



# CHP Newsletter

## What's Happening at Congregations Helping People

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### CHP Annual Meeting Scheduled for April

The CHP Annual Board Meeting, which is open to any interested individuals, will be held April 29, 2014. April conveniently has 5 Tuesdays and we will take advantage of that to move our meeting to that date. At this meeting we answer all questions brought to us by representatives of our member congregations, our volunteers and others. We will hear from the Program Director, Tiffany Ottis, the Board President and get a full rundown on how our donations and grants are spent.

The meeting will be held in the dining room of the First United Methodist Church, on the corner of Church and State, at 6:30. Light snacks and desserts will be served and a casual atmosphere is encouraged. This is an opportunity for those who wonder how funding decisions are made, what the trends are in the Salem area non-profit community, and how those interested in this mission can help those in need that come to CHP.

No reservations are needed and all are welcome. Please email [Tiffany.Ottis@chpsalem.org](mailto:Tiffany.Ottis@chpsalem.org) with any questions you might have. You can help us have a vital, useful annual meeting by forwarding this newsletter to anyone you believe might be interested in attending. We are looking forward to seeing all of our partners in service at this event.

### **Grant Support currently received by CHP**

At this time financial aid is available to our qualifying clients from a City of Salem general funds grant for **utilities** and also a City of Salem administered federal grant for **rent support**. Additionally the United Way of the Mid Willamette Valley has supported CHP with a grant for **utilities and rent support** for about \$19,000 over two years. The Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund again provided funding for our **Dignity in Work program**. United Way provided further support with important **bus pass allocations** and FEMA provided **emergency housing funds**.

**CONGREGATIONS HELPING PEOPLE MEMBER CONGREGATIONS:** Calvary Baptist,

Englewood United Methodist, First Christian Church, First Congregational Church UCC, First United Methodist, Jason Lee United Methodist, Morningside U.M.C., John Knox Presbyterian, Our Saviors Lutheran, St. Mark Lutheran, St. Paul's Episcopal, Trinity United Methodist, Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Salem, Westminster Presbyterian Church.

### **Thank you note from a Client**

*Dear Friends, My name is Edwina Bates and I just wanted to thank you for your help in paying my rent in my time of need. I am so thankful that an organization such as yours is available and I hope you will have many fruitful years of helping to come. Wishing you a terrific 2014. Edwina*

### **Volunteer for us**



Congregations Helping People (CHP) is still in serious need of some additional volunteers to help with client intake services. CHP welcomes clients four days per week at First United Methodist Church on State Street, and each day we are open there are two volunteer shifts which last 3 hours. **Just 3 hours per week!**

Please call 503 391-4365 and leave a message for Tiffany if this opportunity to serve is of interest, or if you need more information. Or you may wish to email at [Tiffany.Ottis@chpsalem.org](mailto:Tiffany.Ottis@chpsalem.org).

### **BY THE NUMBERS**

**In February there were 128 requests for help. 75 clients received assistance. \$16,878.46 was requested in aid and \$13,748.13 was given. A good month for helping others!!**