

YCAP NEWSLETTER

Quarterly Newsletter for Yamhill Community Action Partnership

■ Fall Edition 2023

FOOD BANK: You Can Feed Hope



After air and water, food is the most basic need for people, pets, and even plants. Because of this reality, it is no surprise that most people's refrigerators are filled with eggs, fruit, vegetables, milk, meat, and cheese and our home pantries packed with flour, oil, canned goods, and a variety of snacks. Between the two, we invest hundreds of dollars in our own mini-Food Bank to ensure we have what we need in our homes to create a variety of dishes that make us feel safe, comfortable, and warm.

Over Thanksgiving, this home larder often overflows onto kitchen countertops and dining room tables to dish up feasts for family and friends. As you prepare for this time-honored tradition of giving thanks for all you have, please take a moment to think of those who do not live with this daily bounty. They are the families who visit their local food pantry in hopes of finding eggs, milk and maybe peanut butter. They are the unhoused who seek warmth at a community meal site. They are the elderly living on a fixed income hoping they have enough food to last the month. They are your neighbors who had accidents and are unable to work. They are the people who depend on you.



To make a gift to support those in need, you can visit www.yamhillcap.org and click donate.

HOUSING: Volunteers Needed for Homeless Count



Held on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, the Point-in-Time (PIT) Count is a crucial census of individuals who are unhoused in Yamhill County. The PIT Count helps secure federal, state, and private funding while also determining the effectiveness of programs addressing the housing crisis.

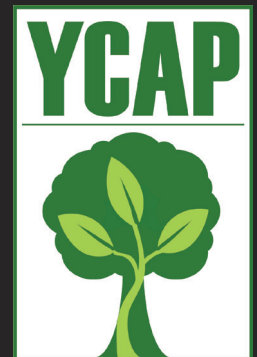
To conduct the countywide event, a combination of staff and volunteers are needed to establish count stations at drop-in sites and canvass the streets in each community. During the count, individuals who are unhoused receive survival supplies and food. If you are interested or know a group who would like to volunteer to help with this year's count on January 24th, please contact MarianaD@yamhillcap.org or call (503) 687-1474.

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HOUSING: AnyDoor Place Newberg Opening Soon



YCAP is thrilled to announce the new AnyDoor Place Newberg navigation center will be opening soon and brings with it enhanced resources for individuals and families experiencing homelessness in Newberg. The construction and land use process took patience and diligence, but the final result will be an expanded shelter with a day center and offices for on-site case managers and community partners.

These additional resources will help individuals and families move more quickly from homelessness into stable housing either directly or through partnership with YCAP's Turnkey Program. For families with simpler barriers, on-site YCAP case managers will be able to expedite their transition back into stable housing.

For individuals with more complex barriers, the future addition of office and meeting space will enable on-site partners to connect people to physical, mental, and behavioral health supports. If it is determined that an individual or family would benefit from a longer-term shelter placement, they can be referred into the Turnkey Program as space becomes available. By developing this continuum of services, individuals and families who need additional smaller steps to reach housing stability can keep moving forward.



Services available at AnyDoor Place will include:

- Resource bridging
- Bottomless coffee
- Snacks
- Laundry
- Toiletries & hygiene supplies
- Restrooms with showers
- Mobile device charging
- Telephone
- Mailing services
- Computer & internet access



YOUTH OUTREACH: Helping Youth Achieve Housing Stability



YCAP's Transitional Living Program (TLP) is focused on helping youth aged 18-24 transition successfully to stable housing, achieve independence, and thrive in life. Typically, this program has been funded by a Federal grant through the Department of Health and Human Services, but last year the government did not provide an opportunity to submit a proposal for renewing this support.

TLP is a very cost effective program that helps 16 Yamhill County youth each year who are experiencing homelessness through a shared apartment model of four youth per apartment. The program includes access to long-term shelter (up to 18 months) and essential social services such as life skills, counseling, education support, job readiness, and aftercare to ensure youth stay stably housed and employed after leaving the program. With a 75% success rate for youth who transition into stable housing, it provides a safe, effective, and youth focused alternative to night by night shelter. The cost of the program is approximately \$125,000 per year, and YCAP needs to raise \$50,000 to bridge the gap until the federal grant hopefully returns in 2024.

FEED HOPE 2023

During FEED HOPE, the community gathers shelf-stable food and funds for YCAP's Food Bank to deliver hope to families in need. Many local businesses will host food drives, and you can also participate at any of the locations listed below. For more information, email Taylor McLean-Down at TaylorD@yamhillcap.org. Don't forget to take part in the biggest giving day of the year! Giving Tuesday will be November 28th and a generous donor has provided a \$10,000 matching gift! To donate visit www.yamhillcap.org.



