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BLANCHET HOUSE SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN WILLAMETTE WEEK'S GIVE!GUIDE

Since 2004 the *Willamette Week* has sponsored an annual holiday giving campaign for local non-profits called Give!Guide.

Last year's campaign brought in well over \$4 million to participating groups, and this year's campaign includes 149 nonprofits, including for the first time Blanchet House! Among the many participants this year are the Oregon Food Bank, Friends of Trees, and Sisters of the Road. The campaign begins November 1 and ends on December 31.

An important part of being selected is our inclusion in the Give!Guide magazine, available on line at giveguide.org, and on newsstands November 1.

Blanchet House is one of the best kept secrets in Portland and this holiday campaign creates a wonderful opportunity to raise awareness of our mission and programming in the Portland community. In addition, Give!Guide is also a great platform to talk more directly to our younger audiences. Blanchet House is excited to expand our social media following and engage more with

volunteers, school groups and the youth readership of the *WW*.

One of the central goals of Give!Guide is to cultivate under-35 givers through use of social media, as well as offering fun incentives to young donors. This year, the organization that receives the greatest number of under-35 donors receives a \$1,500 prize. For second place, a \$600 prize, and a \$400 prize goes to third place. Also, individual donors who give \$10 or more through the Give!Guide website are eligible for incentive prizes, including a \$500 shopping spree to Powell's Books, a new Trek bike and tickets to Crystal Ballroom.

If you are considering a holiday gift to Blanchet House, please consider giving through the Give!Guide website, which helps spotlight our work in the community.

If you have any questions, please contact Julie Showers, Communications Manager, at jshowers@blanchethouse.org or 503-241-4340.



BIG GIVE DAYS!

Donate through GiveGuide.org on the below dates to be entered to win fun prizes!

NOV. 9
NOV. 13

NOV. 16
NOV. 30

DEC. 4
DEC. 7

DEC. 14
DEC. 21



Please help spread our mission. Follow and share.

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Twitter



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GIVE TO BLANCHET HOUSE STARTING NOV. 1 AT WWW.GIVEGUIDE.ORG.

DEAR ANONYMOUS,

I have been working with the Blanchet House of Hospitality for a little over three years now and this is the fourth time that I have had the pleasure of opening the envelope that held your incredibly generous contribution. I don't know who you are or how you found out about the work of the Blanchet House. I don't know what compels you to give. Better yet, I don't know what compels you to give to us; a small nonprofit in Portland that quietly goes about feeding the hungry and helping men get sober and back on track. Year after year you bestow this gift on our mission and ask for no accolades or recognition. You quietly drop your stone in the pond and we have the joy of watching the **ripple** it cre-

ates. You entrust us with the responsibility of carrying out the Blanchet mission with the same selflessness and purity of heart surrounding that gift and I want to reach out and give you my word that we strive to do just that.

Here at the Blanchet House, I have learned that we are surrounded by many quiet angels that give not only funds to support our work, but give of their time and most importantly their spirit. They place their full trust in the Blanchet House to care for those less fortunate with the respect, dignity, and compassion everyone deserves.

To all our amazing donors, volunteers, partners, and champions, I would like to tell you that your **ripple** means so much

to so many people. It means a warm meal, a cup of coffee, a pillow and clean sheets, a razor, a bus pass, a driver's license. Your **ripple** means safety, an advocate, a life plan, a job. A deep breath, a support system, a second chance.

Thank you for this gift. Thank you, on behalf of all the people that are directly impacted by this **ripple** that you chose to create. It means more than you know.

With Gratitude,



Kelly Lyons
Development Director

New Positions



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Heading into the fall season, we are proud

to announce that one of our very own Ms. Kelly Wetherald has not only taken to her new role as Development Director, but also recently became a Mrs! She is grateful to the Blanchet House and excited to continue her work to champion those in need.



Julie Showers
Marketing and
Communications
Manager

Blanchet House welcomes

our first Marketing and Communications Manager. Julie will be focused on sharing the Blanchet House mission with new audiences in Portland. She will also contribute writing, photography and design to Blanchet House's social media accounts and promotional materials.



On October 18, our lunch guests were visited by sisters from Missionaries of Charity.

DATA REPORTING FROM OUR PROGRAMS

Thanks to vision from our Program Committee we are now benchmarking our levels of effectiveness. Our hard-working Case Managers Vicky Spear and Kristi Katzke, along with Residential Manager David Greenberg, are gathering relevant information from the men in our programs. We can use this information to test hypotheses and evaluate outcomes.

