



### Get involved at Neighborhood House this winter! We need you!

We are currently seeking volunteers!

We rely on volunteers to keep our programs moving. We currently need volunteers to:

- Clients at our houseless families program need volunteer CPAs to assist with taxes (need ASAP!) [Email us today!](#)
- help out in the Food Pantry/delivery driving
- need donations of tires or gift cards to tire shop
- Need Russian-speaking volunteer to interpret for Food Pantry
- provide homework help on weekday afternoons to our youth program students
- Help the Pantry with bulk food deliveries (need ASAP!)

Fill out an [application](#) to get started or [email us](#) with questions!

We are also always looking for people to support fundraising, communications and/or to take on special projects for our admin team! If you are interested in volunteering in the future or have questions about getting involved, [email us](#) today or [click here](#) for more information!

### Upcoming Event Dates You Won't Want to Miss!

Neighborhood House has a number of exciting, COVID-safe events coming up, including:

- Talk & Tours - 2/17, 3/10, 4/21 ([click here](#) for more info)
- SW HOPE Feed the Hungry Campaign - March 1 - April 10
- Welcome Home Virtual Hour of Hope - May 20

Reach out with any questions! We hope to see you at an event this year!

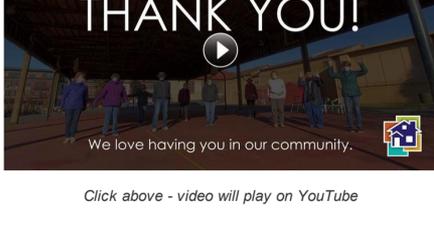
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## Partnership Campaign Surpasses \$400,000 Goal!



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We don't know about you, but we love GOOD NEWS!

Thanks to our generous community, the Neighborhood House Partnership Campaign raised a grand total of \$471,274 - surpassing our original goal by \$71,274!

Check out the video above for a thank-you from our Senior Line Dancing Class. We are so, so grateful to everyone who supported our services through giving. In these difficult times, your partnership is more important than ever.

## Neighborhood House Expanding Efforts to Help Isolated Seniors



The goal of our Senior Services is to ensure that older adults of all backgrounds have the resources and support they need to remain socially connected, and to maintain their independence for as long as possible. Since the Senior Center at the Multnomah Arts Center shut down March 13, Senior Services staff have worked to keep seniors healthy and engaged. Through online Zoom classes, safe rides to essential appointments and errands, remote wellness checks, and more, Senior Services have supported thousands of elderly neighbors since early 2020.

Thanks to generous CARES act funding through the Multnomah County Aging, Disability and Veterans Services Division (ADVSD), Neighborhood House Senior Services have been able to expand services to seniors in the community.

Senior Services staff and volunteers have been providing technical support to seniors for many months now and helping get them online. Funding from ADVSD will cover 15 computers or tablets for use by seniors who don't have access to these types of devices, instructor costs for new and expanded online classes, and activity materials and check-ins for seniors who don't have (and don't want) access to the internet.

"Seniors are at a huge risk right now, both physically and mentally, due to the pandemic," said Nancy Burke, Senior Services Manager at Neighborhood House. "We are eager to expand the essential services we are providing to meet the needs of our local seniors."

Are you a community member age 55+? Join Neighborhood House for free, online classes and meetings throughout the week via Zoom. [Click here to learn more!](#)

## February is Black History Month

As we reflect on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day last month and look forward to Black History Month, we are reminded of our commitment to becoming an actively anti-racist organization. From our statement on the death of George Floyd this summer:

*"Neighborhood House stands in unity with Black communities."*

*We acknowledge that this stand involves not only understanding the past, but how the past has molded our present. We recognize that our country was built on the labor of stolen people. We recognize that centuries of oppressive and exclusionary practices have resulted in systemic racism.*

*We believe racism is a public health crisis. Black, Indigenous, and People of Color are disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 and are more likely to experience profiling, violence, and death at the hands of the police."*

For the full statement, [click here](#).

## Join us on February 17 for a newly named Talk & Tour!



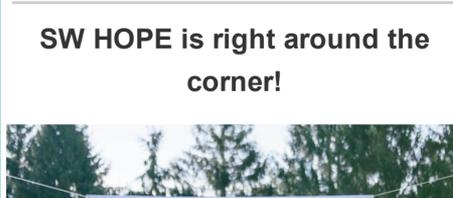
Want to learn more about Neighborhood House's essential programs? Have questions for our Program Managers and organizational leadership? Join us for a Virtual Talk & Tour on:

- [Wednesday, February 17](#) (Almost full - register now!)
- [Wednesday, March 10](#)
- [Wednesday, April 21](#)

All events begin at 6:30 p.m. and are entirely free and virtual! Anyone who has never attended a Neighborhood House Talk & Tour or Progressive Dinner is encouraged to attend.

However, we are limiting the number of attendees to allow for easier group discussion, so be sure to reserve your spot today! We hope to see you there! [Click on a date above to RSVP now](#), or [click here](#) to learn more.

## SW HOPE is right around the corner!



We can't WAIT for this year's 15th annual SW HOPE Community Food Drive! Since 2007, SW HOPE has brought the community together to fight hunger by supporting the Neighborhood House Food Pantry. This year, as food insecurity is on the rise, SW HOPE is more important than ever.

In line with COVID-19 safety regulations, SW HOPE will look a little different this year. Our events will be virtual or socially distant, and our faith, business, and other community partners will be supporting in new ways.

Because it is more difficult now to meet in person, we are focusing on opportunities for remote support, including online giving.

SW HOPE will run from March 1 to April 10, and safe events will include:

- Giving Week
- Take Out to Donate night at Salvador Molly's
- Panel on food insecurity in Portland
- Virtual talent show
- Drive Up and Donate Food Drive
- SW HOPE 5K (virtual this year)

Some campaign details are still being ironed out, but click below for more information on giving, events, partners, and more!

Look out for more information on SW HOPE in your inbox and get ready for a March 1 kick off!

[Learn more about SW HOPE!](#)

## Delivering Food & Hope



Kenneth first heard about the Neighborhood House Food Pantry from a good friend of his. Unemployed and living in North Portland, Kenneth and his family had no means of safe transportation.

When the Pantry started offering free delivery to any food insecure household in the Portland metro area, Kenneth found a solution.

"With no transportation and way too many heavy boxes, the delivery service makes it all so much easier," Kenneth said. "With the Covid-19 running wild and no source of income the food boxes are critical for our survival. We so appreciate the hard work and compassion that makes this possible. Absolutely a beautiful and wonderful experience."

The Food Pantry has helped feed thousands of Portland-area families, allowing people to focus on paying other essential bills. At Neighborhood House, we believe that no one should have to choose between paying rent and buying food.

Interested in supporting the Pantry for the coming year? Check out the SW HOPE Community Food Drive beginning March 1. [Click here](#) for more info!

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