

YCAP NEWSLETTER

Quarterly newsletter for Yamhill Community Action Partnership.

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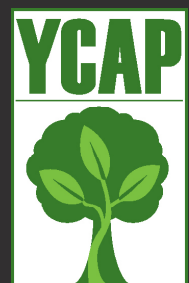
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WELCOMING ALEXANDRA HENDGEN

The YCAP Board of Directors is pleased to welcome Alexandra Hendgen, a dedicated and experienced non-profit professional, as YCAP's new Executive Director. As someone who grew up in Yamhill County, Alexandra understands the needs of the community and brings home with her the experience, education, and leadership skills needed to guide the YCAP team.

Alexandra began her career in nonprofit leadership as a Medical Case Manager for low-income families struggling with chemical dependency in Washington State. She quickly rose to become a Clinical Director at the Puget Sound Christian Clinic located in Seattle. As a Clinical Director, Alexandra gained experience working directly with at-risk and marginalized communities. Because



ENERGY & WEATHERIZATION

This past spring, the Energy & Weatherization Department completed services on the home of a senior citizen. With a broken furnace, the client had faced a home without heat as well as plumbing leaks and several air leaks. The Weatherization Assistance Program provided floor insulation, air leakage reduction, a new bath fan, and a new furnace. Our friends at the Housing Authority of Yamhill County replaced the roof and the gutters as well. The client left a kind voicemail for our staff stating "The work you do changes lives. You have forever changed mine for the better, and I thank you with all of my heart."

of her work and skill as Clinical Director, she was asked to step-up to the Executive Director position at the Puget Sound Christian Clinic in March 2016.

During YCAP's Executive Director search, the Board and YCAP management team agreed that Alexandra's combination of local knowledge, education, experience, personality, and drive were a perfect fit for YCAP! Even before Alexandra's official first day on May 20th, she showed her dedication to YCAP by taking a brief break from moving to thank community supporters at Raise the Barn!

Since her arrival, Alexandra has been visiting with staff and meeting key stakeholders in the community. During one YCAP staff gathering, Alexandra asked

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What is it that makes you show up, every day, for YCAP and for our clients?
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The staff answers ranged from deeply personal to beautiful stories of success and changing client's lives for the better. Alexandra's choice of this question is a true reflection of

how she keeps the work of YCAP and clients at the heart of all we do. When you see Alexandra in the community, please welcome her back home to Yamhill County and take the time to visit with her. She is looking forward to meeting all of you!

Many thanks to John Larsen, our Intirem Executive Director, for his steadfast leadership during this time of transition!



CREW CHIEFS



TRADESMAN

LOCATION



SPECIAL THANKS

- CHEF KYLE
- THE DINER CREW
- RNR CULINAIRE
- WALNUT CITY WINE WORKS
- ONE BAKERS JOURNEY
- MAC DADDY DONUTS
- APRIL BAKES
- BAD DOG BAKERY
- THE SAGE
- TIMMRECK & MCNICOL JEWELERS
- SOKOL BLOSSER
- ANDINA RESTAURANT

SPECIAL THANKS

- RUDDICK/WOOD
- CARLTON WINEMAKERS STUDIO
- FAIRSING VINEYARD
- J.L. KIFF VINEYARD
- TIPPY STAR CHEESECAKES
- ROMARINO OSTERIA ITALIANA
- COMMUNITY PLATE
- NW FRESH SEAFOOD
- FOOD SERVICES OF AMERICA
- VALLEY COMMISSARY
- EVEN PULL FARMS
- WEST WIND ORGANICS
- SAFeway MCMINNVILLE

THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS AND VOLUNTEERS



CLIENT SERVICES & HOUSING: Pedal Power Program

YCAP's Client Services and Housing Department brought together several YCAP staff to wash and repair bicycles for kids to give away at the 2019 Community Connect event. In total, sixteen bicycles were refurbished during this work party. As part of the Client Services and Housing Department's Pedal Power Program, the bicycles were collected from the Riverbend Landfill and repaired in YCAP's Spokehouse bicycle shop. Helmets were also given away with the bikes, promoting safe summer fun and great exercise opportunities.

In partnership with Waste Management, the Pedal Power program works year round to connect Yamhill County residents of all ages with free refurbished bicycles. These bikes are a great resource to community members who are seeking to obtain transportation to employment or simply access an opportunity for free exercise and recreation. The program relies on volunteer efforts by community members and could always use more support. If you have bicycle repair skills and a couple hours to volunteer, please contact us!



FOOD BANK: Shrinking Food Deserts

Reaching our most vulnerable neighbors in the food deserts of our county has been a priority of the Food Bank for many years. "Food deserts" are urban areas where the nearest grocery store is more than a mile away and in the rural areas more than 10 miles away. Adding to the issue is a lack of adequate transportation options to get to a grocery store, thus making it nearly impossible to access fresh and nutritious food on a consistent basis. According to the USDA, 19 million Americans live in food deserts.

Knowing the reality of food deserts in Yamhill County, our Food Bank team has developed delivery programs that help fill in the gaps for folks between receiving a 3-5 day emergency food box and meals at the congregate meal sites.

Our Food Bank staff and volunteers are on the road daily delivering fresh and frozen produce, shelf stable food and when available, perishables such as yogurt, milk and meat to folks in need. We fill in those food gaps in Dayton- Lafayette-Yamhill- Sheridan-Newberg and McMinnville.

Of course, we couldn't do this alone! Our Community Partners in the fight against hunger include:

The Yamhill City Fire Dept who have offered their parking lot as a distribution site every Thursday.

DHS allows us to set up tables on their sidewalk on the last Thursday of the month to aid people who



have exhausted their food stamp allotment.

The Housing Authority of Yamhill County shares their community rooms for our food distribution and freezer space to farmworkers and seniors.

The McMinnville Bookmobile sites enable us to hand out bags of fresh produce to kiddos visiting the weekly bookmobile.

Dayton Friday Nights offers us a spot in their town square on Friday nights to distribute fresh food.

Virginia Garcia health clinics provide space for weekly food distribution in Mac and Newberg.

The McMinnville Senior Center has a weekly turnout of over 200 folks every Wednesday during the summer months anxiously awaiting the weekly distribution.

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YOUTH SERVICES: ON YOUTH HOMELESSNESS

The majority of young people on the street are not there because they want to be. They are there because they have nowhere else to go. Runaway and homeless youth are often endangered, with the risk of victimization on the street increasing for youth who have been victims of abuse in the past. You might not realize a young person is homeless simply by passing them on the sidewalk, in the mall, or walking the halls of the local school. Homeless youth can be found camping in the woods, on a friend's couch, or in a temporary shelter. No one's experience is the same.

At Youth Outreach, we believe stable housing, permanent connections, education, and employment can help runaway and homeless youth establish a path out of risk & homelessness and onto a path promising a better life. Our outreach teams are out all around the county today connecting young people to our programs. We can help.

If you are a teen, or know one in need of shelter, call us at 1.866.538.8023. A caring person is there waiting to help 24/7/365 and it's free from anywhere.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

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