

Corvallis Men's Shelter

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Newsletter



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The Corvallis Men's Shelter is operating as a Hygiene Center during the COVID 19/Coronavirus emergency, providing service to both men and women in need. Services includes showers, laundry, drinking water, sack lunches daily, hot dinner on Monday and Tuesday (5:30-6:30pm), and a hot lunch on Wednesday and Friday (11:30 am - 12:30 PM).

Additionally, help is available to persons seeking access to CARES Act support, health care assistance and social service connections. The Men's Shelter is grateful for support from local governmental, nonprofit and community partners in sustaining efforts to provide these services for those in need during the COVID pandemic.

Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday

1:00 – 6:30 PM

Saturday 1:00 – 6:00 PM

Sunday 10 am – 4:00 PM



A hand-washing station and Portajohn open 24 hours a day in front of the Shelter.



Staff, Guests, and volunteers must visit the hand washing station before entering.



Staff member Sean packing Grab N Go sack lunches.

With the extended season it is necessary to closely monitoring and restock supplies. Staff member Kimb, Marguerite (Corvallis Housing First), & friend of the Shelter Paul pitching in.



How can the public help? Material donations of supplies to support our operations: paper cups towels, napkins, and lunch bags, snacks bottled water and juice, plus hygiene supplies can be dropped at the Shelter during open hours or at the Corvallis Daytime Drop-in Center where they will be distributed. As always, donations of socks, **underwear**, and seasonally appropriate clothing are appreciated. Remember to follow COVID 19 safeguards (list below) for donation drop-offs: and plan your drop-off while you are out on essential errands.

- * Schedule a drop-off location and time.
- * Wash and sanitize your hands.
- * Wear protective mask and gloves.
- * Keep a safe distance from others.
- * Sanitize hard surfaces before sharing contents.

How can I donate to the Shelter?

Always help someone.
You might be the only one
that does.



Your past actions (on behalf of the Shelter) have helped make it an efficient and hospitable community where people come together to support its homeless population. Checks can be sent by mail – (not dropped off) at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Corvallis (UUFC) 2945 NW Circle Corvallis - 541-752-5218. The UUFC serves as the fiscal agent for the Shelter.

TAP icon (right) to visit our Facebook Page, to follow the latest Shelter news, plus use the **DONATE TO** button to support Shelter COVID 19 efforts.



The Men's Shelter and Hygiene Center is working with community partners: Room at the Inn - Women's Shelter, Corvallis Housing First (and SORT), Stone Soup, and the Corvallis Daytime Drop-In Center, to best ensure the safety and health of our homeless neighbors during the COVID 19 pandemic. More information follows about what is happening, and how you can help. Thanks





Room at the Inn Women's Shelter, hosted by First United Methodist Church is located at 12th & Jackson in Corvallis. The shelter is open to women 18 and older (no children or pets) 24 hours a day - seven days a week. In response to the COVID 19 pandemic our capacity has increased to 25 guests; this was achieved by moving beds into the main gym. Guests are provided three meals a day. Shelter staff hours have increased, and health and hygiene guidelines have changed to protect staff, guests and volunteers.

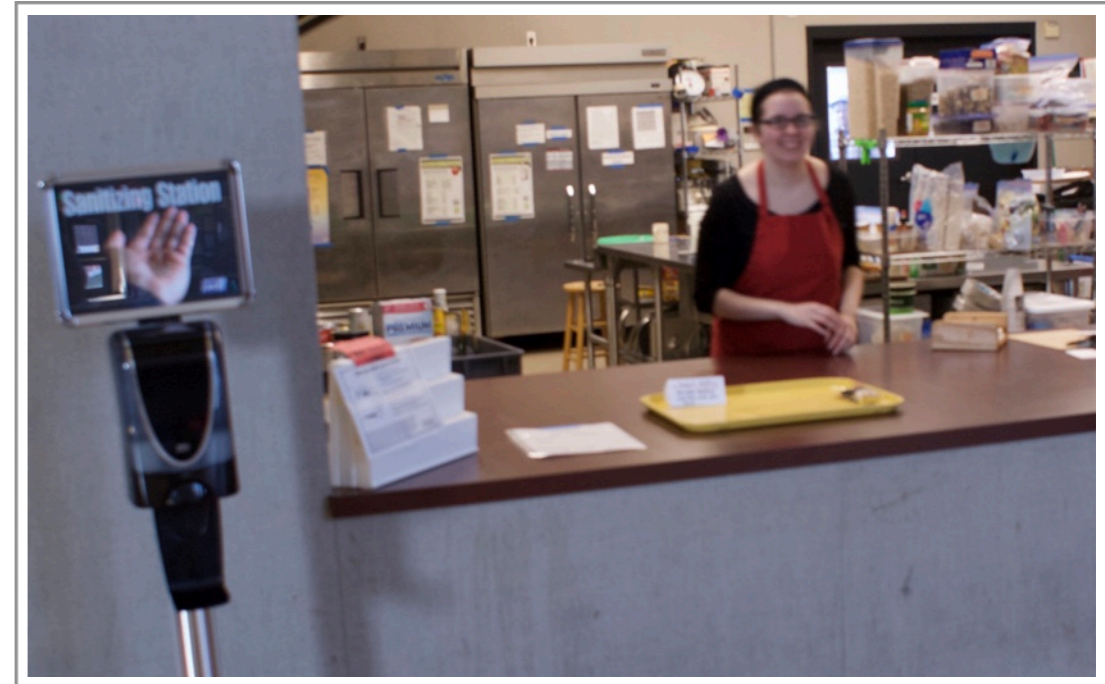
Volunteers: All volunteers must practice appropriate social distancing

