

YCAP NEWSLETTER

Quarterly newsletter for Yamhill Community Action Partnership.

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HOUSING STABILIZATION: Turnkey Program of Yamhill



As you know, since March 2020, YCAP has been running a successful emergency Motel Shelter Project that as of June 30, 2021 has helped more than 220 adults and 46 children move from homelessness to housing. Of those enrolled in the program, 108 had been homeless for over a year, 95 were seniors, and 100% of the households served had someone with a chronic health condition.

Knowing that funding for emergency motel sheltering would not last forever and seeing the incredible impact of this project, YCAP took the lead to apply to be part of Project Turnkey, an initiative managed by the Oregon Community Foundation (OCF) and funded by the Oregon Legislature. The goal of Project Turnkey is to purchase motels and transition them to housing for families experiencing homelessness. YCAP then reached out to long-time partner Providence Health & Services to own and manage the property;

Providence agreed and purchased the property in June with the OCF grant funds. Providence will eventually transition the motel to be part of their permanent supportive housing network, bringing another 55 units of low-income housing into Yamhill County.

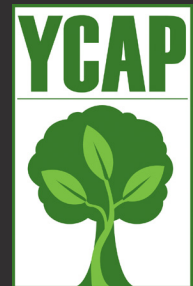
“YCAP’s motel sheltering project has been phenomenally successful at keeping people safe and moving them on to permanent, stable housing. The purchase of a motel through Project Turnkey is our community’s opportunity to make this good work permanent, as we work towards a county where homelessness is brief and rare. Our most vulnerable residents will be safer and healthier because of this investment. Thank you, YCAP!” – Yamhill County Commissioner Casey Kulla

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Thank you to Turnkey funding partners!

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HOUSING STABILIZATION: Strategic Partnerships



Because of YCAP's partnership with Providence, during the next three to

five years, YCAP will be able to continue housing families experiencing homelessness while working with them to take the steps necessary to secure permanent housing. YCAP's dedicated and experienced team of case managers and street outreach staff work closely with families to help them overcome barriers to housing. They will

continue to provide residents of the motel the case management, food boxes, and other supports that have helped move 77% of families housed in the motels from homelessness to housing. The work at the motel will integrate seamlessly into the new landscape of homeless services in our community that includes YCAP's successful initiatives of the Shelter Collaborative, Coordinated Entry, Food Bank boxes, Built for Zero, etc. If you would like to read more about these programs, both the News-Register and Oregon Public Broadcasting have published stories on the impact they are making for families experiencing homelessness.

FOOD BANK: Thank You!

In 2020, the YCAP Food Bank received and distributed a record 2.6 million pounds of food, a 20% increase from 2019! As the year wore on, the Food Bank's aging equipment began to break down under this heavy strain. YCAP's forklift, a critical piece of equipment, was in need of constant, expensive repairs, and it had to be replaced as soon as possible.

Fortunately, the Austin Family Foundation and a generous anonymous Oregon Community Foundation donor from Eugene answered our call for help! They supplied the funding needed to replace the aging forklift with YCAP's FIRST brand new forklift. Isn't it pretty!

YCAP is now in need of three electric pallet jacks to replace the manual pallet jacks that saw extensive use during the last year, and the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon has already stepped up to purchase one! The Food Bank is incredibly grateful to all of the donors who help provide the support needed to keep quality, nutritious food being delivered to those in need.



YOUTH OUTREACH: Host Home Families Needed



Are you a soon to be empty-nester? Do you have a guestroom that is rarely

used? If so, you could help a youth in need in Yamhill County! Due to COVID-19, YCAP's number of Host Homes has declined over the last year, and the need is increasing. This year, eight homeless youth in Yamhill County have already been helped by a Youth Outreach Host Home family, which is double a typical year.

If you become a Host Home family, you would provide temporary, emergency shelter of up to 21 days for an 11 to 17 year old youth who is homeless in Yamhill County.

By opening up your warm and caring home, you would provide our case managers time to work with youth on finding a safe, more permanent housing situation, as well as address other issues and concerns the youth may be facing.

Host Home applicants are required to pass background checks and provide biographical information as well as participate in training and support meetings quarterly. Once certified, applicants will receive a small monthly stipend and a nightly allowance when sheltering youth. Youth who are placed in a Host Home are screened, and YCAP staff is always available to provide support. For questions or more information on how you can help, please contact the youth director, **Amber Hansen-Moore** at amberh@yamhillcap.org or **503-687-3185**.

ENERGY AND WEATHERIZATION: Funding Available

If you know someone who is struggling with their energy bills, please have them reach out to YCAP's newly expanded Energy Services staff at **503-687-1480**.

YCAP is pleased to introduce Jen Skinner, the new Energy Assistance Coordinator. Over the last two months, the Energy Assistance program has doubled in size and added two additional bilingual staff members.

Jen now leads a team of six to help process Energy applications more quickly and reduce the amount of time it takes for low-income families to get the help they need.



We want to make sure anyone who needs help paying their energy bills knows they can turn to YCAP, and you can help by spreading the word to those in need. For more information on program eligibility and to complete an online request form, visit <http://yamhillcap.org/energy>

THE BLUEBERRY PROJECT

Each year, the youth at Youth Outreach participate in the summer entrepreneurial program – the Blueberry Project! By participating, youth gain valuable work experience while earning some summer income in a fun community supported project. A lot of local kids over the years have picked blueberries and used that experience as they transition to college and full-time jobs. This year's crop was a sweet example of how working together can produce delicious results.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!



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