or Youth Services. You can also give your gift in honor or memory of a loved one.

Go to www.yamhillcap.org and select the “Donate” button under “Recurring Donations” on the Home Page. Thank you for supporting our Yamhill County neighbors in need through YCAP!

PLANNED GIVING

You’ve demonstrated your care for your community with your support of YCAP and other local charities. All the material things you’ve worked for, such as personal property, or assets like retirement funds and insurance policies, can allow you to express your beliefs and values through charitable gift planning. Planned gifts can also provide you with valuable tax benefits, and even an additional source of income for life.

With a planned gift to YCAP, you can combine your charitable giving goals with your financial planning goals. You can even honor a friend or family member by making a memorial gift. Your gift will be a part of helping thousands of Yamhill County residents work towards more stable and fulfilling lives.

With a planned gift, you can:

- Make a larger charitable gift than you thought possible
- Take care of the financial needs of your family first
- Provide inheritances for your heirs at a lower tax cost
- Reduce your income tax and even avoid capital gains taxes
- Diversify your investment portfolio
- Increase income and effective rate of return
- Leave a legacy without giving up assets

For more information, contact YCAP Executive Director Jeff Sargent at jeffs@yamhillcap.org / 503.883.4172.

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YCAP welcomes the following new staff members who have joined us since March 2016:

Rhonda Adovnik, Food Bank Support Specialist

Jennifer Einberger, Food Bank Volunteer Coordinator

Andrew Hamilton, Youth Outreach Life Skills Coach

Kristen Henry, Client Services Case Manager

Tim Matthews, Shelter Resident Manager

Tabitha Smith, Energy Programs Intake/Outreach

Austin Way, Youth Outreach Specialist



- Produce Drive at McMinnville Farmers Market Sept 29th 1- 6pm**
- LIGHT THE FIRE fundraising event Oct 9th**
- Les Schwab/FFA Food and Fund Drive Oct**
- Cascade Steel Food and Fund Drive Oct**
- Linfield Haunted House Oct 31st**
- 50/50/60 Food and Fund Drive**
- (50,000 # food, \$50,000, in 60 days) Nov/Dec**
- Willamette Cares Food Share**
- (food/fund drive at participating wineries) Nov/Dec**
- Adopt a Family Holiday Drive Nov/Dec**
- YCAP Wreath Raffle, McMinnville Holiday Stroll Dec 10th**
- Point in Time Homeless Count Jan 25th**
- YCAP Beneficiary event at MAC restaurants Feb 1- 14th**
- Governors Food Drive Feb**
- KGW Great Food Drive March**

Ongoing Energy Education Workshops. See web calendar for dates/times

ABOUT YCAP

OUR MISSION: TO ADVOCATE FOR AND ASSIST PERSONS TOWARD SELF-SUFFICIENCY.



YCAP was founded in 1980 as part of a nationwide network of social service agencies designed to help improve the lives of low-income people and strengthen communities. We assist the residents of Yamhill County, diligently focusing on four primary service categories: Client Services and Housing, Energy

Services, the regional Food Bank, and Youth Services. We are inspired every day by the stories of those who want to have a better life for themselves and their families, and we are honored to support our neighbors in need.

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