



SUMMER 2019 NEWSLETTER

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It has been a busy summer! We at Philomath Community Services (PCS) hope you enjoyed a beautiful, warm season in the Philomath and western Benton County area, and we'd like to share some updates...

Got clothes?

JKK is in need of gently used boys' long pants (sizes 4, 5, 6, and 7) girl size 6 pants, and we're on the hunt for all shoe sizes for boys and girls. *Also, if you have any interest in helping to manage JKK, we are in need of support! Please see the final snippet of this newsletter for details.*



Parade

We had a blast touring our lovely town in the 2019 Philomath Frolic and Rodeo! It is a treat to meet our community (image right.)



Blackberry Jam

Big thanks to Peace Lutheran Church and our generous community members for supporting PCS through Blackberry Jam on August 8. Great music, great pie & ice cream. We filled a barrel with food (130 pounds!) for Gleaners and Food Bank, and two pies were auctioned off at \$100 each in support of our service work.

Right: Executive Director and Volunteer Coordinator handing out treats at ♪Blackberry Jam♪



It's that time again... Back to School!

PCS conducted a very short drive for school supplies in mid-August. Bins were set up at Peace Lutheran Church, College United Methodist Church, Philomath Fire Station 201, and the 53rd Street Bi-Mart in Corvallis. Over 450 pounds of school supplies were delivered to area schools.



Over half of the donations were presented by Shannon Morgan, a Senior Independent Thirty-one Consultant. Shannon sponsored her fifth annual drive for school supplies in the Philomath area. Fifty-five "School is Cool" thermal bags filled with school supplies were collected and donated to help students get a good start to the school year.

If anyone would like to donate more school supplies, JKK will continue to collect the supplies throughout the school year, and distribute them to clients who come in for clothing.

Message from the Garden

Take a look to your right, and you'll see one of our volunteers harvesting her celery, which she has been pampering for months! They're huge, and Nami was understandably excited. There's also a photo of some of the abundance of the garden that we've been able to give to the Food Bank. It's been a great growing season.



Massive Donation of Socks and Underwear

PageWide WebPress, an organizational/business unit of Hewlett-Packard (HP), conducted a donation drive of socks and underwear for JKK, under the management of Holly Bendixen. A total of 1369 pairs of socks and underwear, from toddlers to teens were collected and donated to JKK.

In the meantime, a pilot project called Foundations for Success was started through JKK, providing a new package of socks and underwear for school-aged children registered with JKK. This project was designed to help offset the cost of Back-to-School clothing for local children.

Thanks so much to the citizens of Philomath and Benton County as a whole for supporting the efforts of our programs at PCS. Hundreds of people will benefit from the services we provide in our five programs: Philomath Community Gleaners, Philomath Food Bank, June's Kids Kloset, Lupe's Community Garden and Holiday Cheer.



Above: Board President Jean Goul accepting the donation from Carolyn Spencer, of HP

New Members

We'd like to welcome our new Volunteer Coordinator, Maggie! Speaking of volunteers...

Volunteers needed!

We are looking for a couple of key volunteers. Think you might enjoy sourcing clothes to parents for their children? We need a Program Manager for June's Kids Kloset, who would be involved with managing donations and organizing of the clothing that comes in and ordering new items... Do you like organization and office management? The Office Manager position may be just what you're looking for... Only have an hour or two? Don't worry; we still have something for you. Maybe you aren't able to volunteer in person but have a few hours to spare? We have jobs that could use you! If you have a skill that you think Philomath Community Services could use, please contact us! No job is too big or too small. Contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Maggie, at volunteercoordinator@philomathcommunityservices.org to see how you can help.

Thank you for your continued support!



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