

THE EMERGENCY HOUSING NETWORK NEWSLETTER

The Emergency Housing Network integrates local services across the Continuum of Care through connections among community partners.

Attendance is open to anyone who wants to network with, educate, or update other advocates and agencies serving the homeless and at-risk people of the greater Salem area.

Salem Leadership Foundation engages people of faith and goodwill to transform the city for good, neighborhood by neighborhood. SLF devotes the bulk of its time and energy to promoting and strengthening the programs of its many partners through Lightning Rod Associates (e.g., Herm Boes) who build bridges, convene, collaborate, problem-solve, and find resources in each of 6 Salem-Keizer areas.

CaN (Churches as Neighborhood) Centers are a big focus for SLF; CaN Centers provide after-school programs, foster-family supports, GED and English classes, food/clothing programs, block parties, homework clubs, overnight shelters, community gardens, and other neighbor-building activities. Three of the CaN Centers (West Salem Foursquare, Salem Alliance, and Trinity Covenant) banded together to form the Salem Free Medical Clinic.

SLF believes in relationships among people, churches, schools, agencies, cultures, business, non-profits, and neighborhoods. "One person can impact a life. Together we can transform the City."

Any time you would like to connect with a church or school for a neighborhood event or even to share a local concern, SLF is a good contact to have. Visit www.salemlf.org, call 503.315.8924; for Herm Boes, call 503.569.9364 or e-mail herm@salemlf.org.



Free Class in Spanish: Chronic Disease Self-Management

“Tomando Control de su Salud” is a free workshop given two and a half hours, once a week, for six weeks at Salud Medical Center.

Subjects include: 1) techniques to deal with symptoms of diabetes, 2) appropriate exercise for maintaining and improving strength, flexibility, and endurance, 3) appropriate use of medications, 4) communicating effectively with family, friends, and health professionals, 5) healthy eating, 6) appropriate use of the health care system, and, 7) how to evaluate new treatments.

Each participant in the workshop receives a copy of the companion book, *Tomando Control de su Salud: Una guía para el manejo de las enfermedades del corazón, diabetes, asma, bronquitis, enfisema y otros*

problemas crónicos, an audio relaxation tape, *Casete de Relajación*, and an audio exercise tape with booklet, *¡Hagamos ejercicio!* All materials are in Spanish.

It is the process in which the program is taught that makes it effective. Classes are highly participative, where mutual support and success build the participants' confidence in their ability to manage their health and maintain active and fulfilling lives.

The next set of classes will be on Mondays from March 26 through April 30 from 5:30 to 8pm at Salud Medical Center, 1175 Mt. Hood Ave, Woodburn. Another set of classes is held on Lancaster. To sign up or for more information, contact Sandra Echavarria, 503.982.0635x6424.

Changes at Pine Street Resource Center

On February 3rd at noon, Pine Street Resource Center will be rededicated as the DeMuniz Resource Center. Chief Justice DeMuniz, Congressman Cameron, and Senator Winters are expected to attend. The public is invited to the ceremony to learn about this hub providing services to those who were formerly incarcerated and are working to build a successful life.

The Resource Center at 355 Pine Street NE will also begin hosting new men's and veterans' support groups. Contact 503.990.7370 or pinestreet@mwwcaa.org.

Mortgage Payment Assistance

The mortgage payment assistance program has made its online application available for eligible homeowners of Marion County. Homeowners receiving unemployment insurance can get help paying their mortgages for up to one year or \$20,000 (through a 5 year forgivable loan). See <http://www.oregonhomeownerhelp.org/> for details and the application.



Salem Housing Authority Overview

Salem Housing Authority's mission is to assist low and moderate income families to achieve self-sufficiency by providing stable housing, economic opportunity, community investment, and coordination with social service providers.

Section 8

Housing Choice Vouchers

- Over 3,000 vouchers administered by SHA
 - Tenants find a unit of their own in the private market
 - Tenants pay 30-40% of their income
 - SHA contracts with the landlords and pays the rest of the rent
 - Units must pass Housing Quality Standards inspections
 - For families of two or more, single disabled, or elderly
- ⇒ [More information](#)
⇒ [Application](#)

Public Housing

- Over 300 SHA-owned apartments and homes
 - Tenants pay 30-40% of their income
 - For families of two or more or for single disabled or elderly people
- ⇒ [More information](#)
⇒ Applications for [apartments](#); [senior units](#); [homes](#).

