



Starting in 2024, Gg's House has seen a drastic increase in the number of our homeless friends who come to Gg's House for a cup of coffee, oatmeal, a warm microwave meal and a sack full of snacks and sandwich making to go.



We hear from these friends that come to Gg's House because they feel valued as we're a safe place and people are nice to them. They have started asking for brooms to sweep our sidewalk, pickup litter around our area as well as ask us for tasks to do as they want to give back and feel useful. They are looking for company without being judged.



Gg's House meet them where they are at, we talk to them about their future hopes and getting treatment. We have listened while they make calls we hear the hoops they jump through just to be told they will have to make another call in a week or referred to another agency . Sometimes they are told it will be 4-6 weeks before they could get into treatment. For many waiting that amount of time will result in them relapsing to their substance of choice.

We realize that it takes more than spot in a treatment program, it takes the person being ready and willing to get treatment. We have dealt with many who ask for our help to get a treatment lined up for them . We make calls and help get a treatment or intake appointment set up and all they need to do is take the bus to the treatment center. Sadly, they never make it to the place, or leave after a day or are kicked out because they're not ready to do what it takes to recover.

It can be very sad and weigh heavy on us because these friends are mothers, fathers, sons and daughters who became addicted to their substance or became homeless due to loss of job, family issues, or mental illness.

Once in awhile at Gg's House we get a bright light in the sadness we see, when we hear a success story of one of our homeless friends.

Recently, we got two of these stories.

One, a lady we used to help years ago, came by she just had achieved being 3 years clean & sober and is starting a new job.

Second one is a friend that got a job this last week, after he had been homeless. He is doing well but still comes to see us on his day off for coffee and to chat.



Are you interested in volunteering or supporting Gg's House?

1. Pick items from below to donate
2. Become a monthly donor
3. Hold an item drive (ex. Towel Drive)

Items always needed

Backpacks for adults & kids
Bath Towels
Batteries
Diapers
Kitchen Towels
Pots & Pans
Shampoo & Conditioner
Silverware
Toothbrushes & Toothpaste

Bandages
Bar Soap (travel size & regular)
Clear Storage Totes
Dish Soap
Laundry Soap
Sanitary Feminine Products
Shower Curtains & Rings
Sleeping Bags
Wash Clothes

Contact Gg's House for more details.

Please do not drop off donations when we are closed.

Gg's House depends solely on donations (and grants) in order to continue our mission helping those in need. Currently, we're able to accept your financial donation using one of the following methods:

*Cash

*Checks

*Venmo– Search for either Angel Sheets or ggshouse

*Paypal– Send it to ggshouse@yahoo.com or use 503-359-3871

*Facebook-Donation Button on our Gg's House Facebook page

*Set up a reoccurring payment to Gg's House at your bank

Thank you to our monthly donors for being a “Piece of our Puzzle”

Would you like to start receiving our newsletter electronically?

If you would, please send your email address to ggshouse@yahoo.com



Volunteer Spotlight

Tina



Tina is one of the strongest corner puzzle pieces Gg's House acquired in late 2018. Gg's House was looking for a volunteer treasurer. Tina said that she would need to look at the books before she would agree to take the position. Steve and Angel told Tina there was only \$35.07 in bank account. Tina thought they were joking but she reviewed the books and discovered that they weren't kidding and that in 2 weeks about \$1900 would be needed to pay the bills that were coming due. Tina asked "Do you want me to help you pack?"

To Tina's surprise two weeks later by donations that Gg's House received, she was able to pay all but one bill and that bill was only one week late. Tina says it can be stressful as treasurer at times as she never knows how much monetary donations will come in and when. But God always provides for Gg's House. Tina has always been able to pay the bills and she keeps our books to the exact penny.

She always has a big smile on her face and is willing to join in any of Angel's extreme ideas and adventures. For example: the time she was stuffed into a box with stuffed animals or put into an empty box to become a live Jack in the Box. Over the years she had taken many rides on children's toys, dressed up goofy, wears crazy costumes and has taken part in comedic skits.

When Tina gets an area or table clean Angel usually comes and makes a mess, so Tina is always cleaning up Angel's messes. No job is too big or too small for her to tackle, she'll do anything that is required to make Gg's House succeed.



She'll go out of her way to show people that they are respected, valued and appreciated. She has a lot of patience and spunk that is reflected in the way she does a task, when she is explaining things and showing the volunteers where they are needed and what is expected.

Tina is the head of our human resources, answers communications, newsletter creator and much more. She spends countless hours behind the scenes doing paperwork, applying for grants, creating new forms that are suppose to streamline our work. And basically keeping us on track.

