

**Corvallis Men's Shelter
February Newsletter**



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WARM GREETINGS FROM THE SHELTER

The start of the year brought overcast skies, chilly temperatures and heavy seasonal rain. However, this winter has seen warm relations and a crowded calendar of events at the Shelter. Many thanks to the kind supporters of the Corvallis Men's Shelter. February was the first month in which we had every volunteer spot in the calendar filled. Several groups stepped up including the First Presbyterian, Peace Lutheran and Grace Lutheran congregations of Corvallis. Also, several events brightened things up at the Shelter. Many thanks to all those who helped make the start of the year a success and caring year.



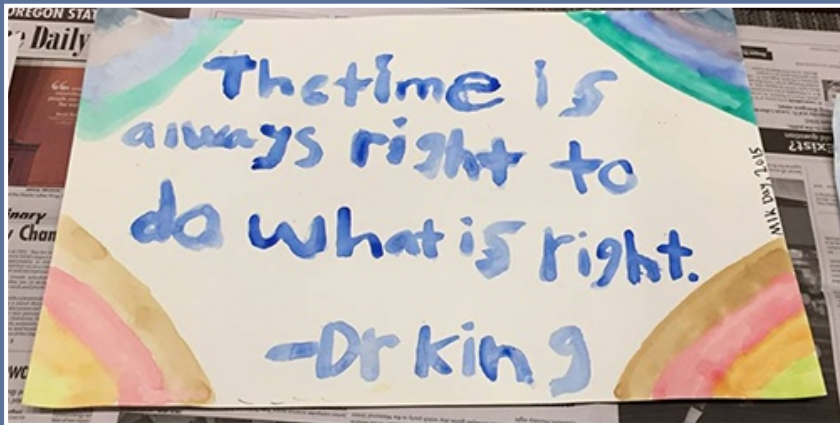
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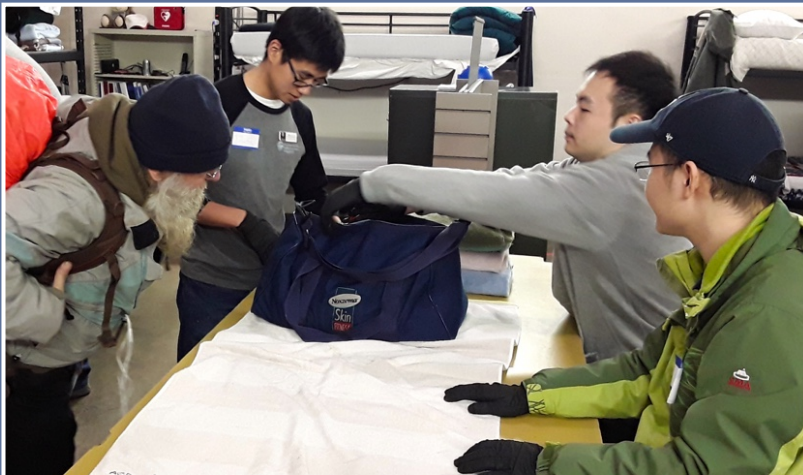
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS 24

The first ever Super Bowl Party was hosted at the Shelter. Staff members Kimb and Karen provided decorations, snacks, treats and cans of silly string. The fans of the first team to score were able to blast the other side's fans. A good time was had by all - but less so for San Francisco 49er fans.





Students from the OSU Community Engagement and Leadership (CEL) team visited the Shelter in celebration of MLK Day of Service. Students shared their time, energy and enthusiasm with staff and Guests. Thanks & please come again.



From the Gazette Times: “The compliments were flying Thursday as the Corvallis men’s cold weather homeless shelter held its annual Valentine’s Day party on Southeast Chapman Place. Host Virginia Sherry was on hand again, passing out boxed meals and good cheer on a cool, rainy evening in which shelter officials expected a full house of 50 or so guests. Sherry was dressed festively in a red cloak and matching hat. “God has asked me to do this,” said Virginia, 93, who worked a lot on homelessness issues in Salt Lake City before moving to the mid-valley to be closer to her son, Tom, and his wife, Annie. “It’s brought me more than anything else that I’ve ever done.” Tom and Annie were on hand as well.



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Breaking News

The Men’s Shelter Makes the News

OSU men's basketball: Strong effort leads Beavers to lopsided win
JESSE SOWA | Updated 13 hrs ago
The Utah run that anyone would have expected to materialize at some point Thursday night given the competitive nature of Pac-12 men's basketba...

Hampton on OSU sports: Physical play plagues Pac-12 women's hoops



Party at the shelter
Jim Day | Updated 36 min ago
“Thank you, ladies, that was delicious.”

Thanks to the Perry family for their generous contribution to the Shelter.