(physical, actually) with anyone outside of their own household members. Volunteers must be under 60 with no chronic health issues. Our most urgent need is for people to help with meals and overnight shifts, where you can have no close contact with anyone else. Both settings are carefully sanitized and we will provide a clean sanitized cloth mask for you to use while at the shelter, or you can bring your own. To learn more about volunteer duties and shifts **TAP** on the SignUp Genius Logo (below)

For more information about Room at The Inn, please contact our shelter manager, Nohe Kahalewai, PHONE (541-231-2020) or Sara (541-231-6772).



Staff and volunteers at the Women's Shelter maintain a cheerful and colorful space. Sanitizing, hand washing, and safe distancing are part of the daily routine (practices).



How can I donate to Room At The Inn during this Pandemic?

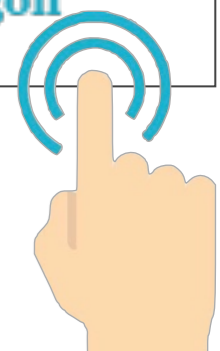
Write a check to FUMC with RATI in the memo line and mail it to:

FUMC - 1165 NW Monroe Ave - Corvallis, OR 97330

TAP to visit our website where RATI is listed as "Women's Shelter Fund".



TAP the icon (left) to follow what is happening at our FaceBook page.



Stone Soup Corvallis provides food to any person in need at four Corvallis locations (right) during scheduled hours.

Volunteers manage outside with sanitizing, hand washing stations & social distancing.

Three volunteers work inside shuttling meals for distribution and preparing drinks. Volunteers over 60 years of age are asked to Opt-Out of duty on-site - but are encouraged to help (from home) with accounting or marketing tasks.

How can You Help? Expenses have stretched the budget as we can no longer accept donations of food or produce, and are unable to cook meals while maintaining safe social distancing. Therefore we are fortunate to partner with Valley Catering to provide hot meals. You can help: please donate at our website stonesoupcorvallis.org or mail check to: Stone Soup Corvallis, Inc., PO Box 2381, Corvallis, OR 97339

Contact: email stonesouphelp@gmail.com

Phone: 541-752-6634 (personal phone, please use only for volunteers who are cancelling).

STONE SOUP CORVALLIS
AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER

FREE HOT MEALS

LINCOLN SCHOOL
110 SE Alexander Ave.

HYGIENE CENTER
211 SE CHAPMAN PL

FIRST CHRISTIAN
602 SW MADISON

ST. MARY'S
501 NW 25th ST

MONDAY
5:30 - 6:30 PM
ST. MARY'S
HYGIENE CENTER

TUESDAY
5:15 - 6:15 PM
LINCOLN SCHOOL
5:30 - 6:30 PM
FIRST CHRISTIAN

WEDNESDAY
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
ST. MARY'S
HYGIENE CENTER

THURSDAY
5:15 - 6:15 PM
LINCOLN SCHOOL
5:30 - 6:30 PM
ST. MARY'S
HYGIENE CENTER

FRIDAY
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
ST. MARY'S
HYGIENE CENTER

SATURDAY
10:00 - 11:00 AM
LINCOLN SCHOOL
FIRST CHRISTIAN

SUNDAY
5:30 - 6:30 PM
FIRST CHRISTIAN



Saturday, Stone Soup, at the First Christian Church served grab and go meals to hungry people out enjoying the sun. Hand washing and safe distancing were practiced by all involved.





