

YCAP NEWSLETTER

Quarterly Newsletter for Yamhill Community Action Partnership

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YOUTH OUTREACH: YO Mac Grand Opening

In November, YCAP started work on the long-awaited McMinnville Youth Outreach Drop-In Center. The new YO Mac is centrally located close to McMinnville High School, the Community Center and other social services. Yamhill County Health and Human Services provided the location as an in-kind donation, and more than \$300,000 was secured in grants to support both the renovation as well as the first year of operations. Youth Outreach has hired new staff for the McMinnville site and is planning to partner with local colleges for interns.

You are invited to attend the official Grand Opening event! Please see the invitation below for date, time and location information:

**YOUTH OUTREACH
MCMINNVILLE (YO MAC)
COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE**

**335 NE 6th Street, McMinnville
Thursday, April 6, 2023
5PM - 7PM**

Join us for the Community Open House to celebrate and learn about the new YCAP Youth Services Drop-In Center in McMinnville.

This event is open to the public and includes a presentation on the services available at the new location, introduction of staff, and an opportunity for Q&A.

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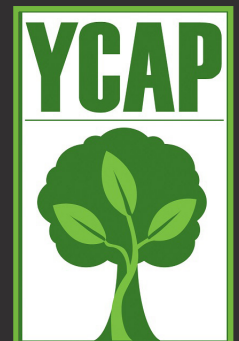
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ENERGY SERVICES: Higher Income Energy Assistance Available



The COVID Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) is available now through September 30, 2023.

Assistance is available to PGE households whose income is less than 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI). This program has a higher income threshold than other energy assistance programs, but eligibility for CEAP requires a “COVID impact.” Examples of COVID impact are loss of employment, reduction or loss of income, or adverse health conditions due to COVID. These examples are not an exhaustive list of possible COVID impacts.

As this program is separate and distinct from other existing energy assistance programs, a household may receive these funds in addition to any previous funding. Priority status may be given to households with no power, medical equipment or a shut-off notice. Applications are processed on a first-come-first-served basis.

The Application Request Form for assistance is available online at <http://yamhillcap.org/energy>. Applicants may also call 503-687-1480 to request an application to be mailed.

FOOD BANK: The 2023 Melt Down



The 2023 Melt Down was even cheddar than the last! For every sandwich purchased during the month of February, \$2 is donated to the YCAP Regional Food Bank. With help from amazing event sponsors, 41 participating businesses, and community supporters, 12,228

sandwiches were sold and more than \$24,088 was raised for the Food Bank! Not only does this fundraiser support the Food Bank, it also benefits our local businesses and encourages some friendly competition as they grilled their way to win the coveted “Biggest Cheese” Awards.

The 2023 award winners are:

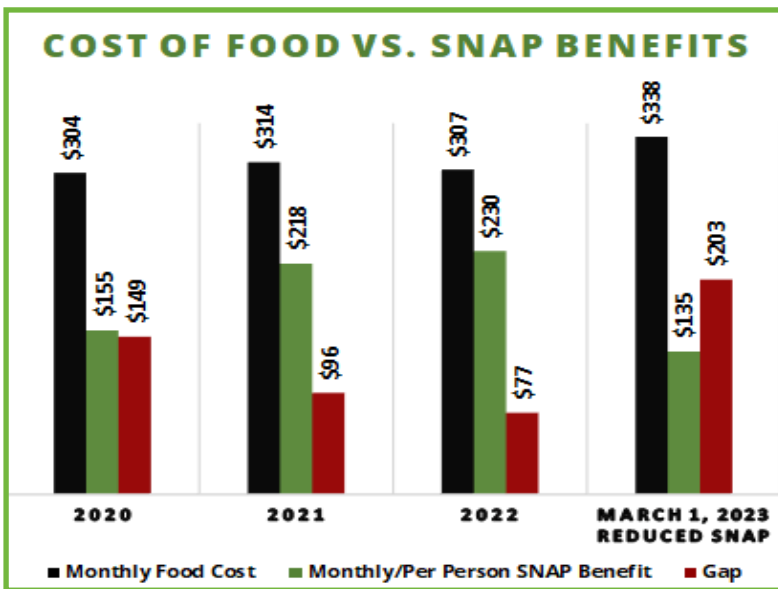
Golden Valley Brewery, Wheel Division Winner with 846 sandwiches,
The Diner, Wedge Division Winner with 919 sandwiches,
Taste of the World, Slice Division Winner with 450 sandwiches,
and ...
Social Goods, People’s Choice Winner with 287 sandwiches.

Thank you to everyone for participating this year, you know what they say... All gouda things must come to an end, but we look forward to brie-ing it all back in 2024!



FOOD BANK: COVID SNAP Benefits End

As a result of COVID-19, in 2020, Congress passed the Families First Coronavirus Response Act to temporarily boost SNAP benefits, formerly known as food stamps, to help low-income individuals and families survive the hardships of the pandemic.



These SNAP emergency allotments, were set to expire when the pandemic was over, and they ended nationwide at the end of February 2023. With this change, the average individual will receive about \$95 a month less in SNAP benefits, even as inflation remains high. You can help these families in need by supporting the YCAP Food Bank to ensure we can reduce the gap.

One energy client already reached out for additional food support stating, *“Thank you very much. I need to know about a food bank since they cut my food stamps, I get \$20 a month.”* ~ LJB

HOUSING: Removing Barriers to Housing



You may sometimes wonder how YCAP helps individuals and families move from homelessness into housing. This path is rarely straightforward, and it is different for everyone we help. While lack of financial resources plays a significant role, other barriers to housing can be just as important.

For example, women fleeing domestic violence often do not have access to past rental histories which can result in their being denied an apartment even if they have a good paying job.

Veterans can be unaware of the resources which they earned through their service. For many, a lack of current identification bars access to steady jobs, apartments, and other services.

In addition to these hurdles, some individuals can have more complex barriers such as physical or mental health, disability, substance use, and justice involvement. YCAP case managers work with individuals and families to assess their barriers to stable housing and then develop a plan with them to move forward. The services required may be offered by a partner agency instead of YCAP. In these situations, the case manager will make referrals to those particular agencies while continuing to work with the families. The transition of YCAP shelters to navigation centers will enable case managers and partner agencies to work more closely with people who are unhoused and start to replicate the successful work of the Turnkey Program at two more locations.

FOOD BANK: Thank You Business Donors

As a result of the economic strains of COVID-19, YCAP has experienced massive growth across all programs, with measurable increased demand on the Regional Food Bank.

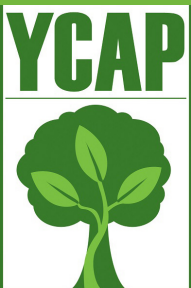
Local and regional businesses have stepped up this year to help fill the gap. Over the holidays, Cascade Steel Rolling Mills hosted a fundraiser in which they doubled their 2021 donations. Their parent company, Schnitzer Steel Industries, has also committed to matching their gift.

The YCAP Food Bank would also like to recognize Safeway and the Albertsons Companies Foundation for their incredibly generous gifts, totaling more than \$25,000 through their Nourishing Neighbors campaign over the last year.

A big THANK YOU
to all our donors
that helped to
“Refill the Freezer.”



THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!



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