Thanks to Jim Day for the excellent coverage of the Valentine’s Event

Visit the Gazette Times to learn more



Tap the ICON (left) to visit the Gazette Times article.

Bake Sale

MADE WITH LOVE

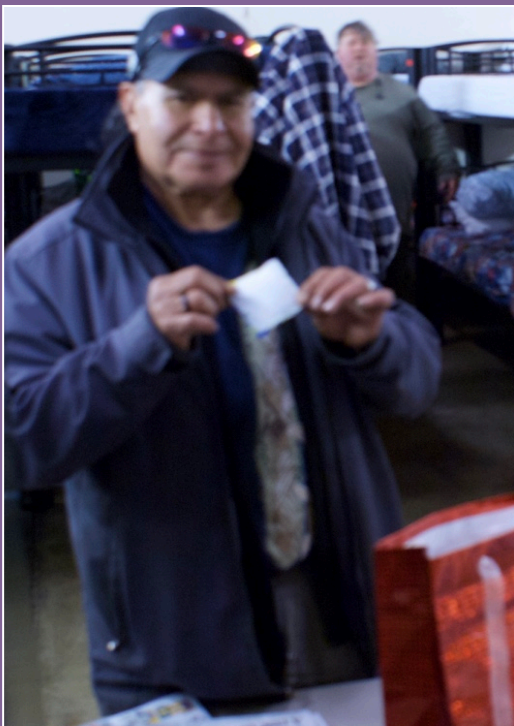
That is Eli Bernell team leader of Corvallis High School Bake Sale Team shaking hands with Shelter Manager Harry Reich. Over the course of a single weekend the team baked and sold 2,000 cookies and raised \$900. for the Shelter. CHS webpage tells us that the club: “Raises money for different organizations through bake sales.” Many thanks from your friends at the Shelter!



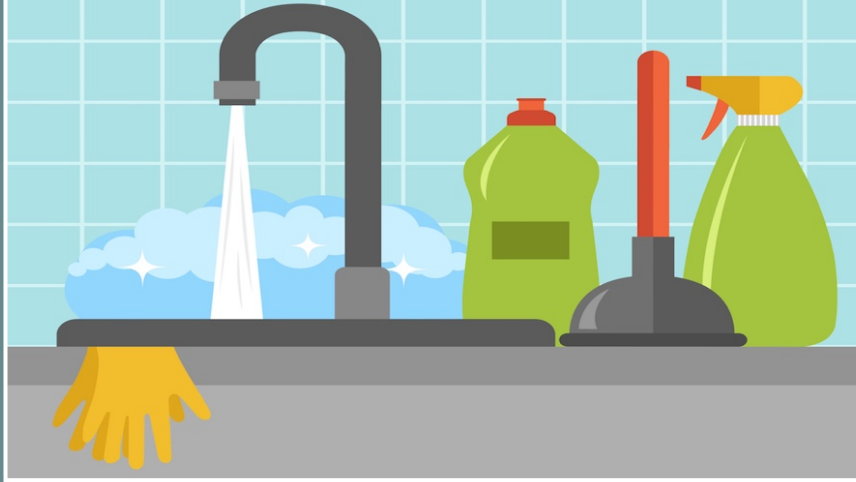
These lavender "dream pillows"
were made by middle school
students from
Linus Pauling Middle School.
they smell good
and help you sleep. ♡

Just briefly- as a middle school art teacher, I want my students to know that art matters- that beauty and deeper understanding and connection can happen through art. Each semester, we do several projects that connect us to the larger world. (It's so easy to be focused on only our own lives...) So for some years now, kids stitch lavender stuffed small pillows to gift to the men's and women's cold weather shelter, COI, CARDV and Lumina hospice. Lavender helps you sleep :) We have thoughtful conversations about each of these places we talk about the basic human needs of shelter and food and being cared for.

EVERY student through the years has ALWAYS been willing to do this work- which gives me such hope for our future. - - **With heART** Claudia Hall Linus Pauling Middle School



They threw in everything
(plus) the kitchen sink!



Much gratitude is owed to Shelter partners Corvallis Housing First and Community Services Consortium for sharing grant funds to purchase a new sink (garbage disposal.) base cabinets and counter top. These items make life so much for cleaning up and doing dishes. Pictured here volunteers Bonny Avery (left) and Annie Bowen (right) enjoying the new counter, sink, and garbage disposal. Shelter manager Harry Reich installed the new appliances. Students



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



in March

Volunteers are the heart of the Corvallis Men's Winter Homeless Shelter. We appreciate your time, energy, effort, and compassion to make the shelter a success and to make life more livable for those who do not have the safety, comfort, and stability of a place to live. With the season winding down it is important to provide comprehensive coverage for our Guests as they begin to prepare for the spring and summer seasons.