Corvallis Housing First & SORT Street Outreach Team

Corvallis Housing First is a small but growing organization dedicated to providing support and housing to individuals experiencing homelessness in Corvallis. We currently operate three facilities that provide housing and support, and work with local agencies and shelters to provide

outreach and case management services. Following the philosophy of Housing First, we work to provide low-barrier, behavior-based housing without preconditions and barriers to entry, such as sobriety or treatment participation requirements. Our mission is to provide solutions for ending homelessness and achieving self-sufficiency. PHONE 541-230-1297

Volunteers: In partnership with the **SORT** team, **CHF** staff conduct outreach to people on the street and camping every Friday from 9-11am. We welcome volunteers to join us and provide training. Volunteers should be able to walk at least a mile with a 10-LB backpack. During the COVID crisis volunteers are needed to will help to build, place and maintain hand-cleaning stations to ensure access for proper and safe hygiene practices. People with tools and skill to design and construct hand-washing stations are needed. Training: Volunteers will receive on-the-job skills training and be accompanied by a SORT team leader while in the field. We also ask that volunteers complete Adult Mental Health First Aid training offered through Samaritan Health Service (samhealth.org/health-services/classes-and-events/m/e/mental-health-first-aid) and Trauma-Informed Care offered by the Benton County Health Department (Contact Kelly Locey for more information). Every effort will be made to practice, model and teach safe hygiene techniques including hand-washing and sanitizing. Contact: Chris Christopher.r.gray@co.benton.or.us PHONE: (541-740-0405)



Back before social distancing was a must, SORT team members shared healthy snacks inside the Corvallis Daytime Drop-In Center.

Below volunteers partner with the **SORT** team and **CHF** staff to conduct outreach to people on the street and camping. During the COVID 19 pandemic it is vital to maintain contact with and monitor the status of our homeless neighbors. SORT goes out every Friday from 9-11am.



