



Helping Families to Help Themselves

### ***Donors & Friends May Fundraising Report***

We are writing to tell you about the huge success of our recent free Community Clothing Fair and to invite you to our exciting FUNdraising activities for May and June. YOU can make a big difference by making a donation NOW toward our area of greatest need, The Daybreak Emergency Shelter for homeless families.

Why does Human Solutions need the support of individual donors? Because the grants and contracts we receive from foundations and government sources do not cover 100% of our program costs. As our services have grown our staff has grown...but funding for support services, vital to carrying out our mission, is often not covered by grants and contracts. Your extra contribution now will help us end the year in the black –a positive position that will significantly increase Human Solutions' chances when we apply for new funding next year. Thank you for your past generosity. We are hopeful that you can help us again.



Rhododendrons were in full bloom at the Tea & Treasures Garden Party.

### **Tea & Treasures Garden Party Starts a New Tradition!**

On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, about 85 people gathered in the Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden to take tea and bid on "treasures" they had brought to benefit Human Solutions. The weather was perfect, the Tea delightful, the company superb, and a great time was had by all! Special thanks to our Tea sponsors: JD Fulwiler & Company Insurance, Schwabe, Williamson, Wyatt, Attorneys at Law, B & G Builders, and Cynthia Barrett, PC. A very special moment was the presentation of the First Annual Jane Addams Social Activists Award to Gretchen Kafoury for her years of work to make Portland a better place for all people to live. Mary Rose, from Portland branch of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom gave some background on Jane Addams' life to inspire us all to continue working for improvements in our communities. Jean DeMaster presented the award, and



Jean DeMaster, back left, welcomed many activists to this event to honor Gretchen Kafoury, standing second from right, with the first annual Jane Addams Social Activist Award.

Carla Piluso, Board President, assisted with the Special Appeal. The event raised over \$8,500 for Human Solutions. Thanks to all who volunteered and attended. We will definitely plan to do another Tea next year.

### Grand Central Baking Company Donates \$1,066 to Help Homeless Families

Thank you to everyone who purchased something on Mother's Day from Grand Central Baking Company. Human Solutions was the beneficiary of 5% of all sales that day at every Grand Central bakery location in Portland. We deeply appreciate Grand Central for their commitment not only to sustainable local food, but to healthy, inclusive communities and to Human Solutions' work to end homelessness for families in Multnomah County.

### Free Community Clothing Fair a Big Success

The first week of May Human Solutions held a free community clothing fair to distribute the remaining donated items from our now closed for the season Warming Center for Homeless Families. Eastminster Presbyterian Church on NE Halsey and 125<sup>th</sup> hosted the fair which drew 72 adults and 92 children including six pregnant women. Free clothing is always popular among homeless families and we are pleased that so many learned about the fair and came to participate. Volunteers from the church served food and assisted Human Solutions staff to organize clothing, as well as to let families know about other programs of Human Solutions.

### Burgerville dedicates 7 Locations to Human Solutions Percent Day on May 27th

Percent days are a wonderful way for local businesses to support Human Solutions and to make a difference for low-income and homeless families. **On Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00-8:00 pm. Burgerville will donate a percentage of sales at seven simultaneous Eastside locations to Human Solutions.** Tell your friends, make plans to go to Burgervilles for a meal a snack or a milkshake drinking contest. Check out the Rosemary Fries, the Spinach Turkey Burger, or the tried and true Tillamook Cheeseburger. Your purchases help Human Solutions and make Burgerville a great community partner. Let us know if you'd like some flyers to forward to friends. We can send you an electronic file. With your help we hope this event goes viral! Here are the locations:

- SE 25th & Powell (3432 SE 25th Ave)
- SE 92nd & Powell (3504 SE 92nd Ave)
- SE 122nd & Stark (429 SE 122nd Ave)
- SE 162nd & Division (16211 SE Division St.)
- NE 82nd & Glisan (8218 NE Glisan St.)



Sami Kushnick provided beautiful solo cello music during the Tea.

A promotional flyer for Burgerville's support of Human Solutions. The top features the Burgerville logo with the tagline "Better taste comes from better food." Below this, it says "Supporting More than Local Farms." The main text reads: "Human Solutions helps struggling families to find housing and pathways out of poverty." It then says "Join us for food, fun, and to support" followed by the Human Solutions logo, which includes a house icon with a heart inside. At the bottom, it states: "On Thursday, May 27th from 4:00 to 8:00 pm, these Burgerville locations will donate 10% of sales to Human Solutions:" followed by a list of seven locations: SE 25th &amp; Powell, SE 92nd &amp; Powell, SE 122nd &amp; Stark, SE 162nd &amp; Division, NE 82nd &amp; Glisan, NE 122nd &amp; Skidmore, and SE Stark &amp; Hogan (242nd) Drive.