Tina is a great asset to Gg's House and friend. We are thankful that in 2018 she stayed and became an important piece of our puzzle.

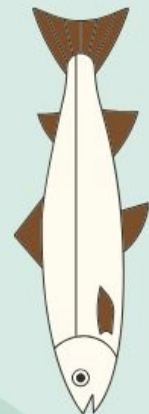




SATURDAY
JUNE 1ST

SUNDAY
JUNE 2ND

6AM-11AM



FISHERMANS BREAKFAST



DONATIONS NEEDED

PLEASE DROP OFF ANY
DONATIONS TO GG'S
HOUSE

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| PANCAKE MIX | PLASTIC SILVERWARE |
| SYRUP | PAPER PLATES (THICK) |
| SUGAR FREE SYRUP | CUPS (COLD LIQUID) |
| BUTTER | CUPS (HOT LIQUID) |
| BACON | ALUMINUM FOIL |
| JUICES | NAPKINS |
| COFFEE GROUNDS | |
| SUGAR | |
| STEVIA/SPLENDA | |
| CREAMER | |

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL

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Fundraiser Happenings

Gg's House is very thankful to the people that have supported our fundraisers.

Save the dates:

June 1 & 2, 2024 - Fishermen's Breakfast
at Scoggin's Valley Church

June 29, 2024 Bingo
at Forest Grove Community and Senior Center

More Details to come soon!

Update on Our Building Fund Puzzle Piece Building Fundraiser.

52 Puzzle Pieces have been claimed. The total from those puzzle pieces is \$6,281.00.

Gg's House is grateful for all the people who have claimed pieces. Remember this is an ongoing fundraiser, so make sure you claim your piece (s) The puzzle pieces already claimed are:

**1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20,21,22,23,24,25,
26,27,28,30,32,39,40,47,50,55,60,67, 71,72,76,80,85,95,100,101,
115,135,140,180,200,1988, 2017.**



Looking for Ways to Help Gg's House?

Gg's House would like you to consider helping us by doing one of the following:

- 1) Donate an In-kind donation that Gg's House can use for an auction item or a giveaway at our fundraisers. Your generosity will be announced from the podium the night of the event.
- 2) Becoming a monthly donor. This will help greatly with our operation costs. If you become a monthly donor and give us permission you'll be recognized in our bi monthly newsletter.

BIG SHOUT OUT!!

To these two wonderful community members Teri and Liz who donate a car load of goodies to Gg's House every week. They bring Gg's House breads, cookies, cereals, bars, candy, juice and Homeless packs and much more. We look forward to seeing what they bring to Gg's House and visit with them every week.

Thank You Ladies!



Gg's House Partnerships

- * Taste & See Local
- Black Dog
- United Church of Christ Forest Grove
- John L Scott-(FG & Hillsboro)
- Armory Missions
- STAGES Performing Arts Youth Academy
- Forest Grove Community & Senior Center
- Kim's Place
- *North Plains Food Bank
- *X'pose Hope
- *Crossroads Church
- *Oasis Ministries
- * St. Peters
- *Presbyterian women
- * Gg's House Monthly Donors



Gg's House is so grateful to have these partnerships. With these partners we are able to help each other achieve our mission of serving people and filling needs.



Friends of Gg's House

(that we help)

- Forest Grove Police
 - Forest Grove Schools
 - Home Schools
 - City of Forest Grove
 - Tuality Hospital
 - Salvation Army
 - Rehab Centers
 - Sequoia
 - Farm Workers Assoc.
 - All God's Children
 - Saint Anthony Food Bank
 - Out of State Group Homes
 - Backpack Program
 - Community Action of Washington County
 - Pig and Chicken Farmers (we do our best to make sure food doesn't go to waste)
- *Forest Grove Fire Department
 - *Gaston Schools
 - * Overseas Schools
 - *Open Doors
 - *Home Health
 - * Nursing Homes
 - *Caregivers
 - *New Narrative
 - * Iglesias Universal Christiana
 - * Centro Cultural
 - *Family Mentors
 - *Food Carts (non food items)
 - *Washington County Jail
- *Gaston Fire Department
 - *Banks Schools
 - *Pacific University
 - * Love Inc.
 - *Family Promise
 - *Group Homes
 - *Gaston Sport Teams
 - *Greater Good
 - *PDX Saints
 - *Gaston Food Bank
 - *OHSU Hospital
 - *Private Daycares
 - *Out of State Friends

Gg's House has many more friends that we help at any given time.

It is hard for us to remember everyone that Gg's House helps. If we missed any groups or organizations that we have helped. We apologize and please let us know so you can be added to Gg's Houses' Friends.



March 2024



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