



It's not just what we do, it's how we do it together!

Spring 2018 Newsletter

Dear Friends,

We are blessed to experience the power in partnership EVERY day of the year!

As a donor, you are one of the many dedicated community partners who support the Inn in a variety of ways. And for that, we are very grateful!

We would like to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude for our amazing volunteers. On April 11, we were delighted and proud to celebrate *National Volunteer Appreciation Month* with our *Extraordinary Hearts* luncheon in honor of the 1,800+ volunteers, who share their time and hearts through their service to people in crisis. With less than 20 employees, volunteers play a crucial role in helping to deliver services for over 800 adults and children each year!

Our volunteers demonstrate their **integrity**, offer **compassion** to those most in need, and recognize the inherent **dignity** of each person they meet at the Inn. Because of this, Bethlehem Inn is known as a safe, accepting and loving place, where people experiencing homelessness know they will find shelter, help and hope as they transition back to self-sufficiency.

Here are just a few volunteer highlights from last year:

- Dedicated **14,436.25 hours** to serve over **82,000** meals;
- Prepared countless sack lunches made every weekday;
- Operated the front desk 16 hours each day;
- Laundered countless loads of laundry daily;
- Organized in-kind donations from the community

By simply showing up to offer a meal, do laundry or serve at the front desk, volunteers soften the hardships faced by people, who seek support from the Inn. **So thank you, volunteers, for being the light that shines on others' darker days, for being a smiling face, for being understanding and committed to your service throughout our challenging construction process, for being part of something bigger than yourself!**

With gratitude and on behalf of the adults and children we serve,

Courtney Gallant
Community Engagement Coordinator



Donation Hours

We appreciate your patience! We realize you never know what you're going to find when you come to the Inn to deliver your in-kind donations. Typically, we accept in-kind donations **Monday - Friday from 9am - 4pm**. Please feel free to give us a call to avoid any surprises or to schedule a drop off. Courtney can be reached at 541.322.8768 ext. 11.

Here is just one example of success: Elisia's Story

When Elisia shares her experience with Bethlehem Inn, the first things she talks about are, "...catching your breath...getting your bearings." Elisia, her kids, aged two to thirteen, and her husband Sam were out of breath and money...and nearly out of hope when they found the Inn. They'd been in Salem and came to Redmond to be near Sam's mom. They both found work. They got a rental in Redmond. Then came a layoff which meant they couldn't pay the rent or their bills. A painfully familiar story for so many folks who had never been without a place to live and suddenly were homeless. The folks at St. Vincent de Paul in Redmond pointed them to Bethlehem Inn.



Of the Inn staff, Elisia said, "They were very helpful, very kind." There was housing guidance and help with school supplies for the kids. They were able to start saving money. Inn staff connected them with a FAN (Family Access Network) advocate who helped keep the kids in the school they'd been attending. Elisia adds, "We're eighty percent out of debt...we're very optimistic." Elisia, Sam and the kids have moved into their own apartment. Amazing how major life transformations can start with things as basic as "...catching your breath...getting your bearings."

Your support means so much to people and families just like Elisia's. Please donate by visiting bethleheminn.org/donate/monetary-donations/



Transforming Lives Together Capital Campaign Update!

Leading contributors have already donated \$7.5 million in support of our capital campaign, which means we are closing in on our \$9 million campaign goal.



This miraculous news means we are quickly approaching a very historic time for Bethlehem Inn and our community...and you can help!

Here are a few suggestions on what you can do:

- ♡ Visit bethleheminn.org/capital-campaign/help to donate a gift for the campaign;
- ♡ Send a personal note to people you know who might be interested in this historic effort to help the vulnerable people in our community. You can invite them to learn more by including this link in your note, bethleheminn.org/capital-campaign.
- ♡ Follow Bethlehem Inn on Facebook at facebook.com/bethleheminnbend. Stay informed and please share our messages with your friends!
- ♡ Stay current by visiting on the Inn's website bethleheminn.org/capital-campaign for the very latest campaign information, including new graphics and videos.

Please visit our Youtube channel at www.youtube.com/user/BethlehemInnBend to see our latest time-lapse video showing the construction of the new Family Residences and Service Hub!

Thank you for being a part of this important effort that will affect our community for many generations!

Urgent Volunteer Needs

We need your help in preparing and serving meals for residents this spring and summer!

Please visit bethleheminn.org/volunteer/ for a list of available dates and information on how to sign up to help. We also have ongoing needs for front desk volunteers. Please email Courtney at volunteer@bethleheminn.org for more information about volunteering!

Employment Opportunities

The expansion of our facility means that we will be adding staff to help serve more people in crisis! If you are interested in joining our team, please visit bethleheminn.org/job-openings/ for more information and current job openings!



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