

Neighbors Helping Neighbors ENews Brief

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This week, Hot Meals served 130 meals. The pantry served 328 people groceries. Every shift was full to the brim! We had 62 volunteers in the pantry, 20 more than last week and a new record!!! And Hot Meals had 12 volunteers! The Concordia College Nurses gave away lots of clothes. And our Hygiene & Harm Reduction team gave away tons of essential supplies! It was a wonderful weekend, filled with collaboration, joy and gratitude!

A STORY OF COLLABORATION – 4TH SATURDAY HOT MEALS

This weekend, Hot Meals had no kitchen staff. So, they hosted a huge pizza party. Diners loved the pizza and shared their compliments about the pizza and remarkable teamwork.

Many thanks to the organizing genius and fantastic collaboration between Roddy, Debbie and Maran! And thanks to the volunteers who stepped up, did whatever was necessary, collaborated and worked together as a team!



Part of the Pizza Party Team

It was an inspiring example of what is possible when people collaborate to support each other and face a challenge together. This is what I'm talking about when I think of our teams! Congrats 4th Saturday Hot Meals team!

SUPPORT OUR UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS!

You can now call 311 to get support for our neighbors who are unhoused. And they can call themselves! Get the news out to everyone and stand beside our neighbors!

[Portland makes homeless outreach workers available through 311](#)

DONATE TO US AT FRED MEYER!

We are a beneficiary of the Fred Meyer Community Rewards program! When you use your Rewards Card when shopping at Freddy's, you can donate to us! To do so, link your Rewards Card. www.fredmeyer.com/i/community/community-rewards

If you do not have a Rewards Card, you can sign up for one at the Customer Service Desk of any Fred Meyer store. Please tell everyone you know! And thank you!

TRANSITIONS

Hey all – this was my last weekend with you all and this is my last edition of the ENews Brief. I had a wonderful time doing the Outreach Programs this weekend. We had tons of volunteers, lots of laughter and hugs, kind words and support. We also had lots of treats!!! And I received a bunch of cards from you all! Thank you so very much! I'm not going anywhere, and you have my email, so reach out if you'd like. I'd love to keep in touch!

Our own Chris Gustafson has agreed to stand in as the Outreach Coordinator while the parish discerns its next steps. Chris has graciously filled in for me when I've been

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out, so has a great grasp on the weekend's activities. Please lend her a hand to keep things going strong during this transition.

VOLUNTEER SIGN-UPS

Woodstock Pantry Volunteers sign up each week for the shifts they want to work.

NOTE: The February sheet is discontinued. Please use the new March Sign Up.

[WP SIGN UP SHEET MARCH](#)

Hot Meals uses Saturday Teams. Contact [Chris](#).

Clothing Closet and **Hygiene & Harm Reduction** Contact Chris.

If you are interested in trying out a program, contact Chris.

2024 GOALS

ORIENTATION

Please complete your annual orientation prior to your next shift. Thanks!

Woodstock Pantry Volunteers - [Woodstock Pantry Volunteer Orientation Log 2024](#)

Hot Meals Volunteers - Please check with your Team Lead [Hot Meals Volunteer Orientation Log 2024](#)

THE WOODSTOCK PANTRY FUNDRAISER & FRIENDRAISER

The building now has a roof! Soon, it will have windows and doors.

Thanks so very much to everyone who has contributed!

We still have a way to go. Please help us close the gap! You can:

1. contribute on our [gofundme.com](https://www.gofundme.com) page, or with this QR code
2. share this request with your colleagues, friends and family as well as community organizations and businesses (add to your social media, send emails, make calls).



THANK YOU ALL FOR EVERYTHING YOU DO!

And remember...

It Takes a Community, And We Are It!