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CHANGING LIVES.
STRENGTHENING OUR COMMUNITIES.

NEW GOALS AND A SENSE OF COMMUNITY

From Jeff Sargent, YCAP Executive Director



It has been an exciting four months as YCAP Executive Director. The whirlwind has included getting to know the marvelous staff, board of directors, volunteers and donors, exploring our facilities, delving into the over sixty federal and state grants we rely on, and meeting with social service agency leaders,

businesses and service clubs to introduce myself and reach out for partnership opportunities. Throughout my first month I also had the invaluable guidance of retiring Executive Director Lee Means.

And I am not the only new face to join YCAP in the past six months (see inside). On the fiscal side, we have been working rapidly to close out our fiscal year, which ended June 30th, and prepare for the annual audit. Fortunately, the organization is in good fiscal health thanks to our hard-working program staff and generous public supporters.

Earlier this year the YCAP Board held their annual retreat to update the strategic plan. They established three goals: to lead local solutions to end homelessness, build our resources, and improve our communications and outreach. We are committed to these goals and are exploring innovative new projects to expand services and meet our clients' needs.

At the root of homelessness is the significant lack of affordable housing in Yamhill County. In support of our first goal, a core group of local social service partners and I have been meeting to discuss solutions. In late September we will join the McMinnville City Council and City Manager to identify action we will take to make real progress.

In resource development and communications, we are planning a Newberg fundraising event for November. Our website will have more details soon. We are also working on several other website updates, and our vital holiday fund drive is just around the corner.

My wife Julia and I were drawn here nine years ago because of the strong and vibrant sense of community. What motivates

us to support YCAP, and is so inspiring to me about being a part of the organization now, is its mission: to advocate for and assist people toward self-sufficiency. It is a simple, memorable call to action, encouraging a "hand up" rather than a "hand out."

What have been among the most inspiring moments are those with our clients. I will never forget one day I visited the St. Barnabas Soup Kitchen. As I was walking back to my car a young woman asked if I worked there. I explained that I was with YCAP, and how we provide food for the kitchen. She shared that she had been clean for 107 days, and that the dining hall was a safe place she visited every week and had made new friends. She said, "If your work supports them, then I thank you." That is why we do what we do.

Thank you for your support of YCAP. I look forward to collaborating with you to strengthen our organization, build our resources, lead a community effort to improve access to affordable housing and offer a brighter future to our neighbors in need. Don't hesitate to share your ideas with me at jeffs@yamhillcap.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit www.YamhillCAP.org for event information

October 1: New program year start up for Energy Assistance

November 1: 50/50/60 • Help us raise \$50,000 and 50,000 lbs this holiday season

November 22: "Light the Fire" Celebration, Newberg

December: Enjoy one of the holiday performances by the Community Christmas Cantata Choir

December 1-15: First Federal Blanket and Book Drive

January 27: Point in Time Homeless count, volunteer opportunities

HOW WE'VE HELPED

ENERGY SERVICES



YCAP technicians Lara O'Brady and Jake Rehlinger

A single mother of three children applied for energy assistance to reconnect the natural gas in their home and avoid disconnection for electricity. She suffered the sudden departure of the main income earner, with no child support during difficult divorce proceedings. Family funds were running low. YCAP assisted with payments to both utilities and provided essential information about where to find local help for many other family needs.

FOOD BANK



June 16 Harvest2Home at Willakenzie

Our Harvest to Home/!Saludj partnership has taken fresh produce, nutritional information and garden vegetable plants to vineyard workers at four sites this summer, with plans to expand next year. We also received tons of fresh produce from generous farmers this year, including four pallets of blueberries, 2200 lbs of plums, and much more. These immediately go back out to our network of 30 pantries and soup kitchens throughout the county.

CLIENT SERVICES

We recently sheltered a woman with serious disabilities who had surgery and had been living in her car for some time. Her gratitude and motivation at receiving shelter was very rewarding. We also helped two families on the shelter wait list with paying their deposits. Both recently became employed and were able to pay their own rent. YCAP's assistance gave them the ability to afford to move in.



July 22 Harvest House Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Thanks to everyone who contributed to our much needed Harvest House renovations!

YOUTH OUTREACH

"Marie" was attending McMinnville High School and on track to graduate. She had grown up in the foster care system, and after several placements and abuse was finally adopted. However, after a rocky relationship with her adopted family, she found YCAP's Youth Outreach (YO) Transitional Living Program (TLP). She has thrived there while we continue to support her towards self-sufficiency. She now has three part-time jobs, with plans for college this fall.



TLP resident Chris with his High School GED just days before starting a full time job

THANK YOU!

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THESE BENEFIT EVENTS:

- Grocery Outlet's Independence from Hunger
- Soter Vineyard's Summer Solstice
- Ignitors Car Club - Valley View Air Show
- Livestock Auction supported by Rotary Club of McMinnville
- Dragging the Gut Festival
- The Diner's Sunday Supper series in McMinnville



50/50/60

November 1 - December 31, 2015

DONATE: 50,000 lbs & \$50,000 in 60 days to meet our community food needs

ESSENTIAL ITEMS INCLUDE BEANS, RICE, PASTA AND CANNED MEATS, FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

WELCOME TO YCAP! NEW EMPLOYEES SINCE MARCH 2015

Alaina Bergan

HR and Office Director

Meg Burgess-Hull

Client Services Case Manager

Jason Dowd

Rural Case Manager, Youth Outreach

Mandy Gawf

Client Services Coordinator

Anna Grimaldo

Receptionist

Diane Longaker

Food Bank Resource Development

Coordinator

Martha Penhall

Food Bank Manager

Jake Rehlinger

Energy Educator, Weatherization Tech

Jeff Sargent

Executive Director

Nena Urciel-King

Client Service Case Manager

Christeena Whitfield

Finance Director

Kristofer Zirkel

Food Bank Driver

HOW WE'VE HELPED
JULY 2014 - JUNE 2015

133

ADULTS & CHILDREN used SHELTER services



1,511

households got EMERGENCY FUEL OR UTILITY PAYMENTS



1.35

MILLION lbs. of FOOD DISTRIBUTED



987

YOUTH received 3 OR MORE Youth Outreach SERVICES



YCAP BOARD OF DIRECTORS

YCAP welcomes our newest Board member, Arlene Worden of MV Advancements

I moved to Salem, Oregon from Iowa in 1976 for a job at the Fairview Training Center. I had no experience working with the developmentally disabled, but got hooked on it. I was transferred to McMinnville in 1999 to manage a group home, and fell in love with the community. In Oct. 2007 I was hired by Mid-Valley Rehabilitation to be the Residential Division Manager. I am excited and honored to join the YCAP Board, in hopes that I can give back to a wonderful community that has given our clients and me so much.





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about YCAP

Yamhill Community Action Partnership is Yamhill County's largest nonprofit organization.

Since 1980 we have been providing low-income residents with food, housing assistance, youth outreach and energy and weatherization services. Our mission is to be advocates for those in need and to assist people in our community toward self-sufficiency.

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OUR MISSION:

Advocating for and assisting persons toward self-sufficiency.

GET INVOLVED

Interested in running a food drive or volunteering?
Contact Diane Longaker at dianel@yamhillcap.org.

DONATE

To donate time, money, services or materials,
please contact Jeff Sargent at jeffs@yamhillcap.org.

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