



HumanSolutions



Helping Families to Help Themselves



### Happy Spring Human Solutions Supporters!

March 13<sup>th</sup> was a magical night for 100 Human Solutions donors who attended Tonight's *the Night at the Copacabana*, a '40s nightclub revue featuring Tony Starlight and the All-Star Horns. Thanks to all our wonderful sponsors and contributors, Auctioneer Steve Talbot helped Human Solutions raise \$22,000 to support our emergency shelter programs. At left, Board and staff also enjoyed the night.



### Human Solutions exceeds 30/30 Goal ahead of seasonal Warming Center closure

34 homeless families were housed by Human Solutions and JOIN through this Multnomah County funded program, 30 Families in 30 Days. In fact, Human Solutions moved at least 30 more families from homelessness to housing over the winter months. Currently, Human Solutions is searching for employers to assist these families so they can keep their housing when the County funding expires at the end of June. All though the winter weather is winding down, homeless families with children on both the West and the East sides of Portland will have emergency shelter for another 30-60 days thanks to funding from Multnomah County, religious organizations, businesses, and individual donors who have contributed throughout the winter months. This funding will allow a unique community partnership between two nonprofits, more than 30 churches, and the community at large, to continue providing emergency services to homeless families, 82% of which are single women with children. Human Solutions operates a Homeless Family Warming Center at NE 81st and Halsey; all the families who stay there overnight are welcome to receive services during the day at Human Solution's Daybreak Shelter. According to Jean DeMaster, Executive Director at Human Solutions, "It's especially difficult when homeless families have nowhere else to go and have to live in their cars or trucks, in campgrounds, or in abandoned buildings without heat or electricity—it is even harder when the weather is so cold." DeMaster added that school age children have great difficulty continuing to attend school and keep up with their peers academically when they have no safe, dry, warm place to sleep, eat, bathe or wash clothes. To read the full press release about the Warming Center closure, [click here](#). **Amy Roloff**, star of *Little People Big World*, on TLC, has volunteered twice this winter at our Homeless Family Warming Center. Amy and some of her family and friends brought food and visited with people staying in the Warming Center Friday night, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Both channel 2 and 6 sent news crews to cover her visit and learn about the Warming Center. Amy's foundation has featured Human Solutions on its website to encourage more people to give to our programs benefiting homeless families. To visit Amy Roloff Charity Foundation, [click here](#). Thank you to The Pacific Power Foundation for supporting case management and housing placement services provided by Human Solutions' Daybreak Shelter and Warming Center. Also, thank you to the Boeing Employees Fund for a grant to upgrade furniture, purchase an energy efficient dishwasher, and build a new childcare corner at Daybreak Shelter. If you know of a household that is homeless, please call 211 to find out about services that may be available. If you would like to volunteer or learn how you can make a difference for homeless families right now, please visit [humansolutions.org](http://humansolutions.org).



### Rockwood Groundbreaking!

Human Solutions will soon break ground on a new multi-service center in Rockwood. The new facility will replace Human Solutions' current Gresham and Rockwood offices plus some staff from our Portland site will work there. Five other agencies will also have space in the building including: HeadStart, Loaves & Fishes (dinning room and kitchen), Wallace Medical Concern (Clinic), LifeWorks NW, and Metropolitan Family Service. 47 units of affordable housing will be built on the second and third stories, providing critically needed apartments for families in this area.

### Join Us for Community Support Nights

Human Solutions is working with local business to raise awareness and funds for our programs and services. A percentage of proceeds will benefit Human Solutions.

**Lincoln Restaurant:** April 7<sup>th</sup>; 3808 N Williams, 5:30 -9:00 pm. Reservations are encouraged 503.288.6200.

**McMenamins Highland Pub:** April 13<sup>th</sup>, SE 182<sup>nd</sup> & Powell, 5:00-11:00 pm;

**Burgerville:** May 27<sup>th</sup>, 4:00-8:00 pm –multiple locations, please see our events page.

### Our Next Major Fundraisers Tea & Treasures Garden Party:

Sunday May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden; No Admission, but reservations required and generous donations will be requested. Please call 503.548.0221 to make reservations. For more information, [click here](#).

**Stomping Out Homelessness:** Human Solutions' Summer Family Jamboree, June 27, 2010. Club Paesano in Gresham, featuring Carrie Cunningham and the Six Shooters. If you would like to be involved with Human Solutions in any way, please contact Kristan Knapp at 503.548.0228.