15,356

nights spent off the street in a bed at Blanchet House or Farm in 2017

82%

of the men in our downtown program have been able to stay safe and sober for at least 3 months during 2017

87%

of the men in our farm program have been able to stay safe and sober for at least 3 months during 2017

Wish List

For the Men:

- Shoes (sneakers, dress or farm) sizes 10-13
- Jeans (all sizes)
- Men's rain coats (large to XXL)
- Men's underwear (all sizes)

Recreational Gifts:

- Gift cards to Fred Meyer
- Music or event tickets
- Gift cards to Powell's

Sponsorship Opportunities:

- Gym memberships
- Bus passes (all types)
- License and ID renewals

Woodshop Supplies:

- Wine barrels
- Construction lumber
- Gas powered pressure washer
- Table saw
- Quality 10inch ripping saw blades (24 or 32 tooth)
- ½" cordless drill

Farm Supplies:

- Vacuum
- Garden tools
- Old usable paint
- Security cameras

Food Supply Needs:

- Sugar
- All spices

LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John they call out loudly to "Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for Him." Likewise, the Blanchet House and Farm works daily to prepare our guests for their return to society with clearer life objectives.

The colorful leaves of fall are a vivid lead up to the cold and dark of winter. These chilly, wet mornings remind me that there are many people suffering on the streets of Portland and they need our help. We need to act very soon so that people are not caught off guard as the harsh winds of winter settle in.

To continue our good work, we need your prayers and support. Scripture teaches us that we must reach down and help the least of us, in so doing we celebrate the majesty that is our Lord. The Blanchet House and Farm holds firmly to that tradition and helps to prepare the least of us for a new beginning.

As you know, we work to restore those broken and injured, help to introduce them to a new life free from addiction and help reintroduce them to the communities from which they came. We have made numerous gains in work, program development and new relationships. This year we added a long-awaited tractor for the farm in Carlton and a much needed cargo van to pick up the many food donations around Portland. We've hired a Marketing Manager to help us reach new sources of support for our mission to feed the hungry and provide aid to

men battling addiction. We added new board members Scott Matulich, a Senior Analyst at Wells Fargo Bank, and John Christianson, a shareholder with Gevurtz Menashe.

Dutifully we have stayed on mission and maintained our focus to secure food, clothing, and shelter for the less fortunate. This year we crossed bridges to understanding better the transformation process of those suffering from addiction. It has been said that until one is ready to change, change will not take place. We agree and see many examples of men wanting to change. They need guidance, assistance, and attention. We provide the service and resources thanks to you.

We are now better able to track each guest's recovery progress thanks to the great efforts of our Case Managers. We now have a system in place to collect informative data that will help us better shape our recovery programs. We never cease to have enough energy to help and we remain hopeful that tomorrow will be much better for our guests than it has been in the past. Lifting and supporting works. We must do more!

I urge your continued grace and support for the mission. As always, we are eternally grateful for your help.

Regards,

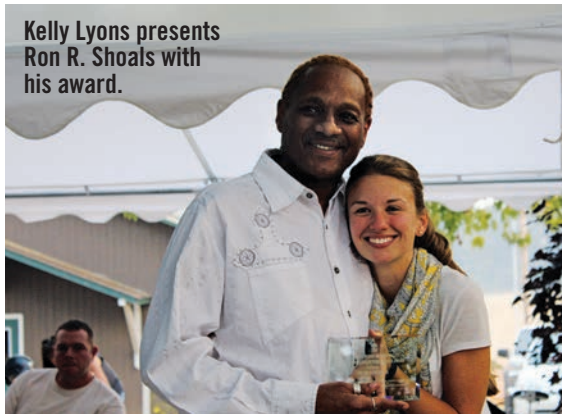


Gregory D. Baker
Executive Director



Greg Baker at the volunteer appreciation picnic.

Kelly Lyons presents
Ron R. Shoals with
his award.



OUR VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION PICNIC WAS A SUCCESS!

Corporate Volunteer Service Award

PRESENTED TO
**Wells Fargo
Bank**

For the many devoted hours of service, encouragement, and support you have given to the Blanchet House of Hospitality.

School Volunteer Service Award

PRESENTED TO
**St. Ignatius
School**

For their dedication, respect, and enthusiasm to serve those less fortunate. Blanchet House thanks you for your generous commitment.

Individual Volunteer Service Award

PRESENTED TO
**Ron R.
Shoals**

For his outstanding support of the Blanchet House mission and spreading the value of volunteerism in his Kaiser Permanente and personal community.

Legacy Volunteer Service Award

PRESENTED TO
**Luxury Bliss
Salon**

Recognizing the countless hours given to care for the men of the Blanchet Farm. We truly appreciate your commitment to helping those less fortunate.



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Blanchet House of Hospitality
310 NW Glisan Street
Portland, OR 97209

Donations can be made online:
www.blanchethouse.org/give

Or call
503-241-4340

**Thank you for helping us provide
food, shelter and aid to those in need!**

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☐ In memory or honor of: _____

☐ A monthly gift: \$ _____

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Type: ☐ Mastercard ☐ Visa ☐ Discover ☐ AmEx

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Signature: _____

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☐ Your email: _____

For volunteer opportunities please call Dennis at 503-226-3911 or email him at darnold@blanchethouse.org.