Volunteer opportunities include:

- team leader 5:30 pm - finished
- check-in (1) 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm
- bag checkers (1) 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm
- evening food servers (2) 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm
- staff backup (1) 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm
- overnight (1) 10:00 pm - 7:00 am

Visit [SignUp Genius](#) to volunteer.
Information available on the next page



Two Georges (Grosch & Mueller-Warrent) hard at work at the check-in desk.



Larry Weymouth stocking the 'fridge with donated food from 1st Alternative Co-op



Bob Hannigan shares a laugh with a Shelter Guest

Many hands come together to support the Shelter. Volunteer opportunities are available during the month of March. Visit SignUp Genius to select a job that suits you. Better yet, sign up a team and volunteer to cover a day or a week.



Here is a link to SignUp Genius: bit.ly/36G6R9b



A screenshot of a mobile browser displaying the SignUp Genius website. The browser's address bar shows "signupgenius.com". The website's navigation bar includes "SignUpGenius", "Features", "Pricing", "More", "Create a Sign Up", and "Log In". Below the navigation bar is a calendar for the year 2020, with "March '20" selected. The main content area features a photograph of a diverse group of people standing in a line with their arms around each other's shoulders. In the center of the group, a person holds a black sign with the words "HELP Needed!" written in white and pink chalk. At the bottom of the screenshot, there is a yellow hand icon with a blue signal icon above it, pointing towards the text "TAP to visit SignUp Genius".

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These items are especially appreciated during the cold weather season. Donations can be dropped off at the Shelter during open hours: Daily 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM plus 5:00 - 8:00 PM. A receipt for tax purposes (if desired) will accompany a letter of gratitude. A pick up can be arranged if necessary.



Corvallis Men's Shelter Basic Wish List

- Socks - think warm and cushiony or thermal!
- Underwear - various styles and sizes S-L (no white ones)
- Thermal underwear - tops and bottoms
- Long sleeve tee shirts - various sizes
- Sweatpants - various sizes
- Sweatshirts - various sizes
- Gloves - think warm and waterproof!
- Hats - think warm and waterproof!
- Rain jackets - various sizes
- Boots/shoes - gently used, various sizes
- Shoe Laces - heavy duty, assorted lengths
- Back packs or duffel bags - gently used
- Sleeping bags - gently used
- Coffee - regular and decaf
- Healthy cereal/granola bars or instant oatmeal packets
- Unsweetened cereals - large boxes/bags
- Ready to warm soups
- Disposable razors
- Shaving cream
- Hand sanitizer
- One-ply toilet tissue
- Paper towels
- Clorox wipes
- Non-latex (Nitrile) gloves, 5-7 mil. black
- Paper napkins
- Zip-lock freezer bags - quart and gallon size
- Batteries - assorted sizes
- Trash bags - assorted sizes
- Prepaid Visa Cards or gift cards to local stores where food and these items can be purchased

Donations of money for the shelter operations can be sent to the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Corvallis, 2945 NW Circle Boulevard, Corvallis OR 97330, attention: Corvallis Men's Shelter.

Major construction is complete up at the Shelter. The parking lot at the Shelter 211 SE Chapman Place across from the South First Alternative Co-op