NE 122nd & Skidmore (4229 NE 122nd Ave)  
NE Hogan Drive & SE Stark (2975 Hogan Drive)

### Thank You PGE Foundation!!

The **PGE Foundation** awarded Human Solutions an extremely generous **\$15,000** grant to provide housing placement services for homeless families. **PGE Foundation** funds will support a year-round Housing Placement Coordinator and help at least 65 homeless families staying in our Daybreak Shelter and Homeless Family Warming Center quickly find and move into safe, stable permanent housing.



Having this increased capacity to help move homeless families out of the shelter system without delay has two primary benefits:

- 1) Human Solutions is able to serve more homeless families if shelter space opens up as families move into housing,
- 2) Homeless families, and especially their children, benefit in many ways from faster transition into the stability of permanent housing. The less time children spend in a shelter, the less negative impact there is on their performance at school, on their physical and emotional health, and their sense of confidence—all harmful ways that being homeless can impact young people.

We greatly appreciate the support of the **PGE Foundation** and applaud their commitment to improving the quality of life for Oregonians.

### One Woman Makes a Difference —So Can YOU!

Many families are only one paycheck away from being homeless...Maybe you've seen your neighbors lose their house...or know a friend who hasn't been able to find work. Think about how many people are experiencing hard times and you will realize how important it is to have support services like those Human Solutions provides, for families whose luck has run out without a "Plan B."

On May 13th, [The Portland Tribune](#) published a story about Lynn McPherson, a formerly homeless woman who is walking from British Columbia, Canada to Mexico to raise awareness and encourage folks to give to local shelters and programs for the homeless. Her suggestion is a gift of one penny or more for every mile she walks (just under 1900 miles). If a million people do this, that will raise a lot of money for programs to end homelessness. You can [click here](#) to read Lynn's inspiring story in [The Portland Tribune](#). [Click here for a link to her blog.](#)

Please consider a special gift to Human Solutions in support of Lynn's amazing journey and extraordinary effort, to honor someone who has mentored you, perhaps your mother or a special teacher, or simply to give from your good fortune so

that others may be helped to achieve self-sufficiency. Thank you for your generosity and your commitment to ending homelessness. By clicking on this link you can make a secure donation to help a homeless family at Human Solutions. [By clicking on this link, you can make a donation to help a homeless family through Human Solutions.](#)

## Don't Miss Out! June FUNdrasiers

### Sunday, June 13 Felicidades Dance

Escape from Rose Festival Madness at the Felicidades Dance and 35-Year Mt. Moving Café Reunion—a chance to relive a piece of the '70s or experience those tumultuous years during the Vietnam War for the first time--complete with vegetarian meal, coffeehouse entertainment, 70s memorabilia, a Caribbean steel drum dance band and no-host bar. If Rose Festival makes you want to leave town, join others who share your values to support Human Solutions, helping homeless families, and VOZ, the Day Labor Center, helping laborers get fair wages and treatment.

Step back into the time of the Mt. Moving Café at the Norse Hall, 111 NE 11<sup>th</sup> Ave. Dinner, Coffeehouse Silent Auction & Dance \$30, doors open at 4:30 pm. Only 100 dinner tickets available, so please RSVP to [Kknapp@humansolutions.org](mailto:Kknapp@humansolutions.org) or 503-548-0221. Or come for the Dance Only, \$5-\$15 sliding scale, doors open at 7 p.m. Wheelchair accessible. Celebrate activism then and now! Together we have changed and continue to change the world!

### Sunday, June 27 Human Solutions' Hometown Country Western Dance

Featuring Carrie Cunningham and the Six Shooters playing some of your country favorites and Carrie's special original songs. Don't miss this chance to catch the next big country star while she is still a hometown honey. **We'll be dancing to raise the roof for those without one.** Wear your boots...come on out 'n' kick up a little dust!

Gates open at 2:30 pm for country line dance lessons, bocci ball demonstration and lessons, Frisbee golf, face painting, kid's crafts, and possibly Bingo, as well as silent auction and raffles. Concert/Dance is scheduled for 4:00-6:00 pm. No host food carts will serve up a variety of options, plus, hopefully beer, wine and strawberry shortcakes.

Admission is \$12 each or \$25 per family. Bike out the Springwater Corridor Trail or carpool, park and ride the shuttle to the Club Paesano in Cedarville Park, 3800 W. Powell Loop, Gresham (off 182nd and Powell). \$2 off admission for bikes and shuttle riders. \$10 limited car parking on site. Call for more parking information. Mark your calendar for the first big family fun day of the summer! Support Human Solutions and make a difference for homeless families struggling in our county.

**Next Month:** Updates and progress report on the new MultiService Center and affordable housing in Rockwood.

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