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Winter 2014 Newsletter

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The Inn's Current Needs

Feel like helping out today?

Our immediate needs
include:

33 gallon trash bags,
paper products such as
plates, bowls, napkins,
plastic forks, spoons,
knives and gift cards
are always welcome as
well!

For a list of more
items needed please
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Dear Friends,

To start let me just say how fortunate we are to live in such an amazing community!

The care and concern you and others show for the adults and children seeking safety and shelter at the Bethlehem Inn is inspiring. With your extraordinary kindness and partnership we are able to give hope to our residents and the necessary resources to our dedicated staff and volunteers.

Last year the Bethlehem Inn provided a record number of meals and shelter nights - a 6% increase over 2012! It is a sad fact, but we take pride knowing because of you, we've been able to meet the needs of so many. The financial and in-kind donations we received over the holiday season made our hearts sing and for that we are grateful. Our only request is to ask you to remember that our needs exist EVERY day of the year. So, as the holidays fade from memory and we move deeper into the new year with longer days and warmer temperatures, please remember there will always be an adult or child that is in need. Donations can be easily made online by visiting www.bethleheminn.org.

As we help to create new beginnings, we would like to express our sincere appreciation for the support you provide in helping us to reunite families, assist adults in finding gainful employment, stable housing and watching them take those first steps toward a happy and productive future.

Best Wishes for a Happy New Year,



Gwenn Wysling
Executive Director



Resident Story

Josey Hicks, Former Resident

When you look up the definition for the word "incandescent" in the dictionary, a picture of a smiling Josey Hicks should be next to it. Josey, who is 29, and her two boys Toby, 9, and Seth, 6, are smiling today because they have a home. And hope. Josey is going to COCC and aspires to be an art educator. Josey got to here from there thanks to some very hard work on her part and some "awesome" (her word) help from Bethlehem Inn. And it has been a long challenging path.

Born in Hawaii to artist parents, Josey bounced around to more than twenty states as a kid. She's had to defend herself and her kids against domestic violence. For a time she was living in her old station wagon and had to ask her mother to care for the boys while she sought work and a place to live. Enter Bethlehem Inn: Josey arrived here November 6, 2013, alone. After landing a job, the very next day, she drove immediately to Yachats



Resident Story (continued) to get Toby and Seth so they could join her, safe and sound, at Bethlehem Inn. She says the boys loved the Inn and being around other kids. Josey loved the supervision the kids got. She knew they were safe, knew they could be kids just being kids. Says Josey of the Inn's staff, "They helped me through everything. They were more than just friends." Josey, Toby, and Seth now have their own home. They have hope. And those amazing light-up-a-room smiles.

You're Invited!



If you like to run 5ks or just love the Inn, join us for the 4th Annual St. Patrick's Dash on March 16th. This event is in partnership with the Mt. Bachelor Rotary Club and all proceeds benefit the Bethlehem Inn. From the Bend Fire Pipes and Drums at the start line to live music and a pint of beer or soft drink at the finish, this is a family friendly way to provide shelter, help and hope to those experiencing

homelessness. Come join the hundreds of others who will run, walk or push a stroller to make a difference. For details visit www.bendstpatdash.com

You Can Make a Difference!

Did you make a New Year Resolution to get "Inn-volved"? Visit our [website](#) for available meal dates and other opportunities such as the 30 volunteers needed to help at the St. Patrick's Dash on March 16th. Contact [Lynn](#) for more info.

Save The Date!

Our volunteers will be honored at our "Extraordinary Hearts Volunteer Appreciation Lunch" on April 2nd. More info will be posted on our website soon.

Did you know?

We accept redeemable* cans and bottles at the Inn? If you have some to bring in please feel free to drop them off at the Bethlehem Inn. We are always able to take them off your hands!

*redeemable items do not include wine bottles, milk cartons, glass jars, paper products, etc. Please only donate what can be redeemed.

Special Thanks To...

Jeff Flones of Spooky Dawson and his Magical Elves

for hosting our seventh annual Christmas Eve dinner!

Our residents had a blast and the children were so excited to visit Santa!

Thank you for bringing so much holiday cheer to us this past Christmas!

Tina Bollman and all who participated in the Help Portrait Event in December 2013

Thank you to the makeup artists, photographers, organizers and all of the volunteers that took part in this great event. The residents had such a great time and it brought much joy and hope to them during this holiday season. The portraits turned out great and we are so appreciative for you all taking timeout of your busy lives to do this for us! Look for the video story on our website, soon.



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