Affordable Housing

- Over 300 SHA-owned/managed apartments
 - Tenants pay an affordable rate
 - Vouchers are accepted
 - For families of two or more or for single seniors
- ⇒ [More information](#)
⇒ Applications for [apartments](#); [senior sites & duplex/triplex units](#).

Smaller Voucher Programs

Single Room Occupancy and Mod Rehab Vouchers

- Preference given to single homeless women
- ⇒ [Application](#)

Homeless Vouchers

- Monthly lottery drawings from submissions of EHN members
- ⇒ [Nomination form and eligibility information](#)

Victims of Domestic Violence Vouchers

- Monthly lottery drawings from MVWCS and the DA

VASH Vouchers

- For veterans; referrals come from the VA

HVRP Vouchers

- For homeless veterans; referrals come from Easter Seals

Family Self-Sufficiency

- A voluntary program for SHA clients
- Case management, resources, and grants help families become self-sufficient
- Successful clients have a portion of rent deposited into a savings account
- Access to Individual Development Account funding (3:1 match)



Salem Housing Authority Updates

<u>Program</u>	<u>Rent</u>	<u>Wait Estimate</u>
Vouchers	Income-based	18-24 months
SRO Women's Residence	Income-based	2-3 months
<u>Senior Complexes (62+)</u>		
Robert Lindsey Tower	Income-based	6 months
Englewood East	Income-based	9 months
Southview Terrace	\$425-490/mo	3 months
Englewood West	\$440/mo, \$200 off first month	3 months
<u>Public Housing Apartments & Townhomes</u>		
3-5 bedrooms	Income-based	8-12 months
Single Family Homes	Income-based	3+ years

Affordable Housing

(Applicants must be income-eligible and should expect to pay full rent; vouchers accepted. Ask about discounts with leases!)

Parkway Village Apartments

2-3 bedrooms \$595-745 **Immediate Openings**

Southfair Apartments

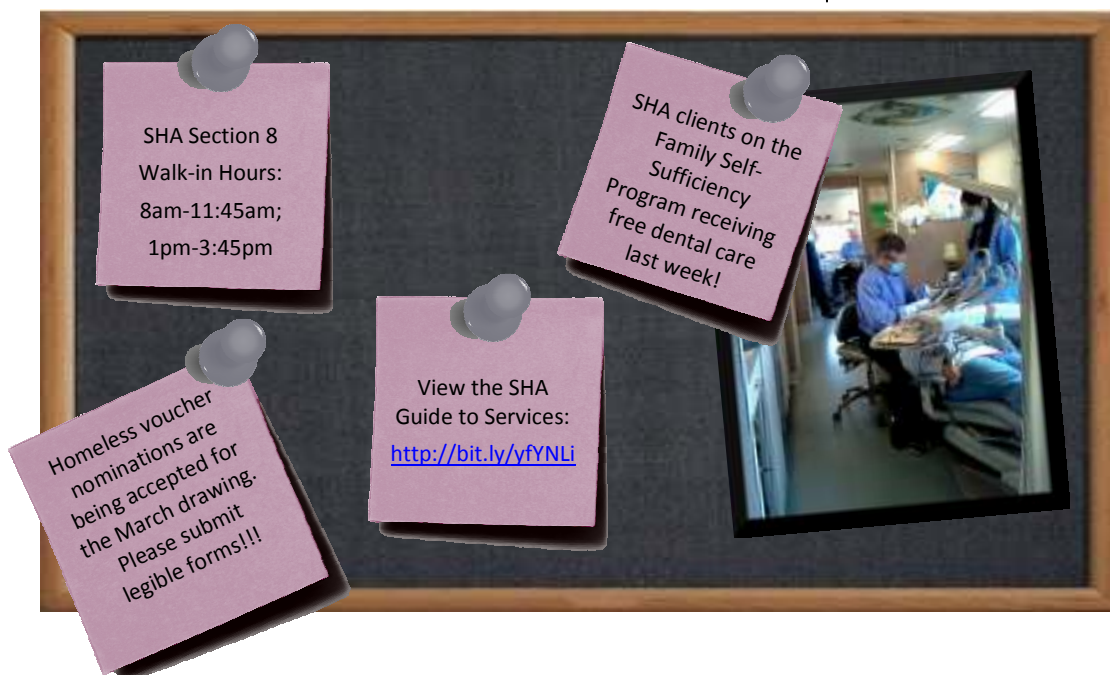
1-3 bedrooms \$450-\$675 **Immediate Openings**

