

YCAP NEWSLETTER

Quarterly newsletter for Yamhill Community Action Partnership.

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FOOD BANK: New Refrigerated Truck Arrives Just in Time



The food box pictured on the truck above contains produce from local farms and is held by a YCAP employee. The photo was taken by a YCAP employee at Youngberg Hill, and we thank them for the use of their location for the photo shoot.

YCAP is pleased to announce the addition of a new refrigerated truck to the Food Bank! While the funds for the truck were raised in 2020, the delivery of the truck was delayed due to supply chain issues resulting from the pandemic. We are thrilled the truck has finally arrived and are excited to be able to use it for this season's Harvest2Home program. The Harvest2Home program brings local produce donated by area farmers and community gardens to families in need across Yamhill County.

With rising food and fuel prices, struggling families are finding it even more difficult to keep food on the table, and with potential food shortages on the horizon, YCAP will need to be creative in sourcing food to meet the demand. Donations to the Food Bank matter now more than ever! Rising food prices also impact YCAP's ability to purchase food, and rising fuel prices increase our costs to collect and distribute food to those in need. Please consider making a gift to the YCAP Food Bank with the enclosed envelope or by visiting yamhillcap.org, click on Donate, and designate your gift to the Food Bank. You can also use the QR code to the right to make your donation today.

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ENERGY ASSISTANCE: Introduces New Water Assistance Program

Based on the longstanding Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), the new temporary Low-Income Household Water Assistance (LIHWA) Program was established as part of the American Rescue Plan passed by Congress in 2021 to help low-income households with high water burdens and households who are disconnected, pending for disconnection, and who have arrearages, as well as those households who are current.

Household Unit Size	Annual Income	Monthly Income
1	\$29,344	\$2,445.33
2	\$38,373	\$3,197.75
3	\$47,402	\$3,950.17
4	\$56,430	\$4,702.50
5	\$65,459	\$5,454.92
6	\$74,488	\$6,207.33
7	\$76,181	\$6,348.42
8	\$77,874	\$6,489.50
Each Additional Member	\$1,692	\$141.00

Eligible households are those with household income at or below 60% State Median Income (see chart) and with service provided from an eligible water and/or wastewater utility. Households with water/wastewater service managed by their landlords or management companies may still be eligible for LIHWA Program assistance. Those households will require a landlord authorization form included with their application. All payments go directly to the utility.

As of April 1, 2022, the following providers are set-up with the YCAP water/sewer program: City of Amity, City of Carlton, City of Dayton, City of Dundee, City of Lafayette, City Of Sheridan, City of Willamina, and City of Yamhill. YCAP is working to add more providers so more households can participate in this new program.

Applications are processed on a first-come-first-served basis. Families in need can use the online Application Request Form at <http://yamhillcap.org/energy> or call (503) 687-1480 to request an application.

HOUSING STABILIZATION: New Housing Initiatives Update



YCAP's newest housing initiative, the Navigation Center, has a new name: AnyDoor Place. Architects are designing the new facility and deciding how best to utilize the two current YCAP shelters at that location while building new facilities between the shelters. Due to pandemic related delays, the timeline to open AnyDoor Place will be in 2023.

While the architects continue their work, YCAP is designing the vision, goals, and programs of AnyDoor Place. The vision of AnyDoor Place is to create a welcoming space for our unhoused neighbors to rest, connect to resources, and create a healthy community. We seek to create a new place for authenticity and conversation, to bring the wider community to the table and connect people to public benefits, health services, and permanent housing using a low-barrier, walk-in model to help people take a first step in accessing services.

AnyDoor Place is a natural extension of the YCAP's Coordinated Entry system, AnyDoor Yamhill, which has been operating for more than four years and is accessible on-line at AnyDoorYamhill.org and by phone at (503) 687-1494.

YCAP's other housing initiative, Turnkey Program of Yamhill, has now fully transitioned from the COVID Emergency Motel Shelter project to a partnership between YCAP, the Housing Authority of Yamhill County, and Providence Health & Services. Construction of new laundry facilities for program participants, ADA accessible rooms, and offices for on-site case managers has been completed. These changes along with other health and safety improvements create an environment at the Turnkey Program that helps individuals and families move from homelessness to permanent housing.

YOUTH OUTREACH: Helping Youth Connect to Supportive Families



The story you are about to read is not uncommon at Youth Outreach, and the program provides vital support to youth who are in crisis.

Amanda was 15 years old and staying with a friend after multiple altercations with her mother lead to Amanda getting kicked out of her home. The McMinnville Police Department was involved and referred Amanda and her mother to Youth Outreach for shelter and stabilization services.

The Youth Outreach Case Manager connected immediately with Amanda and placed her in a Host Home emergency shelter where she

stayed for 21 days. Amanda's father was absent due to reports of physical abuse, and Amanda reported that her mother was emotionally abusive, and she felt isolated and alone. Her mother was unwilling to allow Amanda back home and refused to follow-through on mental health services, though she insisted Amanda needed them.

While in shelter, the Youth Outreach Case Manager worked with community partners, including Juliette's House and Yamhill County Family and Youth, to connect Amanda to appropriate physical and mental health services.

Amanda's mother even refused to provide medication, clothes, belongings, or accept Amanda back home. After several contacts with the Department of Human Services, the Youth Outreach Case Manager connected with Amanda's adult sister and grandmother in another state. The Youth Outreach Case Manager made arrangements for Amanda to move in with her sister and for her sister to take guardianship.

Since the move, Amanda has excelled with the support of a caring family. She is receiving mental health services, attending school regularly, applying for jobs, and continues to stay connected with the Youth Outreach Case Manager who supported her in finding a safe, stable home that is free from abuse and neglect.

YCAP continues to follow the progress of youth for up to a year after we provide services to ensure the youth is still doing well and succeeding in their new environment. Because of the timely intervention of all the partners in this case, Amanda once again has a chance at a bright future.

THE MELT DOWN: Even Feta Than The Last!

The 2022 Melt Down was another cheesy success! For every sandwich purchased during the month of February, \$2 is donated to the YCAP Regional Food Bank. With help from our amazing event sponsors, 37 participating restaurants and businesses, and community supporters, a total of 10,275 sandwiches were purchased and over \$20,000 was raised for the Food Bank! Not only does our fundraiser support the Food Bank, it also benefits our local businesses and encourages some friendly competition!

The 2022 'Biggest Cheese' Award winners were: Grain Station, Wheel Division Winner with 969 sandwiches, The Diner, Wedge Division Winner with 810 sandwiches, Ribslayer, Slice Division Winner with 386 sandwiches, and Laughing Bean Bistro, the People's Choice Winner. Thank you to everyone for participating this year, you know what they say, all gouda things must come to an end, but we look forward to brie-ing it all back in 2023!



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Say “I Do” to making your special day a charitable one! Help the community fight hunger locally by adding the YCAP Regional Food Bank to your wedding registry.

Include the donation link below on your wedding registry to encourage your guests to share your joy with those in need. Donations will be used to help collect and distribute more than 2 million pounds of food to struggling families in Yamhill County.

To make a gift in your honor, guests should use this link: tinyurl.com/YCAPIDoFood or QR code: For an digital version of the QR code, please email TaylorD@yamhillcap.org



THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!



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