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**Project Homeless Connect to Speak at City Club of Eugene  
Friday, Jan. 18, 2008 at 11:50 a.m., Downtown Athletic Club**

**Eugene, Ore.** – A community wide event that helps area homeless citizens, and those at risk of becoming homeless, will be the subject of the City Club of Eugene's luncheon on Friday, January 18, at the Downtown Athletic Club in Eugene. The luncheon begins at 11:50 a.m.

Featured speakers include Pearl Wolfe, Human Services Supervisor for the Lane County Human Services Commission and Co-Chair of Project Homeless Connect for Lane County; and Susan Ban, Executive Director of ShelterCare and one of eight Team Leads (Services) for Project Homeless Connect.

Project Homeless Connect for Lane County is a one-day event that invites individuals and families without safe and stable homes to come and seek critical services and basic necessities under one roof. Medical exams, counseling, hot meals, haircuts, hygiene supplies, bike repair and much more are offered onsite, as well as extensive information on accessing housing, health insurance, employment and more. This year's event will take place on Thursday, February 7 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Lane Events Center at the Fairgrounds.

On any given night in Lane County, more than 2,300 individuals are homeless or living in temporary shelters, and hundreds of families are moving between family and friends, living in cars, or facing eviction. They struggle daily with the repercussions of unmet basic human needs for safety, stability, and shelter.

Last year, the Project Homeless Connect for Lane County event served 1,007 guests with the help of more than 300 community volunteers. For more information about Project Homeless Connect for Lane County, go to [www.homelessconnect.org](http://www.homelessconnect.org). Volunteers and donations for the event are needed. For more information about City Club of Eugene, go to [www.cityclubofeugene.org](http://www.cityclubofeugene.org).

The City Club presentation on Project Homeless Connect for Lane County will be broadcasted on KLCC 89.7 FM on Monday, Jan. 21 at 6:30 p.m.

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