



Project Homeless Connect

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Donations/Supplies

For Project Homeless Connect 2009 our community was able to bring together many resources which were distributed to homeless and low-income families and individuals. Items were purchased by KLCAS through grant money and monetary donations. KLCAS also received food, water, and other donations to assist the event as well. Below is a list of the items that were provided at PHC 2009, along with the donations and the donors:

Purchased Items:

179 Sun Screen Lotion Bottles
224/24oz. Laundry detergent boxes
72 Packages baby wipes
72 Chap sticks
200 Hygiene Kits
100 Back packs
288 Hand Sanitizers
196 Canned chicken/tuna with crackers
200 Individual rolls of toilet paper
288 Miniature packages Kleenex
108 Sanitary pads packages
Diapers (sizes 1-5) purchased 2 boxes of each size, plus donations. Made in packages of 10 per bag.
200 First aid kits
200 Rain ponchos
50 Bike repair kits

Donated items:

\$2500 - PacificSource
\$2500 - Wal-Mart
\$200 - Fred Meyers Gift card
\$66 - First United Methodist Church
\$100 - Bonnie Church
\$25 - Thunderbird
\$47 - Merits
89 bottles of water - PacificSource
Approx. 40 nail files – PacificSource
252 mini toothpaste tube/samples - PacificSource
Approx. 60 Bandaid holders - PacificSource
Approx. 100 little teeth tooth floss – PacificSource
10 lbs hamburger/ 10 lbs hotdogs- Howards Meats
5 cases of Aquifina 16.9 oz water bottles - Pepsi Co.
1 case of hotdogs-Diamond Meats
288 Toothbrushes - PacificSource
2 cases water - Mt. Mazama
15 cases water - CDCC Mt. Shasta Coca - Cola

5-6 cases water/10-12 cases soda – Horse Motel Inn
Food items – Klamath – Lake Counties Food Bank
5 cases blankets – Klamath – Lake Counties Food Bank
1 package hotdogs – Klamath – Lake Counties Food Bank
Hamburger/hotdog buns – Klamath – Lake Counties Food Bank
3 cases water- Klamath – Lake Counties Food Bank
100 rolls of toilet paper- Klamath – Lake Counties Food Bank
Onions - Blimpies
Mayonnaise, Lettuce - Subway
Diced Tomatoes - Papa Murphy's
15 tables loaned to us – Oregon Air National Guard Kingsley Field 173rd Fighter Wing
Socks, Fleece Jackets, cups/mugs, hair brushes- Sandy at Hospice Treasures
Granola bars, cereal bars- Hosanna Christina School Key Club
Water, small bags chips - Linkville Kiwanis
Broccoli salad - MC 'on Main
Pasta Salad - The Creamery
BBQ Beans - JM Solutions

Statistics

Each household attending the event was required to fill out an intake form. We had 187 intake forms returned and collected the following data:

Out of 187 people who filled out the intake forms:

- 96 reported being homeless
- 91 reported being at risk of homeless

When asked where they lived their response was:

- 73 Your own apt, room or house
- 39 Someone else's apt, room, house
- 23 Outdoors
- 13 Short Term Shelters
- 11 Residential Treatment
- 6 Transitional Housing
- 5 Hotel, Motel, Boarding Room
- Notes that people wrote under "Other" : Tent, Trailer, Spare Room, Headwater Fort Creek, Crisis Center, Don't know, Doubled Up

Household Sizes:

House hold size	Responses
1:	61
2:	36
3:	28
4:	28
5:	13
6:	10
6+:	7
Grand total: 508 attendees	

Household Type:

- Single Individuals: 69
- Two Parent Family: 52
- Single Parent, Male: 4
- Single Parent, Female: 45

When asked if the attendees were employed their response was:

- Yes: 30
- No: 153

If yes: *Full Time: 9 Part time: 17 Temp: 5 Self employed: 1 Student: 1*

What caused the person filling out the form to leave their last living arrangement?

- 61 - Could not afford rent
- 42 - Unemployed
- 22 - Drug/Alcohol
- 18 - By choice
- 15 - Domestic Violence
- 12 - Evicted
- 9 - Mental health
- 7 - Medical
- 4 - Criminal history
- 1- Poor rental history
- 1 -Pregnancy
- Written in comments "Other": Disability, divorce/custody battle, foreclosure, kicked out, laid - off, ripped off, graduated and kicked out.

How did people hear about Project Homeless Connect??

- 95 - Word of mouth
- 49 - Saw the flyer or post-card
- 30 - refereed by another agency or service provider
- 8 - Newspaper
- 5 - Television
- 4 - Did not know about it, saw something going on in the park
- Written in comments under "Other": Referrals by DHS, FS&C, KLCAS, Mental Health, Klamath Open Door, Marta's House, and Klamath Falls Gospel Mission.

Exit Statistics

We asked event participants to fill out exit cards to help determine what worked and what we could strive to do better for participants at next year's event. We've summarized the responses below:

What was the main reason you attended today's event?

When reviewing the information I've found that it was based on several needs. Needs for children items such as clothing and school supplies. There was also the request for housing assistance. Many stated that they were losing their homes, looking for a home, were homeless, or just needed help all the way around. One stated, "was homeless until my son took me off the street." Many stated comments such as "for the help I received," "get whatever help that I can," "to help the grandkids," and several of the exact same, "for the kids." There were the few that stated that they needed a haircut or were looking for the vet to take care of their loved animal.

What service or supply was most helpful?

Many were grateful that Klamath Housing Authority was able to attend the event. They were also appreciative of the Klamath Falls Gospel Mission and the clothing available. They made comments like, "...I was surprised by the amount of agencies that even showed up." Several stated, "I got new glasses," one even stated, "food, she was hungry," "mission, lots of underwear, shoes".

What services did you need that were not available today?

Several stated jobs, along with housing, needing homes now. There were a few that could not locate the hair cut section. Clothing became an issue towards the end of the event; there became a lack of variety. Amazingly enough there was not enough clothes. Along with clothes, diapers became a big hit this year. There were left over sizes 1's and 2's but the bigger sizes were gone and those were the sizes that were needed for most of the attendees. Several would have liked to have seen a dentist make it to the event. Others had good ideas like a phone booth where one could call family members. "Hair stuff," "toiletries," and "sleeping bags" were just a few requests. Overall the event went off successfully and all were quite satisfied.

Services Sought

Event providers were required to fill out an intake card which listed providers on the front. Participants would then fill out the forms as they visited providers and turn in the card for a raffle drawing. One dilemma we faced was that our intake cards did not list everyone since we had providers joining the day of the event. Needless to say, providers were able to write their names in so we believe we were able to note everyone. The following shows what attendees sought while they were at the event.

- 105- KLCAS
- 99- Klamath Open Door
- 97- Red Cross
- 95- Klamath Housing Authorities
- 91- Spokes
- 89- Generation of Hope
- 84- KC Health Department
- 69- Gospel Mission
- 64- Marta's House
- 61- Family Support and Connections
- 51- OR DHS
- 51- Library
- 51- Vets Services
- 47- Transformations
- 44- COIC
- 42- Toys for Tots
- 37- KLHC
- 35- NAMI
- 32- Lions
- 29- Vet
- 28- KC Mental Health
- 26- Legal
- 23- Head Start
- 22- OCDC
- 21- IYS
- 7- Cascades East
- 6- Hair Cut
- 3- Bike Kits