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to our continuing collaboration.

Spring 2015 Newsletter

The Inn's Current Needs

Please consider a donation.
Our immediate needs include:
10 oz. cups, paper plates and
bowls, 13 and 30-gallon trash
bags, #12 lunch sacks, fresh
fruit, sliced bread, lunch meat
and snacks for sack lunches.
For a list of more items
needed please visit
bethleheminn.org

Other ways you can help

Vehicle Donations

Do you have an old vehicle you are interested in donating for a tax write-off? If so, please visit www.centerforcardonations.com for more information

Redeemables

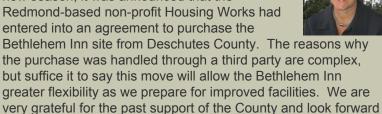
Your redeemable cans and bottles are a valuable source of income for the Inn. You can drop them off at the Inn anytime!

Planned Giving

Planned giving is a wonderful way to leave a lasting legacy, while fulfilling your philanthropic goal of helping adults and children in crisis. It is a legacy that truly benefits the next generation. Please see our website for more information.

Dear Friends,

Spring always brings to mind new beginnings.
And so it is fitting that just days after the start of a new season, it was announced that the Redmond-based non-profit Housing Works had entered into an agreement to purchase the



Every day we see the increased need for our services. Central Oregonians are challenged by a tough affordable housing market and wages that can make self-sufficiency difficult. A recent Housing Alliance study found that it takes an annual income of \$25,800 to afford a one-bedroom apartment in our community! If you compare that to a veteran's pension of only \$12,652 or the average senior citizen's social security income of \$15,181, you'll understand why we are serving so many people in crisis.

The Bethlehem Inn is a critical component in the area's safety net of services. We are committed to offering safety and security to those most vulnerable in our community.

We truly appreciate the community's investment and ask that you continue to support our program.

Please make a donation today by visiting bethleheminn.org.

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Executive Director

Volunteers Needed

Love to cook?

We are currently looking for someone to adopt dinners on the third Monday of each month. We also have quite a few weekend breakfast dates available in the upcoming months. If either of these opportunities appeal to you, please visit our website for details or call Lynn at 541-322-8768 ext. 11 or email her at lynn@bethleheminn.org

Community Support

Fred Meyer's Community Rewards Program

Fred Meyer shoppers can now link their rewards card to a charity of choice for giving! For more information, please visit www.fredmeyer.com

AMAZON Smile

Amazon will donate 0.5% of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. To select the Inn, please visit Smile.amazon.com

Resident Story

Kevin Yasuda, Former Resident

Kevin Yasuda found himself with very few choices in the fall of 2014. He had just finished 22 months of a 24-month sentence in Idaho for driving offenses. Once out of jail, he needed to figure out how to move forward with his life.



He knew his first step was to find a job. He was fortunate. He was hired in a sales position, but soon realized that wasn't for him. So, he headed for Bend.

Kevin knew of the Inn's reputation for helping people in need, so he decided to make the call. "I'd never stayed in a homeless shelter before, so I didn't know what to expect" Kevin remembers. "I was worried, but then once I arrived it felt like it was a good fit."

Kevin's case manager encouraged him to seek employment, so he began the process of completing job applications. Miraculously, he was offered work in a retailer's warehouse and one week later he was offered another job in construction. He managed to coordinate the two schedules, so he could keep both jobs!

Over the next 3 months, Kevin worked every hour he could; saving enough money to purchase a vehicle and build a hefty nest egg. During this period, Kevin reached out to people he'd worked with in the past and eventually secured a job near Vancouver, Washington where he now lives.

Kevin attributes his successes to the staff at the Inn..."I didn't know what to expect when I showed up, but the Bethlehem Inn staff gave me everything I needed to succeed," Kevin says. "I truly believe that if you are motivated and work really hard it's possible to put all the pieces together with their help. I don't know what I would have done without their help."

Your support this past year allowed the Inn to:

- Provide shelter and emergency services to 110 children and 686 adults;
- Serve 74,876 meals with the support of over 2,500 volunteers;
- Distribute 1,119 food boxes to exiting residents and non-residents;
- Provide on-site computer training for residents to assist them in finding housing, employment, and access to other essential services.



