

YCAP NEWSLETTER

Quarterly newsletter for Yamhill Community Action Partnership.

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POINT IN TIME COUNT: #EveryoneCountsYamhill

Conducted on January 30th, 2019, YCAP Client Services and Housing Department completed another successful Point In Time (PIT) Homeless Count for Yamhill County. In providing a snapshot of homelessness year to year, the Homeless Count is a vital tool for understanding homelessness locally, implementing more effective programming & service delivery, and applying for funds to obtain more resources to use here in our county. Fifty three community volunteers and 25 YCAP staff/interns participated – some on street teams canvassing each community

in search of persons living unsheltered, while others worked in 13 Drop-in Sites around our county providing a warm space, supplies, and a meal. Additionally, community partners including school districts, social services agencies, and shelter personnel across the County surveyed homeless individuals, while many organizations (including businesses, churches, and Providence Hospital) collected survival supplies for the event itself. Private donors contributed funds for additional supplies, and First Transit once again offered a free transit day county wide. #EveryoneCountsYamhill!



WINGS & WAVES FEEDS HOPE

In the month of November Wings and Waves Waterpark hosted a phenomenal Food Drive for the YCAP Food Bank as a part of the Feed Hope campaign. The Wings and Waves team created an admissions discount for qualifying donations and shared the event on their social media to help promote participation from their patrons. Their efforts and dedication to help those in need in Yamhill County ended with an impactful 5,947 pounds of donated non-perishable items. This donation provided 4,955 meals to families in need. Thank you Wings and Waves for your dedication to the community!



“Thank you to everyone who supported us so generously in 2018! You are the reason YCAP can help those in need during these uncertain times. I invite you to continue to make a difference through volunteering your time, spreading the good news about YCAP’s work in the community, or joining us at this year’s Raise the Barn!”

-John Larsen, Interim Executive Director



CLIENT SERVICES: Counting Veterans in Yamhill County

In partnership with the McMinnville American Legion Women’s Auxiliary Club, the YCAP Client Services and Housing Department was able to secure a special Veteran site for the January 30th 2019 Point In Time Homeless Count. This site operated from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm and provided a full homemade meal, including turkey dinner, mashed potatoes, rolls, green beans and chocolate cake for veterans experiencing homelessness. The Legion’s Women’s Auxiliary group assembled backpacks full of essentials including hygiene items, cold weather gear, and first aid supplies to give to each Veteran that attended. Also available were survival supplies and a barber who provided haircuts to several veterans.

Part of the supportive services gathered together at the American Legion were Veteran service providers assembled there to make easy access on-site service connections with Veterans. These providers included the VA, Housing Authority, Veteran Service Officer and Veteran Services Outreach worker, WorkSource Veteran Representative, and YCAP’s Veteran Case Manager. Working with these providers, Veterans could sign up for housing opportunities, explore

their access to VA benefits, and make an appointment for ongoing employment supports. The veteran pictured to the right was able to connect to Worksource and discuss potential employment opportunities.

In addition to the regular Homeless Count survey form used with all homeless individuals, volunteers across Yamhill County also collected the contact information of Veterans who were encountered during the Count. Veterans identified in the Count will be contacted for housing and shelter services by YCAP’s Veteran Case Manager in the weeks following the Homeless Count. Many thanks to the McMinnville American Legion and all the Veteran service providers for making sure every Veteran counts! Their site was successful in providing a warm and welcoming space for Veterans experiencing homelessness.



“*Veterans identified in the Count will be contacted for housing and shelter services by YCAP’s Veteran Case Manager in the weeks following the Homeless Count.*”

Point In Time Homeless Count

Wednesday, January 30, 2019
#EveryoneCountsYamhill

County-Wide Free Transit Day
Yamhill County is striving to end homelessness and to better serve and assist those experiencing homelessness. Please take the anonymous survey and help us help you.

Are you: Living somewhere outside? Couch surfing?
Living with more than one family in a household?
Living in a vehicle? Living in a shelter or hotel?

How do I get counted? Call 211, visit a drop site or visit, YCAP or call YCAP at 503-687-1489.

Stop in at one of our drop in sites! Bus passes, food, socks and gloves, tarps, and other survival supplies.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amity Assembly of God: 310 Getchell Ave. 11-3, Meal Carlton First Baptist Church: 500 W Main St. 9-1, Snacks Dayton City Hall Annex: 416 Ferry St. 9-1, Snacks Dundee Community Center: 1026 OR HWY 99. 11-3, Meal Lafayette Community Center: 133 Adams St. 9-3, Snacks First Presbyterian McMinnville: 544 NE 2nd St. 9-2, Meal St. Barnabas Soup Kitchen McMinnville: 822 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth Outreach Newberg: 719 E First St. 8-2, Breakfast Bags Zion Lutheran Newberg: 301 S. River St. 12-4, Snacks River St. Church Newberg: 715 S. River St. 5-7:30, Meal Grand Sheramina Food Pantry: 120 N. Bridge St. 12-3, Snacks Willamina Library: 382 C. St. 1-4, Snacks Volunteer Sign! |
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If you have questions or would like to be involved, please contact Mandy.

THE MELT DOWN 2019: An Ooey Gooney Success!

The Melt Down once again brought foodies and restaurants together to raise funds for the YCAP Food Bank! Thank you everyone who participated. We especially want to thank our participating restaurants as well as The Melt Down sponsors!



One community member and Melt Down Participant shared their thoughts:



My husband and I ordered The Melt Down at one of the participating restaurants. As we sat there people trickled in and were ordering Melt Downs as well! It was great - by the time we left there were 12 or so people in this little venue, all of us eating Melt Downs, all of us from different backgrounds, all of us greatly enjoying the sandwich and the fun of the event. Best of all? We were all supporting the same cause. I look forward to next year!



