



# CHP Newsletters

## What's Happening at Congregations Helping People

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### *Congregations Helping People is a Decade Old!*

We are spending time looking back down the road we have traveled and as we look, we see that we have come to 2016 hand in hand with many of you. What began as a heartfelt effort to help those in our area looking for aid from the faith community, and where the response could only be a bus pass or \$50 toward a utility bill, we have evolved with your help into an agency that can make a substantive difference in the lives of our clients. When we look back at this last year we are aware of the deaths of two people who were true believers and for whom we are grateful. We received several gifts in memory of Pat Jarrard, CHP's first treasurer, and Carol Stoebig our long time client counselor. We will continue to honor them by serving those in need with integrity and compassion.

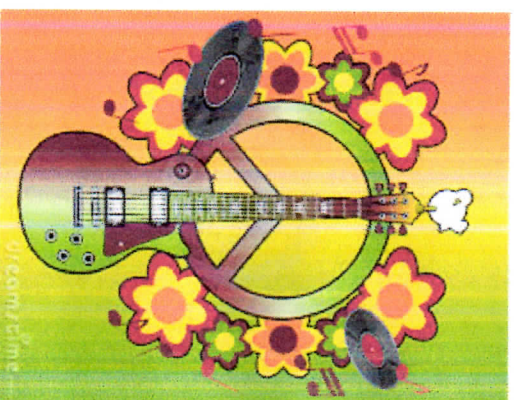
Our annual meeting will be a birthday party to celebrate this milestone. Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 in the FUMC dining room. Watch your mail for your very own invitation!

2015 was a banner year for CHP. Due to successful grants with the United Way and the City of Salem and the continued rate of giving from our partner churches we were able to operate at full capacity. That "full capacity" means all of the working hours of our Executive Director Tiffany Ottis, listed at the bottom of the right hand column here, were spent working to make judicious decisions about the funds we had available. In other words we didn't have "too much money" and we were able to serve those clients that would best benefit from a boost to put them back on track.



Every grantor, the board, volunteers and supporters realize that our **congregational giving** is what has stayed solid for us throughout our history.

**Congregations Supporting CHP:** Calvary Baptist, Englewood United Methodist, First Christian Church, First Congregational Church UCC, First United Methodist, Jason Lee United Methodist, John Knox Presbyterian, Morningside U.M.C., Our Saviors Lutheran, St. Mark Lutheran, St. Paul's Episcopal, St. Timothy's Episcopal, Salem Mennonite Church, Trinity United Methodist, Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Salem, Westminster Presbyterian Church.



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Marcia Christenson and her friends (Ryan Amend, David and Jana Loney, Ron Relatford and Steve Yant) are again showing some love for CHP by presenting concerts where the proceeds are donated to our agency. "Celebrating Community" will raise the rafters at St Mark Lutheran on April 2<sup>nd</sup> and at Westminster Presbyterian on April 9<sup>th</sup>. Their talent and passion will be on display as they bring you old and new songs of civil disobedience. Please make time to support them and benefit CHP at the same time.

We continue to need **VOLUNTEERS** who have 3 hours per week to work a shift helping our clients be prepared to apply for assistance.

CHP is located within the First United Methodist Church at 600 State Street. The Hours of operation weekly are: Mon., Wed., and Thurs. - 9 am to 2 pm  
Tuesday - 12 pm to 2 pm You may call 503 391-4365 or request information at [Tiffany.Ottis@chpsalem.org](mailto:Tiffany.Ottis@chpsalem.org).