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

Fall 2015 Newsletter

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Wish List

The cold temperatures of winter have arrived! We are in urgent need of the following items:

- ☐ gloves/handwarmers
- ☐ sleeping bags
- ☐ baby wipes -non-flushable
- ☐ Girls' socks/underwear
- ☐ diapers (sizes 3, 4 and 5)
- ☐ gift cards

For a list of our other wish list items please visit bethleheminn.org/donate/other-ways-to-give/

New Donation Hours

The Inn will be changing its donation hours.

Effective January 15, 2016, donations will be accepted every day from 9am-4pm.

Other Ways To Give

There are many ways to support the Inn such as donating a vehicle, stock, volunteering, bringing in your redeemable cans and bottles or organizing your own donation drive for our residents.

For more information please visit bethleheminn.org/donate/

Dear Friends of the Inn,

Please take a minute to read about Jasmine and her family to learn more about how your giving is changing lives!

Jasmine's Story

Jasmine knew she had to break away from an abusive partner. A native of Bend, she came home to Central Oregon, landed a job and lived

with friends. The situation wasn't best for her family, so Jasmine moved them into a trailer. The job ended. She got another job...two jobs in fact. But like so many working poor, Jasmine just couldn't stretch what little money she made to cover a full month.



This desperate mom and her children ended up in a motel. A Family Access Network (FAN) advocate told Jasmine about Bethlehem Inn. Not knowing what to expect, she was worried about "shelter living". But she called anyway and was welcomed by Inn staff. Jasmine's worries melted away in no time and she now says of the Inn, "Amazing. Helpful. I can't even describe it. The kids and I felt safe and comfortable."

In fact, they felt so safe and comfortable that when Jasmine told her children they were moving into their own apartment, they asked, "But why can't we just live here?" Jasmine plans to earn her GED to be certified as a vet tech. Her fresh start truly reflects a life transformed through the Inn's mission of providing: shelter, help, and hope.

Your support means so much to people and families just like Jasmine. Please donate today by visiting bethleheminn.org

Latest Video

Want to keep up on the Inn's latest videos?

Please visit bethleheminn.org

Our Residents THANK YOU!

"I would like to thank the wonderful community of Bend who support these places and for making it possible for me to be a part of this remarkable town that you call home." - Sam



"Wow. People are just awesome here. We sleep without fear. We can laugh again." - Sheri and Abby

"Thank you so much for your love and support. You all have made an amazing impact on the 39th year of my life." - Todd



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A volunteer that makes a difference!

Meet Jane Raleigh

For over 5 years Jane has been volunteering at the Inn. Among her many roles, she staffs our Front Desk greeting donors and residents and often helps to train other volunteers. She also helps collect bottles and cans for our Redeemables Program.



Jane enjoys volunteering at the Inn, stating "The Bethlehem Inn operates on an incredible balance of compassion, tough love, education, patience, respect, empathy, humor and gratitude. Every staff member shows these traits every minute of every day." When asked what Jane has learned most, she shared "By working with people in crisis, I very quickly learned that there is no "them" and "us" but rather "we."

Thank you, Jane, for all of your compassion and hours of support!

"When you don't know where you're going to sleep and you don't know if you're going to eat, there's no room to think about anything else."

Bill, Former Inn Resident

This is a powerful, yet simple statement made by a person who came to the Inn in search of help to survive. Survival means receiving life's basic needs that are often taken for granted by many of us. But for someone like Bill, who was unable to meet his basic needs with his own resources, the resulting despair and hopelessness was overwhelming.



Bill and others just like him are so very grateful for your compassion.

The number of people we serve increases every day. Last year over 790 adults and children were served; 27,500 stays in a bed overnight were provided and over 73,000 meals were served! This couldn't have been done without you! Your support shows people less fortunate what possibilities are ahead.

Your generosity through donations and volunteering has created a very special place for people and families in crisis. As you prepare for the holidays, please consider making a gift today in support of the adults and children staying at the Bethlehem Inn.

Warm Holiday Wishes,

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Happy Holidays from the Residents,
Staff and Board of Directors!



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