

bethlehem inn

shelter • help • hope

Summer 2015

The Inn's Current Needs

Please consider a donation.

Our immediate needs include: lunch meat, bread, 8 oz. cups, paper plates, bowls, 33-gallon trash bags. 2-man, waterproof tents and sleeping bags.

For a list of more items needed please visit bethleheminn.org

Think Redeemable

Did you know that your faithfulness in collecting redeemable cans and bottles provides over \$3,000 each month to the Inn? Wow, now that is a lot of collecting!



There are a few notes to keep in mind when sorting which of those cans and bottles come our way:

- Take a look at the label to be sure it says REDEEMABLE in Oregon (no recyclables such as beer cans or bottles)
- Bag the sorted REDEEMABLE cans and bottles in a sturdy plastic bag.

Our sincerest thanks to...

- **Haggen** for selecting the Inn as a recipient of \$1,000 in charitable giving
- **US Bank** for \$3,500 in support of general operations
- **Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation** for \$7,500 in support of our Families First Program
- **Gannett Foundation** for \$10,000 in support of 200 bed nights



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

Your generosity enables us to create a very special place for those seeking shelter.

We believe in the equality of all, cherishing diversity and treating each person we meet - resident, volunteer, donor and staff - with the same dignity, respect and compassion. While there are rules, expectations and goals, we make a sincere effort to help people re-collect and maintain their self-respect as they work towards self-sufficiency.

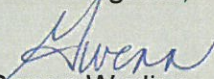


There is hope for everyone, even it's mixed with stress. It's traumatic to be so poor you don't know where you will sleep that night or get your next meal. There is also sorrow, humiliation and fear. So, it is our job to focus on the possibility and hope rather than the despair. The number of people we serve grows every day, but with your help we served over 1,000 adults and children last year, provided 27,501 stays in a bed overnight, and served over 73,000 meals. And we could not have done it without you!

You support the Bethlehem Inn because you trust us to carry out our mission, to uphold high standards of conduct and to be good stewards of your resources. Every day we work to earn this trust and we hope that you will continue to support us by visiting bethleheminn.org/donate.

I invite you to take a look at the Inns FY 14/15 financial summary at the bottom of this newsletter. Please feel free to give me a call with any questions.

Warm Regards,


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Volunteer Opportunities

Summer in Bend... what a fantastic time to share with family and friends; it's also a great time to share with individuals and families who may be struggling. We have some rewarding opportunities for you to share your passion for giving this summer!



- Volunteer at our front desk for a 2-hour shift
- Provide a meal for our residents
- Donate refillable water bottles for residents take with them during the day
- Organize a redeemable cans and bottle drive
- Donate new or gently used clothing, towels and twin/queen linens

In Central Oregon, our community and volunteers are a true depiction of "Life is better when you give!" Your care and investment has a ripple effect; it creates, renews and restores hope in thousands of lives every year.

Resident Story



Jay Jackson, Former Resident

Jay Jackson has always worked at demanding, physical jobs. He's been at sea on Alaskan fishing boats. He became a skilled union carpenter on the east coast. Like so many, Jay got laid off in the '08 bust. After some time back at sea as a deckhand, he heard about Bend and its construction comeback. Jay was hopeful in finding work, but ran into Bend's rental shortage. A man low on money can't last long in a three-hundred-plus-a-week motel. A resourceful fellow, Jay googled "shelter" and made his way

to Bethlehem Inn. He says he found way more than shelter. He was connected with an employment service where his long list of skills and a clean record got him work right away. Jay says Bethlehem Inn gave him "breathing space": a safe, secure place to stay and an always-ready-to-help staff. And landing a good job meant he could start saving money and keep searching for a place of his own.

Like so many folks who suddenly find themselves homeless, Jay has a long history of steady hard work. Thanks to Bethlehem Inn and his own initiative, Jay did find a place to live, became a construction foreman, and has the tools he needs to build not only new homes and businesses, but a new chapter in his life.

Upcoming Events

August 8, 2015 - Dinner on the Range

Bethlehem Inn has been selected as one of the charities to benefit from the 2015 Ghost Tree Dinner on the Range at Pronghorn. Visit bethleheminn.org/news-events to purchase tickets ~ make sure to select Bethlehem Inn as your charity of choice!

October 16, 2015 - The Perfect Pair

The Deschutes Brewery is the proud sponsor of The Perfect Pair, celebrating the pairing of the Brewery's handcrafted beers and the culinary delights created by local chefs. Bethlehem Inn will receive all proceeds from the evening. Tickets are \$45/person and will go on sale in September. Interested in getting your tickets early? Please contact Kim at 541.322.8768 ext. 21 or kim@bethleheminn.org

October 17, 2015 - Good to Give - Bring the Heat!

This golf tournament will benefit the Inn's adults and children through the donations of new and gently used coats and jackets in preparation for the cold winter season. Join us and have some fun! To become a sponsor or register visit bethleheminn.org/news-events.

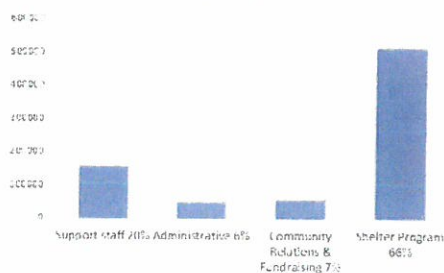
FY 14/15 Financial Overview

Did you know...the vast majority of our funding (\$1.0 million) comes from local individuals, businesses and community partners.

In alignment with Bethlehem Inn's 5 Year Strategic Plan, carefully managed expenses allowed Executive Management to set aside a 4-month reserve.



FY 14/15 EXPENDITURES - \$780,335



FY 14/15 OPERATING REVENUE - \$1,071,847