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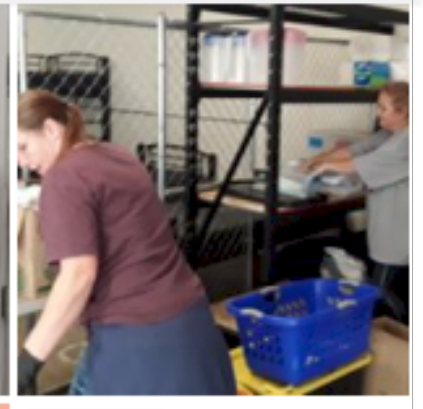
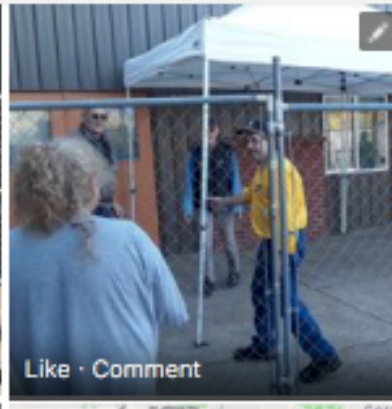
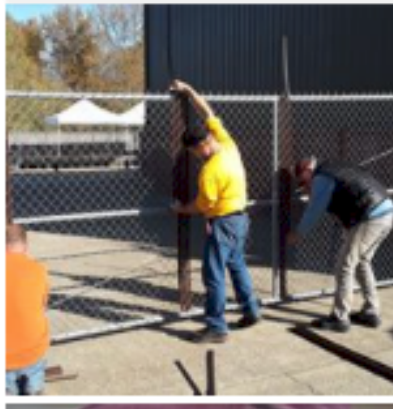
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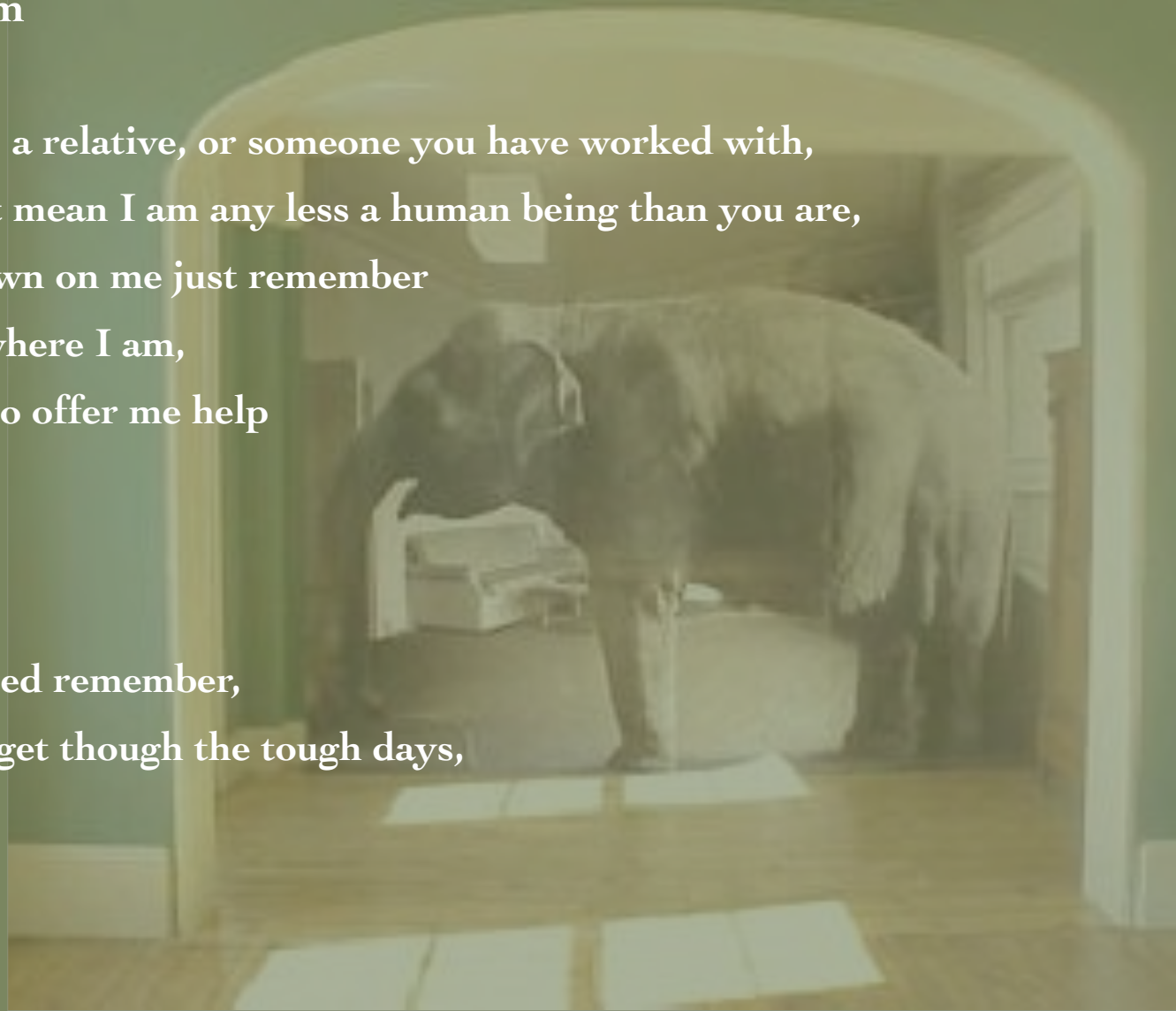


TAP the icon (right) to visit the Corvallis Men's Shelter Facebook Page and keep up with the latest news.



The Elephant In The Room

I am the elephant in the room,
I am your mother, father, daughter, a relative, or someone you have worked with,
Just because I am homeless doesn't mean I am any less a human being than you are,
When you walk by me and look down on me just remember
In a heartbeat... you can be right where I am,
Be kind and if you pass by me try to offer me help
I may need it,
I never expected to be here
But I try to make the best of it,
When you wake up in your warm bed remember,
I'm out there somewhere trying to get through the tough days,
I am the elephant in the room,
But I know you can see me,
All I ask for is a prayer,
Peace be with you all.



Terry Ickes, 2014 Former homeless man
Manchester, New Hampton

Corvallis city map to the Shelter

