



Project Homeless Connect for Lane County

Thursday, March 18, 2010
Lane Events Center at the Fairgrounds
13th & Jefferson, Eugene
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
www.homelessconnect.org



The Problem:

- People who are homeless struggle daily with the repercussions of unmet basic human needs for safety, food, stability and shelter.
- 11,784 individuals were homeless and received services from our local continuum of care last year (Lane County, 2008).
- On any given night in Lane County, nearly 2,684 people are homeless on the streets or living in temporary shelter. (Lane County One Night Homeless Count 2009).

A Solution:

- Connect homeless people with critical services in a “one-stop” venue.
- Bring together a wide range of community agencies and professionals to provide homeless people with access to health care, social services, warm food, blankets and more—all within a caring and safe environment.
- Engage the entire community in a powerful event that generates awareness and provides solutions that work toward ending homelessness.

How to Help:

- Sponsor the event
 - Contribute financial or in-kind donations
 - Volunteer
- All professional services will be donated, but funds and in-kind donations are needed for food, child care, service supplies, housing assistance and basic necessities like hygiene items.

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To make a cash donation, make checks payable to:
United Way of Lane County –Project Homeless Connect
3171 Gateway Loop, Springfield, OR 97477

← **2009 highlights on reverse side**



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During the first three years of **Project Homeless Connect for Lane County** the outpouring of local community support demonstrates the desire many people have to take action to help those without stable, secure housing.

In 2009, **652 community members volunteered** and **401 service providers**, from medical doctors and beauticians to counselors and child care providers, turned out to help meet the basic needs of our homeless neighbors.

As a result, **1,548 guests** received critical services and support during the event and learned about community resources to help them in the future.

2009 Highlights:

Services Provided to Homeless Citizens:

- 698 received housing information
- 558 received benefit information or assistance
- 739 received services/info for families with children
- 146 received consultations with a doctor
- 423 tested for vision and hearing and 100 received new glasses
- 198 received dental consultations
- 25 dental vouchers for follow-up
- 3,405 personal hygiene kits were given away
- 1,400 60-minute phone cards
- 145 Veterans-related services were provided
- 1,959 clothing items were given away
- 761 received LTD vouchers for transportation to follow-up appointments
- 100 bike helmets were distributed
- 202 received employment consultations
- 262 received hair cuts

Hundreds of other services were provided during the event. For a complete 2009 Project Homeless Connect Report, visit: www.HomelessConnect.org.