

Woodstock Pantry ENews Brief

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We served 266 people this week, 90 more than last week. **We are almost out of bags!** We use 520 bags a week. **Please** – bring us your paper grocery bags and tell your friends to save them!

When I asked Chris what she wanted to share about the weekend, she noted that there was a culture of joyful and respectful welcoming of our neighbors and doing what was necessary to meet their needs. Thank you all for creating that culture and welcoming our neighbors!!!

HOLIDAY PLANNING

Woodstock Pantry will be closed on November 24-25 as OFB will not deliver food.

COMMUNITY SHARE

We are planning our second annual Community Share for our unhoused neighbors on November 25! The day will start with Hot Meals. Then, we will do a rapid changeover in the dining hall to set up for the event. We will share groceries, clothing, hygiene products, hats and scarves. Cultivate Initiatives will join us, both in the dining hall and outside, with showers and laundry. And Reed is looking into creating and sharing emergency bags. Thanks to our volunteers, we have a full team for the share! I may ask for volunteers to help us serve Hot Meals. More to come!

PANTRY BUILD

Goodbye Ye Ole Container! Our container was hauled away this week. We will operate out of the church until our new pantry is built. Let's take special care to keep our storage areas clean and organized to thank All Saints for their continued support of this vital community resource!



PantryRaising – We are raising our new pantry! And just as with the time-honored barn raising, it will take a community to realize our dream of creating a sustainable source of food for our community. We have raised a lot of money to build the new pantry, but still need more. So, we are initiating a fundraising campaign. Watch for information about how you can help with our PantryRaising, coming soon!

LANGUAGE MATTERS

EQUALITY:
Everyone gets the same – regardless if it's needed or right for them.



EQUITY:
Everyone gets what they need – understanding the barriers, circumstances, and conditions.



Equality: Everyone gets the same, regardless if it's needed or right for them. When we practice equality, we leave behind people, e.g. folks in wheelchairs and seniors with canes or walkers.

Equity: Everyone gets what they need, including barriers, circumstances and challenging conditions being addressed. No one is left behind.

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Guess what we strive for at Woodstock Pantry?!

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PORTLAND'S SAFE REST VILLAGE MODEL HAS SHOWN SUCCESS HELPING PEOPLE GET PERMANENT HOMES

Portland's safe rest villages are small communities that offer around 30 to 50 tiny homes as transitional shelter for people who had been homeless. Each unit has a bed, a locking door and a heating and cooling system. Villagers share bathrooms, showers, laundry facilities and a kitchen. The sites are staffed with case workers and housing navigators, many of whom have experienced homelessness themselves.

SIGN UP FOR OCTOBER SHIFTS

Remember to sign up for the weekend by Thursday so we can plan.

Also, if you can't come, please take your name off the sign-up sheet and contact me right away! Otherwise, people think the shift is full and don't sign up.

We ended up with a shortage this weekend, which put the rest of us in a bind. Thanks!

WP SIGN UP SHEET OCTOBER

DUJEA, INC. T-SHIRTS DONATED

One for every pantry volunteer! Be sure to get yours from the Outreach Room!

CROSSTRAIN TO BE A WOODSTOCK HOT MEALS VOLUNTEER

Crosstrain as pantry and hot meals volunteer. It gives you options about how you want to contribute, and it gives us more flexibility to keep our programs running!

Celebrate...

It Takes a Community, And We Are It!