Duplexes and Triplexes

3-4 bedrooms \$585-\$800 9-18 months

Questions:
housing@cityofsalem.net

Applications:
www.cityofsalem.net/sha



Oregon Heat Assistance

Assistance is available for up to one past-due bill from PGE, PP&L, and NW Natural. Low-income residents of Salem and Keizer are generally eligible. Some exceptions have been made for residents of Turner and Dallas. Please call 503.585.6688 for an appointment. Long distance transportation is available for women in crisis.

Beginning Boxes for New Homes

After St. Vincent de Paul closed its thrift stores, household items were salvaged, organized, and boxed. Boxes contain necessary items for new spaces (e.g., basic kitchenware) and are available for households of 2-6 people. Please call 503.364.3210 or stop by 3745 Portland Rd NE.

New winter coats for men are also available at the same location; please call for availability.

Consumer Credit Counseling Service

Consumer Credit Counseling/Apprisen Financial Advocates offers free financial and housing counseling. Bankruptcy and debt repayment counseling are also provided on a sliding scale.

The hotline is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week via 1.800.355.2227 or www.apprisen.com.

New Executive Director at Salem IHN

Please welcome T.J. Putman as Salem Interfaith Hospitality Network's Executive Director, replacing Andrew Lane. Read more at salemihn.org.

mycommunityaction.org

Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency is now accessible via the new and improved website mycommunityaction.org.

As of Wednesday, HandsOn Mid-Willamette Valley, the volunteer organization agency, became a program Community Action.

Save the Date: March 9th

Women at the Well Grace House will present a Dress for Success event on March 9th from 11-2. Service providers are needed!



In Attendance



Stephen Custer	Broadway Life Center
Kimberley Freeman	Consumer Credit Counseling Service
Robert Zapata	Department of Human Services
Aileen Cutz	Easter Seals CTC
Daisy Sanchez	ES Healthy Start
Thelma Waldron	ES Healthy Start
Jessica Franco	Family Building Blocks
Stephanie Wetteland	Mid-Valley Women's Crisis Service
Denise Ramos	MWVCAA ARCHES
Rachel Wolf	MWVCAA ARCHES
Nico Escobedo	MWVCAA Head Start
Lera Sheppard	Northwest Human Services
Melissa Johnstone	Northwest Senior and Disability Services
Sean Bossen	Oxford Houses
Craig Bazzi	Pine Street/DeMuniz Resource Center
Michelle Bornfleth	Polk Co. Commission for Children and Families
Larry Vuylsteke	Polk County Mental Health
Lori Schmidt	Private Attorney
Dominique Donaho	Salem Housing Authority
T.J. Putman	Salem IHN
Laurie Johnson	Salem Keizer School District
Rosy Macias	Salem Vet Center
Rick Burnette	Shangri-La
Shari Crawford	St. Vincent de Paul
Kristine Emery	The Salvation Army
James Majors	UGM
Rick Bratton	UGM
Don Winter	UGM ROC Outreach
Angela Gesualdo	UGM Simonka Place
Holly Krzyaniak	VA HUD-VASH
Susan Brisby	VA HUD-VASH
Laura Allran	W@W Grace House
Annmarie Jones	Women Ending Hunger
Sandra Echavarria	YVFWC Salud Medical Center
Sue Davidson	YWCA SOS

For questions about this publication, or to present at a future EHN meeting:
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Join us for the next Emergency Housing Network meeting!

Thursday, February 9, 2012

11 AM-Noon

Union Gospel Mission

345 Commercial St NE

Salem, Oregon

