

Volunteer News

WINTER 2010: Issue 36

Christmas Dinner

Held at YWCA

Downtown Center

1111 SW 10th Avenue

Saturday, December 25th

12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP Information

To get your name on the list,
please call the:

Christmas Volunteer Hotline
503-255-7611

Online sign up:

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A POTLUCK CHRISTMAS DINNER

Our 17th Annual Christmas Dinner will be held on Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25th, at the YWCA of Greater Portland, 1111 SW 10th Avenue. This will be the 15th time the YWCA has been our co-host for this popular event.

Last year we served 850 guests!

As always, guests will feast on a turkey dinner with all the trimmings and wonderful desserts. They will receive socks filled by Cathedral School students with a variety of goodies. Gifts from Fred Meyer Volunteers will include an assortment of gloves, blankets, hats, and scarves. Implus Footcare is providing a discount rate so that each guest can receive a pair of Little Hotties hand warmers.

Guests can make a free Christmas phone call using cell phones provided by volunteers, and can have their photos taken with Santa. Throughout the three hours of the dinner, guests and volunteers will enjoy the sweet sounds of local jazz musicians who are so generous to play for us year after year, putting us in the holiday spirit.

Our major supporters

Major supporters of the Christmas Dinner include West Coast Productions and Peter Corvallis Productions, which donate most of the rental equipment needed for our banquet. Sherman Clay Pianos donates the grand piano on which the musicians play holiday tunes. For the third year, sound equipment will be provided by Dave Craft of Shaka Sound, Inc. The Hilton Hotel and Doubletree Hotel donate much of the food we serve. And, Loaves and Fishes allows us use of both their Central and Elm Ct. kitchens for food preparation.



At Christmas Dinner 2009, Mary Hunger and Peggy Reuler greeted Roger Olson, who we hadn't seen for about two years. As Roger recently passed away, this was our chance to say good-bye. (see next page)

Advance Sign-up needed for Christmas Volunteers

Don't miss this opportunity to join the Potluck Family on Christmas Day.

Of course, this event would not exist without the volunteers who help prepare the food, who come on Christmas Eve day and transform the YWCA's gym into a holiday dining room, who serve the meal, and who clean up.

Helping out at our annual Christmas Dinner is one of the most popular volunteer activities at Potluck. Therefore, it's important to sign up as soon as possible to get your name and the names of any members of your group on our list.

Once you have gone through advance registration, our volunteer coordinator for the event will call you to confirm your registration. Please have ready the names of everyone in your volunteer party.

We have volunteer needs before and after the dinner.

On Friday, December 24th, we need help decorating the gym and setting up the tables at the YWCA. After the meal on the 25th, we need your help cleaning up and putting away the furniture: there will be clean up shifts from 3pm to 5pm, and from 5pm to 7pm.

If you are interested in helping with food preparation prior to Christmas Day, such as roasting and carving turkeys and making dressing, please leave a message on the Christmas Volunteer Hotline: 503-255-7611.

WINTER WARM⁴ CONCERT

A holiday concert to benefit Potluck in the Park

The Cat came back! Tom Grant and Friends return



For the fourth year, renowned jazz pianist and recording artist, Tom Grant, organized a benefit concert on December 5th to raise money for Potluck in the Park. The event featured a light supper, silent and live auctions and the concert.

The Acadian Ballroom, the food and the service were again donated by Ronda and Eric Barton.

Steve DeAngelo, DeAngelo's Catering, conducted the live auction and paddle raiser. Steve has been a long-time supporter of Potluck and we are very grateful for his help.

We gratefully acknowledge the generous support of our sponsors: The Acadian Ballroom, Association of Catering and Event Professionals (ACEP), Comcast, K103, and KTVA Productions.

Please visit www.potluckinthepark.org after January 1st, for a complete list of Winter Warm⁴ Donors and Volunteers!

We warmly thank the musicians: Jesse Marquez, Marilyn Keller, Ray Bushbaum, Toni Lincoln, Shelly Rudolph, Jackie Nicole, Mac Potts, Richard Arnold, Dave Captein, and Jeffrey Frankel.

Tom will also play for our Guests on Christmas Day, a tradition he began 17 years ago. **Thanks, Tom!**

Potluck Loses a Friend

Roger Olson, 65, was a long-time guest at Potluck. Almost three years ago, he became ill and moved to an adult foster home in Beaverton. We were thrilled when Roger appeared at Christmas dinner last year (picture on front). A celebration of Roger's life will be held in February; Potluck will post information on its website and at the Park. Roger is survived by his sister, Jean Elliott, and her husband; his brother, John, and John's wife; and several nieces and nephews.

Starting early...



Linden, shown on Halloween, brings his Mom (hidden behind him), older brother, and sometimes Dad, along when he volunteers at Potluck. The family likes to work in the Fruit & Dessert area.

Thank You!



Thank You to the following businesses and volunteers. We apologize for the omission of names of anyone who has helped Potluck accomplish its mission in the past year.

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Denise Williams and Julius Brown display the afghan she crocheted as her donation to the Winter Warm 4 Benefit Auction.

A warm winter afghan is just their latest gift..

This is the second year Denise Williams has crocheted an afghan for the Winter Warm Silent Auction. But, she became a regular volunteer with Potluck 11 years ago when she was a guest, because it made her feel good to help people.

Julius Brown also came to Potluck as a guest, met Denise, and started volunteering every week so he could talk to her. Now, as David Utzinger's right hand for setup and operations, Julius is well known for his ability to "read" the action in the crowded square at a glance, and keep things going smoothly.

The commitment of these two "regulars" to each other and Potluck has been a beautiful relationship filled with service, laughter and growth.

As our newest Board Members, Denise and Julius bring a wealth of experience, first as guests, then volunteers, and now as governing members of Potluck. They represent our core values of enriching lives, relationships and our community. We are so grateful for their great attitudes, archival memory, and combined commitment.

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Special Thanks to

Christ Church Episcopal Parish Kitchen Teams
Together we can provide nutritious food and an atmosphere
of community to anyone in need.

Willamette Week's
GIVE!GUIDE2010

Potluck in the Park is very appreciative of being chosen by Willamette Week to participate in their annual Give!Guide effort for the second year.

The Give!Guide's goal is to develop new donors for nonprofit organizations like ours. Until midnight on December 31st, visit www.wweek.com/giveguide and donate to Potluck. Donors can receive incentive gifts, and the more you give, the better gifts you get! You can print a donation form from the website and mail in your donation. you can also donate in someone else's name as a gift, with "Thank You" items sent to that person.

Here's what you can do: Make sure everyone you know hears about this great opportunity to support our cause and earn valuable and fun incentives in the process. Thank you so much for your help.



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Volunteers, who serve weekly from 2-6pm!

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<i>Shaka Sound Inc., Dave Craft</i>	<i>Tom Grant</i>
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