FEED HOPE RECORD YEAR! \$103,000 Raised & 82,000 LBS of Food!



STUFF THE BUS!



\$7,353 Raised & 1,776 LBS of Food

COMMUNITY CANTATA CHOIR

32ND SEASON
\$20,432 Raised
1,115 Attendees



MCMINNVILLE HIGH SCHOOL



"LOVE CAN CONQUER"

\$11,223 Raised &
6,642 LBS of Food

Yamhill County businesses hosted over 100 food and fund drives for the 2018 Feed Hope Holiday Campaign.
THANK YOU!

RAISE THE BARN

A YCAP FUNDRAISER

Location Sponsor



Would you like to be a sponsor for Raise The Barn? Email Laverne Pitts at Lavernep@yamhillcap.org for more info!

SAVE THE DATE: RAISE THE BARN!

Raise The Barn 2019 planning is in full swing! We are excited to share that the beautiful Youngberg Hill Winery event space has been donated for this year's event! For the attendees, an open beer and wine bar will be available. Chef Kyle Christensen along with a crew of culinary artists will once again create an exciting and delicious dinner! McMinnville High School Seniors Mallory Mead and Myra Sandaval will be joining us with their musical talents on the guitar and vocals. In addition to a Raise The Paddle, there will be a silent and live auction including a luxury 7 day cruise for two on Holland America! Starting April 1st Visit www.Yamhillcap.org for ticket purchasing!

Crew Chief Sponsor



Neighbor Sponsors



HONORARY CHAIRS: Lee & Linda Schrepel

This year, Raise the Barn is starting a new tradition of celebrating the people in our community who go above and beyond for those in need. By recognizing their efforts at the annual event, we hope to inspire others to take action to make a difference! We are proud to announce the first Honorary Chairs of Raise the Barn are Lee and Linda Schrepel.

Lee and Linda are the Directors of the Community Cantata Choir and have led this wonderful group of volunteers for 29 years. Due to the Choir's tireless efforts, more than \$187,000 since 2004 has been

raised to support the YCAP Regional Food Bank and local food pantries. Because of the Community Cantata Choir, people in need in our community have food on their tables and thousands more have had their hearts uplifted by the Choir's beautiful performances.

As if that wasn't enough, there is yet another reason to celebrate the Schrepel's this year. The original Schrepel family farm, owned by Mark Schrepel and on which FruitHill operates, is reaching its Century Farm designation in 2019!



Please join us at Youngberg Hill on May 16th to honor Lee and Linda Schrepel and the efforts of the Community Cantata Choir who truly exemplify community spirit and help us all Raise the Barn!

ENERGY & WEATHERIZATION: Bringing warmth to those in need

The Energy and Weatherization team works diligently to meet every need that arises. In the cold of winter, the urgency is that much greater when we receive phone calls for Energy and Weatherization assistance.

In December a single parent came up via our wait list as the next to be contacted by our team. They shared that their mobile home had a leaky roof and no reliable source of heat. They had received energy assistance previously and had progressed to crisis payments.

The team assessed the situation and found that the Weatherization program could service the home by providing air sealing, mechanical ventilation as well as added floor and ceiling insulation. Most importantly, Weatherization installed a new roof package and high energy efficient heat pump just in time for the cold snap! During the process of this weatherization support, the client secured new employment, and they are very happy with the result!



This house is now a place I am happy to come home to, it is not a source of stress and worry. It will, however, take me a while to get used to being warm this winter.



FOOD BANK: Offering assistance to Sheridan FCI Employees

In January the warden of the local Sheridan Federal Prison reached out to YCAP around the time his employees faced their first missed paycheck. He was concerned about his employees being able to provide food to their families as they faced challenges during the government shut down and wanted to let them know what programs may be available. The YCAP Food Bank discussed the options available and responded by coordinating a delivery of food items to help the employees and their families during their time of hardship.

YCAP Food Bank Programs and Logistics Coordinator, Dave Rucker, drove the delivery truck to a location near the prison. The Food Bank truck was filled with pallets of packaged non-perishable items and fresh produce such as potatoes, onions, carrots, pears, apples and oranges. A team of Sheridan FCI employees waited for Dave's arrival



with their four large pick-up trucks. One employee brought his young son, who was eager to help get the boxes in the trucks and served as a huge help to the team. Brian, an FCI employee, shared the impact this delivery would have for his fellow employees and their families:



We've been worried, concerned, trying to figure out how to buy certain foods, pay rent, and purchase gas. This resource is a plus – now we can focus on the other problems. We have 125 families standing by for this specific delivery. A lot of them have children, and a lot of them have newborns. Our feelings right now are joyous, this is a relief for us.



YCAP was honored to be able to support the employees of Sheridan FCI during their time of need. We hope this time of hardship has passed given the reopening of the government, but we are always here to help if needed.



YOUTH SERVICES: Youth Outreach is Meeting Needs

At-risk youth, particularly runaway and homeless teens, benefit from programs that meet immediate needs first, and then help address other aspects of their lives.

At Youth Outreach, we work with young people in a number of ways: daily street outreach making meaningful, often critical connections; safety through emergency shelter and transitional living programs; practical life skills, peer support groups, and behavioral health counseling; targeted assessments and supportive wraparound case planning and implementation; educational and job readiness assistance in locating and keeping employment; and enrichment activities that help foster resiliency during tough times, while building permanent connections to the community.

All of this - coupled with youth empowerment through leadership opportunities - are just a few of our free services to young people in our county.

Because frankly, we believe youth homelessness is unacceptable. Don't you?

If you are a teen in need of shelter, or know a teen in need of shelter, call 1.866.538.8023. Someone from Youth Outreach is there waiting to help you. It's free from anywhere, 24/7/365.



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

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