Now-December:
Safeway and
Albertsons in

McMinnville & Safeway in Newberg are selling Turkey Bucks & Santa Bucks to benefit YCAP! The bucks are conveniently located at their checkout.



Drop 15 pounds
the moment you
walk in the door!

Starting November 1st, McMinnville Excell Fitness will be collecting 15 lb. frozen turkeys and providing special offers to members. Their goal is to collect 2,000 lbs. of donated turkeys to share with those experiencing hunger in Yamhill County.

Ham Fam Fun Run



Thanksgiving Day, November 23rd at 9am. 5k run or 2k walk, no pre-registration required. Entry fee, \$6 or 3 cans of food. All proceeds benefit YCAP. Start & finish line: 333 NW 9th, McMinnville.



Food, Toy & Fund Drive

Saturday, December 2nd,
10am – 2pm at Grocery
Outlet & Bi-Mart in
McMinnville.

Stuff the Bus community partners:
McMinnville Fire Department and
The Delphian School.



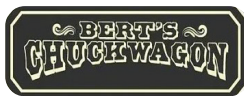
Friday, December 1st -
Sunday, December 3rd,
4pm – 8pm. Visit the
Holiday Lights Wine
Walk at Abbey Road Farm. \$5 for any
walker 5+. All proceeds benefit YCAP.
www.abbeyroadfarm.com/winewalk

Visit local wineries and businesses



between Thanksgiving
and the New Year for
a variety of promotions
that will give back to
the YCAP Food Bank.

<https://dundeehills.org/deck-the-hills/>



For every holiday
smoked turkey or
ham purchased at
Bert's Chuckwagon, one will be donated
to the YCAP Food Bank! Visit

<https://www.bertschuckwagon.com/> or
call (971) 261-9800 to place your order!

MHS Canned Food Drive

December 4th - December 20th

All food donations
are gifted to YCAP.
Go Grizzlies!



December 2nd,
10am - 5pm &
December 3rd,
12pm - 4pm,

Yamhill County Heritage Center.
Free entry with food donation.

SAVE THE DATE: Community Christmas Cantata Choir



The 2023 Community Christmas Cantata Choir is excited to announce their new production of "The King Is Here." This choral cantata presents its 37th season by blending narration with a collection of Christmas music in contemporary and traditional styles. This upbeat and moving presentation should appeal to most. All performances will be interpreted in American Sign Language (ASL).

Schedule is subject to change.
Please visit www.yamhillcap.org
after December 1st for updates
and schedule changes. In case of
inclement weather, please contact
the church on the day of the event.

- 12/3, Sunday, 4pm ~ Amity Christian Church
- 12/8, Friday, 7pm ~ First Presbyterian Church, McMinnville
- 12/9, Saturday, 3pm ~ Joyful Servant Lutheran Church, Newberg
- 12/10, Sunday, 5pm ~ Baker Creek Community Church, McMinnville
- 12/12, Tuesday, 7pm ~ Yamhill Christian Church
- 12/15, Friday, 7pm ~ First Baptist Church, Dayton
- 12/17, Sunday, 4pm ~ Seventh Day Adventist Church, McMinnville
- 12/21, Thursday, 7pm ~ St James Catholic Church, McMinnville

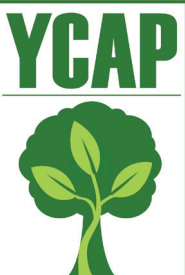
ENERGY SERVICES: Utility Assistance Success Story



A family reached out to Energy Assistance because their household's electricity, water, and sewer services were set to be shut off. Due to health issues, one spouse was unable to work, and the other had to leave her job to care for him full time. This household also has two young children as well as one infant. The loss of vital utility services represented a major health and safety risk for this young family.

Fortunately, the Energy team was able to assist with electric, water, and sewer balances, paying off their accounts and leaving them with sustaining credits to get them through this challenging time. When the client was notified, she expressed through tears of joy that she and her family were "So very grateful for all that YCAP does for the community" and were "Truly thankful to the Energy team for helping to keep our family's utility services active, which will ultimately provide safety, good health, and security for our home during these difficult times."

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!



Yamhill Community Action Partnership (YCAP):

Administrative Office/Drop Box Location
1317 NE Dustin Court
McMinnville, OR 97128
503-472-0457

YCAP is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Youth Outreach Centers:

Drop-In Hours: M-F 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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719 E First Street
Newberg, OR 97132
503-538-8023

YO Mac

335 NE Sixth Street
McMinnville, OR 97128
503-687-1481