



Volunteer Opportunity: Join us at the Rip City 5050 Raffle on March 12

Want to help Off the Sideline, get a **FREE Off the Sideline T-Shirt**, plus get a chance to watch the second half of the Trail Blazers vs. Miami Heat game on March 12? Volunteer to sell tickets for the Rip City 5050 Raffle. Volunteers work in groups of two at the March 12 game to sell tickets before and during the first half of the game. One lucky ticket purchaser receives 50% of the raffle sales, while the balance of ticket sales benefit the Portland Trail Blazer Foundation and Off the Sideline.

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Kelly Elementary School wins big with help from Off the Sideline



When Bernadette Diepenbrock started teaching at Kelly Elementary School, she soon learned it was a special place with

Community Action joins Off the Sideline's growing list of partners

Community Action has been serving Washington County low-income and homeless families for more than 50 years. Their mission is to lead the way to eliminate conditions of poverty and create opportunities for people and communities to thrive. That makes them a perfect partner for Off the Sideline to support families on the west side.

Welcome, Community Action! We look forward to working with you to help give kids in your community the social and health benefits of team sports while developing positive role models.



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dedicated teachers and a diverse student population. That inspired her to ask herself what she could do to contribute to the Lents-neighborhood school in a way that would most benefit the students and the community. The answer: basketball.

She asked students if they were interested in playing basketball to sign up, and was excited when 15-25 students from each third, fourth, and fifth-grade class added their names to the list. Thanks to local businesses, teachers, friends and family – plus sponsorship for the fifth-grade girls and boys teams from Off the Sideline – Kelly now has six teams participating in the Portland Parks and Recreation League.

“Not only are the Kelly teams competing well in the League, they are so excited, daily, for this opportunity,” said Coach Diepenbrock. “Every morning I have 10-15 students greet me with a mention of practice, a game or something basketball related. Players are working hard, learning skills, strategies, how to win (and lose) graciously, and how to be good teammates to each other. Many new friendships have blossomed and our players are feeling good about themselves and the hard work they are putting into learning how to play this great game.”

experiencing homelessness, there is a lot of uncertainty that can make kids worry. Being part of a supportive team helps them build confidence, focus on something positive and remain hopeful through a difficult time in their lives.

*Family Shelter Manager
Community Action*



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