

# YCAP NEWSLETTER

Quarterly newsletter for Yamhill Community Action Partnership.

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## FOOD BANK: Delivers Hope To Families In Need



Since YCAP's Food Bank distributes food to partner food pantries who serve the public, we do not always see or hear the stories of impact like we do with our other programs. Fortunately, the volunteers at the West Valley's Grand Sheramina Food Pantry in Sheridan recently shared with us a wonderful success story about a young couple that has been helped by their food pantry for many years.

For a long time, the young family had been without housing or employment, and they both struggled with addiction; however, recently the couple happily informed the volunteers at Grand Sheramina that they had worked hard to get clean and sober. With the caring, consistent support of the food pantry volunteers, the couple was able to find stability, jobs, and a "cute little rental" they now call home.

They thanked the volunteers who had been there for them in their time of need and are looking forward to the future! The dedication of donors and volunteers provided the ongoing food and support system this young couple needed to help them improve their lives.

**YCAP solicits feedback from food box recipients to ensure their needs are being met and that everyone is treated respectfully. One family recently wrote the following on their comment card:**

*"We greatly appreciate these generous food boxes. The vegetables are so fresh and beautiful. Can't wait to make a wonderful big green salad! The boxed/pkgd goods are awesome. Thank you!" – FBC*

To watch a food pantry in action on delivery day, scan the QR Code to the right with the camera on your phone.

If you cannot access the video with your phone, visit [www.tinyurl.com/YCAPVoices](http://www.tinyurl.com/YCAPVoices)

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## HOUSING STABILIZATION: Veteran Assistance

Recently, a single mother who was living in her car with her baby reached out to YCAP seeking shelter. Because she was a veteran, she was quickly referred into YCAP's Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) program due to her military service.

To help her and her baby right away, she was placed in a motel shelter and began working with her Case Manager to secure an apartment for her family. Fortunately, she was quickly approved for an apartment and has now moved-in! YCAP will continue to provide ongoing support during this time of transition.

YCAP has seen an increase in the number of veterans who need support through this program due to the pandemic, and a growing number of veterans are women. Female veterans are four times more likely to experience homelessness in comparison to their male counterparts, and a high percentage of veterans (29.9%) have disabilities which can make housing difficult to find and maintain. YCAP is committed to expanding our work with veterans to ensure that those who have served our country have the resources and support they need when they come home.



To listen to David tell his story, please scan the QR Code below with the camera on your phone.



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## COVID Rent and Energy Relief Appreciation

*“Dear YCAP, when I lost my job it was devastating to me and my family since they depend on me to provide them with a livable income. However, I reached out to YCAP for rental assistance seeing that I was not going to be able to pay rent on my own. Working with Janette, one of your wonderful and caring case managers, I was able to be placed on a wait list. I was more than thrilled the day that my family and I were contacted to receive rental assistance for it would mean that we could use my unemployment benefits to pay for items such as food and utilities and not become bankrupt. Thank you, YCAP, for saving me and my family from bankruptcy. You are doing an incredible work there and I pray that you continue to receive support so that you may assist other struggling families such as my own.” -CR*

**“The services rendered helped my family to reset in a major way. You kept us from homelessness. Thank you.”-Rhonda**

*“I live on my Social Security, so this was a huge help for me. I appreciate it.”-S.*

**“Thank you so much! Having a bilingual person who I can communicate is a great help b/c of the language barrier”- Jose**

*“You are a wonderful agency that has helped me and my father have heat. He is 85 w/cancer.” – RC*

**“You have been a blessing assisting with my energy bill. The process is simple. Thank you!” – Leslie**

*“Todo muy bien!! Gracias” - ER*

# FEED HOPE 2021

During FEED HOPE, the community gathers shelf-stable food and funds for YCAP's food bank to deliver hope to partner pantries and meal sites. Many businesses will also host internal food drives, such as Cascade Steel Rolling Mills Inc. and you can participate at any of the locations below. For more information, email Taylor McLean-Down at [TaylorD@yamhillcap.org](mailto:TaylorD@yamhillcap.org)

**YCAP Food + Fund Drive**  
**Saturday, December 4th**  
**Petco: 9 am – 3 am**

**Bi-Mart: 10 am – 4 am**  
Delphian Middle and High School students volunteering to collect shelf-stable food and funds for the Food Bank.



Drop 15 pounds the moment you walk in the door

at **Excell Fitness in McMinnville!** This location will be collecting 15 pound frozen turkeys and providing special offers to members. Their goal is to collect 2,000 pounds of donated turkeys to share with those who are hungry in Yamhill County.

**Safeway/Albertsons, McMinnville and Safeway, Newberg - Now through December** both stores are selling Turkey Bucks and Santa Bucks to benefit YCAP! The bucks are conveniently located at their checkout counters.

Let's  
**STUFF THE BUS**  
food, toys, funds

**Saturday, December 4th**  
**Saturday, December 11th**

Location: Walmart  
Time: 11 AM – 3 PM

**Ham Fam Fun Run - 9 am on Thanksgiving Day, November 25** 5k run or 2k walk. \$6 or 3 cans of food entry fee. All proceeds benefit YCAP. **Start and finish line: 333 NW 9th, McMinnville.** No pre-registration required.

**'Spirit of Giving' Food Drive at Cliff Creek Cellars**  
**Location: 214 E 1st. St, Newberg**  
**Dates: Nov. 26th - Dec. 19th**



**Now - December 31**  
Willamette Valley wineries team up to provide emergency food for our neighbors in need and support for fresh food programs through the Oregon Food Bank Network. Find out more at <https://willamettewines.com/willamette-cares-food-share/>



**During the month of December,** drop off your nonperishable, undamaged, unexpired, and labeled food items.



The MHS Canned Food Drive will take place **December 1 - 15,** with food items going to YCAP. Go Grizzlies!

## SAVE THE DATES: Community Cantata Choir Returns

The 2021 Community Cantata Choir is excited to announce their one-hour presentation of "Love Was A King". This choral cantata, presented in its 35th season, blends narration with a collection of Christmas music in contemporary and traditional styles. The upbeat and moving music should appeal to most tastes and ages. All performances will be interpreted in American Sign Language (ASL) for the hearing impaired.

Schedule is subject to change. Please visit [www.yamhillcap.org](http://www.yamhillcap.org) after December 1st for updates. In case of inclement weather, please contact the host Church on the day of the event.

- 12/5, Sun, 4 pm** ~ Christian Church, Amity
- 12/9, Thurs, 7 pm** ~ St. John Catholic Church, Yamhill
- 12/10, Fri, 7 pm** ~ First Baptist Church, Dayton
- 12/17, Friday, 7 pm** ~ Joyful Servant Lutheran Church, Newberg
- 12/19, Sun, 4 pm** ~ Seventh Day Adventist Church, McMinnville
- 12/20, Mon, 7 pm** ~ St. James Catholic Church, McMinnville

## YOUTH OUTREACH: Host Home Follow-up!

Thank you to the families who reached out and are currently in the process of being certified as a Host Home! YCAP does still need a few more Host Homes to ensure we can provide youth with a safe and warm place to stay as we work with them on long-term housing solutions.

*To learn more about Youth Outreach, scan the QR code with your phone!*



For questions or more information on how you can help, please contact the Youth Outreach Director, Amber Hansen-Moore, at [amberh@yamhillcap.org](mailto:amberh@yamhillcap.org) or 503-687-3185.



## THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!



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