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The Inn's Current Needs

Feel like helping out today?

Our immediate needs include: water, hamburger, block cheddar cheese, chicken breasts, breakfast sausage, paper bowls and 33 gallon trash bags.

For a list of more items needed please [click here](#)

You can make a difference!

If you like people and want to interact with our residents and public, then working the Front Desk a couple hours a week might be just the thing for you. We're looking for dependable, committed individuals who can maintain confidentiality, handle the phones and be the eyes and the ears of the Inn.

For you cooks out there, how about preparing dinner for our residents? Without a commercial kitchen, we are dependent on the community to make all (yes, 365 dinners a year) of our meals off-site. BBQs, however, can be done on-site using our grills. To help defray the costs, we are glad to offer

Dear Friends,

Each and every day of the year, the Bethlehem Inn is that secure and accountable place that so many in crisis can temporarily call home; a safety net serving five families and up to 72 men and women each night. Last year over 1,200 adults and children benefitted from our collaborative efforts with compassionate volunteers and caring partner agencies.



Beginning with this newsletter, our goal is to keep you better informed about the Inn's successes and opportunities. We pride ourselves in being good stewards of your investment in our program and hope our newsletters will demonstrate the care we take in managing your commitment and support of our program.

Warm Regards,



Gwenn Wysling
Executive Director

Resident Story

Greg Murphy, Former Resident

Greg Murphy always had a home. Until he didn't. The 59 year-old Portland native, who graduated high school in 1972 had a job all of his adult life, mostly in store management. Nine years ago, his last company sent him to Bend to manage a new branch. The recession hit. Murphy was laid off. Although he looked diligently, repeatedly, trying everything in his power, he came up empty. Despite having no history of drug or alcohol abuse, he simply could not find a job. A big remodel of the apartment building where he and his 2 cats were living caused them to move into a storage unit, trying to live on collected and redeemed bottles and cans. After being discovered in his makeshift dwelling, Greg found himself on the street and he had to surrender his cats to the Humane Society. This was the bitter end for Murphy. At that time, he fashioned a "rope", carrying it with him everywhere he went; planning how and where to use it.



One day, while wandering the streets of Bend, a stranger stopped him and told him he looked like he needed someone to

you whatever ingredients we have on hand. The following dates are currently open:

August: 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 16, 21, 28, 29

September: 3, 4, 5, 12, 13, 17, 18, 20, 25, 29, 30

We are also seeking volunteers to provide breakfast on the weekends!

Please contact [Lynn Edwards](#) at 541-322-8768 Ext. 11 for more information

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talk to. She listened, and put him in touch with Deschutes County Mental Health and Sarah Elliott. Sarah told him about Bethlehem Inn. On January 9, 2013, Greg had a room at the Inn - and much, much more. In a chilling but gratitude-filled note, Murphy makes it clear that he feels he owes his life to the staff at Bethlehem Inn. Through the Inn, he now has an apartment and hope. He is pursuing an Associate Degree in Computer Science at COCC. Most importantly, he no longer has the "rope".

Save The Date!

4th Annual Flash Back Classic Car Show, August 23 at 5pm

What goes together better than a warm summer evening and the coolest classic cars, trucks and motorcycles around? Help support the Inn by showing off your vintage "wheels" or coming by to check out these timeless beauties. Join us for food, raffle prizes, silent auction items, music and much more - don't miss it!

Collectors can contact Gary Miller at 541-408-1114 or gaz@bendbroadband.com



The Perfect Pair, October 19 ~ 5:00 - 8:00 pm

Safeway Food Drive, November 22-24

"Cranksgiving" Scavenger Bicycle Ride, November 3 ~ 11:00 am

For more information on upcoming events please [click here](#)

Special Thanks To...

United Way Days of Caring

Thank you to the US Bank employees who dedicated their time on June 21, 2013 to come and repaint our parking lot as part of the 17th annual United Way Days of Caring Campaign.

The parking lot looks great and we are so grateful!



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