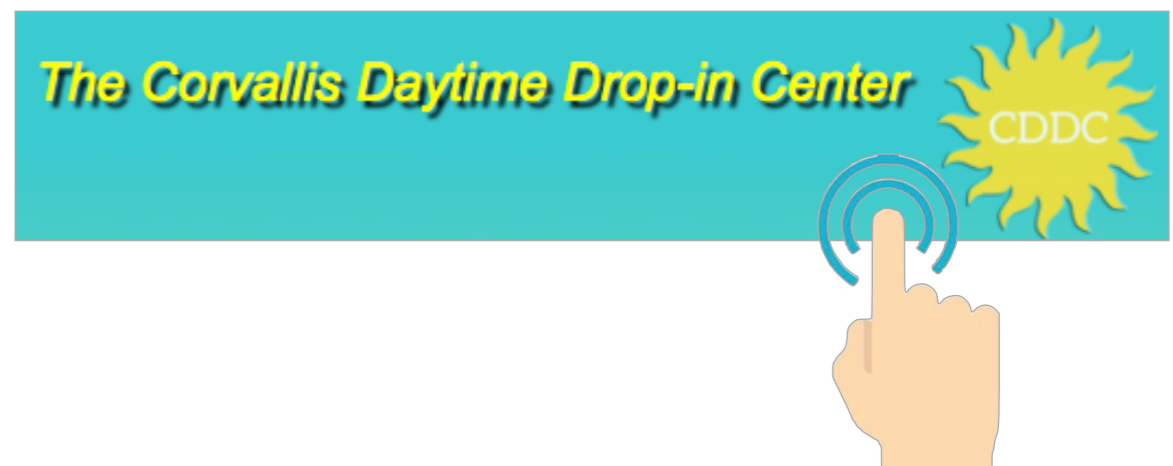


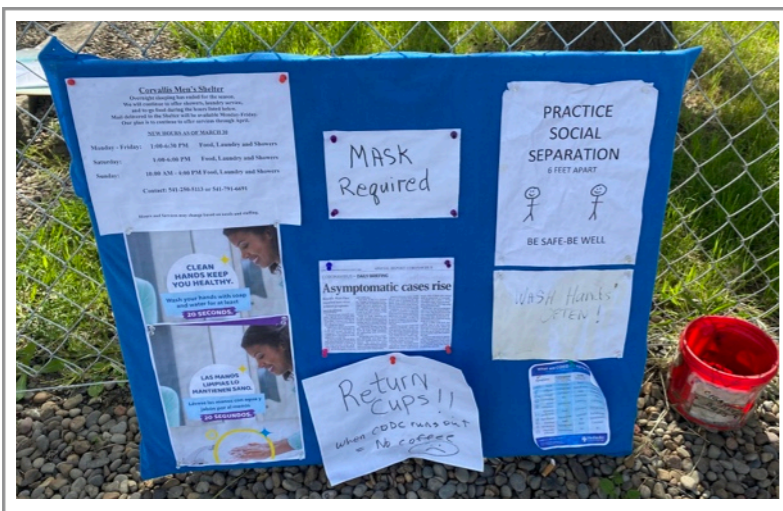
The **Corvallis Daytime Drop-in Center** (CDDC) is a vital service organization for people who are vulnerable, homeless, or in need. The CDDC's motto is "Where Needs Are Met," and the organization is a crucial resource hub for information, referral, and direct services for individuals experiencing poverty in our community. Beyond just meeting people's basic needs, the CDDC provides dignified assistance and advocacy, offers opportunities for building community and social networks, and supports individuals' welfare and rehabilitation across emergency, transitional, and ongoing life circumstances. Among other things, we provide mental and behavioral health support; physical health support; food security; employment support; and social community. We are deeply committed to culturally responsive services that enable health and social equity for people who are chronically marginalized due to systemic poverty.

How can I help? As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, the CDDC depends on the incredible donations of people like you. The generosity of our volunteers and donors makes it possible for us to keep our doors open and programs sustained month to month.

We accept monetary donations by check, credit card, and PayPal online. For other kinds of contributions, conversation with Aleita Hass-Holcombe, CDDC Board President, is welcomed. Thank you for your support!

TAP the icon (right) support CDDC efforts. .





The COVID19 crisis has made the CDDC an even more crucial resource hub for information, referral, and immediate support for individuals in our community experiencing homelessness. For some guests, CDDC is their primary source of news about the virus and current healthcare best practices, or a safe location where they can charge a phone and contact their case manager. For many folks right now, it is a comforting, dependable spot where they can count on a warm, morning cup of coffee and a healthy snack sack breakfast.

SUMMER HOURS: (9 am to 12 pm, June, July, & August)

WEBSITE: corvallisddc.org/home

PHONE: Aleita Hass-Holcombe for details, (541) 740- 3235

ADDRESS: 530 SW 4th Street Corvallis, Oregon 97330



Unity Shelter recognizes that there are nearly 1,000 men, women & children in our area who do not have a safe shelter to call home. We are determined to harness our love, concern & care to change that unacceptable fact. Through collaboration & teamwork we will demonstrate the "unity in our community" to help those in need.

PLEASE JOIN US!

need a place?



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Excerpts from
From June 5
Press Release on
unity shelter

A new Corvallis program, Unity Shelter, will serve as an umbrella organization for three local programs that serve the area's unhoused population. Current programs such as the Men's Shelter, SafePlace and Room at the Inn will fit under the Unity Shelter banner. Each of those programs will continue to have its own leadership team and staff, while Unity Shelter will provide the overarching fiscal and operational leadership and management. (continued on the next page)



Shawn Collins, program manager of the Men's Shelter in Corvallis, has been named the executive director of Unity

Shelter; Collins will continue his work at the Men's Shelter. The Rev. Jill McAllister, senior minister at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Corvallis, is the president of the board of directors. "Unity Shelter represents a unique opportunity to have a comprehensive approach to low-barrier shelter and transitional housing, to address the needs of men, women and families," said Collins. "Unity Shelter is being built on a foundation of partnerships," McAllister said. "Each of the programs forming Unity Shelter has a history of partnership and collaboration. Each has a history of community support, and each has committed and talented advisory groups of their own. While each is a bit different in their program operations, they have a shared commitment to ensuring their services are trauma-informed, and provide a safe environment for their guests, volunteers, staff and the community." Mike Moore, a member of the Unity Shelter board of directors, said: "The arch over 'us' in our logo is representative of the umbrella nature of our organization. It is also a symbol of our unity and inclusiveness. The corporate name, Unity Shelter, and the logo most succinctly communicate our mission and emphasize our desire to put unity in community."

TAP to learn more
about Unity Shelter

