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Warming Shelter Winter Plans

Is it really only the beginning of September, and we're already discussing winter?
to be effective, we must start planning well in advance for the upcoming season. We recently learned that one of the shelters will not be opening this year. We are concerned about our neighbors who will be on the streets during these frigid months. Aid for Friends will likely be at capacity most of the time, leaving many vulnerable to severe conditions, or forcing them to make unwise choices just to stay warm.



Valley Mission is working diligently to open the Food Pantry in our new space before winter, allowing the existing pantry space to be transformed into a warming shelter.
This initiative requires careful planning and many helping hands to be successful for our community. If you are interested in joining the volunteer team, please email karl@valleymission.org, and we will arrange training for you.

Please be aware that this is still a work in progress, so we ask for your patience. More details will be available in the coming weeks.

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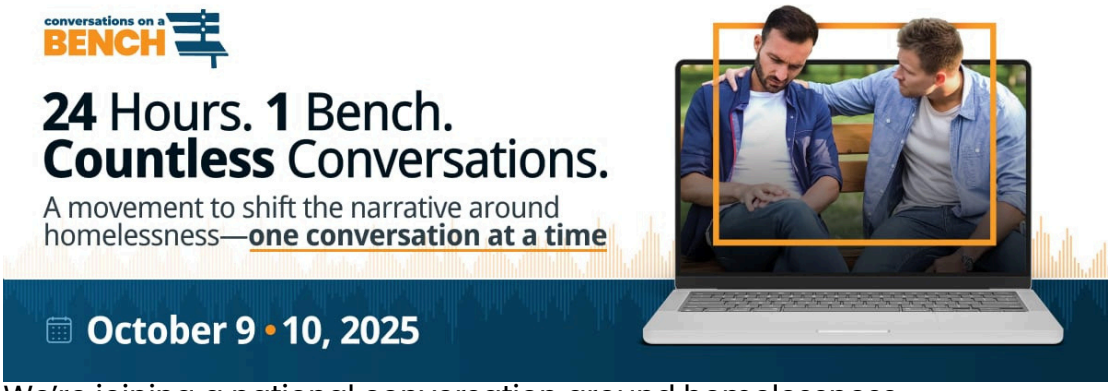
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Continue to pray for those on the streets! The team is seeing an average of 15-25 people weekly living in cars, on the streets, along the river or in parks. This is truly becoming a growing crisis in our community!



We're joining a national conversation around homelessness.
On October 9-10, Valley Mission director, Karl Pettit, will sit on a bench - rain, snow, or shine - for 24 hours to listen, talk, and share with our community.
It's part of Conversations on A Bench, a Citygate Network event taking place in dozens of cities across North America. The goal? To reflect the love of God and create space for honest conversations about homelessness, addiction, and mental health. We're hopeful this event helps shift hearts and spread the hope of Christ in our city.

Mark your calendar to tune in live and see what happens when a community listens, loves, and leans into tough conversations. What do you want to know about homelessness?

The link will be on www.conversationsonabench.org, at www.valleymission.org, and on Valley Mission Facebook page. On Facebook, you can submit questions and comments.



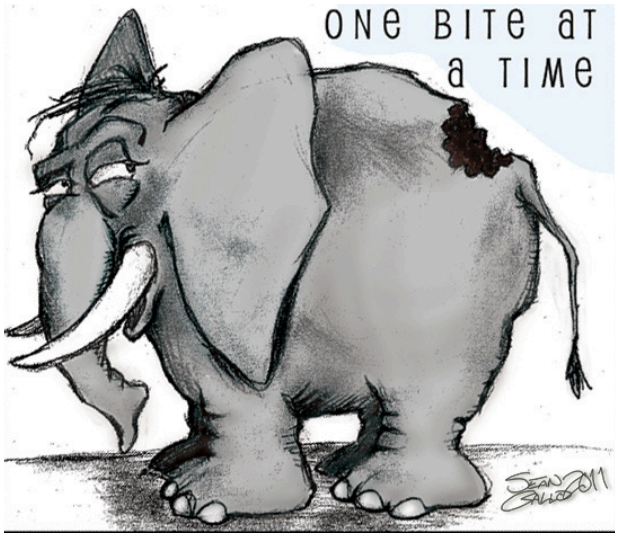
Construction Progress Funding Update

Great Start To Conversations...

A big part of Conversations On A Bench is focused on raising funds for construction costs for our building project. Specifically, raising upwards of $300,000 to complete the build of the Food Pantry phase. Those (rough) costs include fire sprinklers ($100,000), electrical ($45,000), plumbing ($25,000), insulation and sheetrock ($35,000), HVAC installation ($30,000), gas line installation ($25,000), paint and flooring ($15,000), and equipment/supplies for the food pantry ($25,000). If we can raise those funds, the pantry can be open and operational within about 2 months time. That would allow us to move the pantry over to its new home, which would then open the existing pantry location to be utilized as our warming shelter. A 'two-for-one' deal!

During the live stream, there will be opportunities to give via a QR code or link to our home page, listed below. If you are out and about and would like to give in person, stop by the Bench at 442 N Arthur Avenue anytime from 1 pm Thursday until 1 pm Friday!

Visit www.valleymission.org to give today!



Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.

ROMANS 12:10



Food Pantry Bites

Pantry Bites...

- With school in session we are always looking for quick meal options for our guests. Items like Chef-BoyArdee, Spaghettios, tuna pouches or cans, instant oatmeal, single serve mac-n-cheese, etc. are great items to add to our food bags that we build each week.
- SERVICE opportunities for groups, business/work teams looking for community projects. Reach out to us at valleymission.org/getinvolved or email us at office@fbcpoky.com for more information.
- With new seasons come new opportunities to get involved. Watch the upcoming newsletters for various product drives like socks and blankets. Also opportunities to fill bags/backpacks with winter items and other fun projects for groups.
- As always, you can find volunteer opportunities and times on page 5!

Partners In Caring

Bread is such a key staple for many households, and often something we don't get a lot of from local stores. That is until we began partnering with our local FRANZ Bakery Outlet store on Pole Line Road. Tonya and her team have been blessing us each week with extra trays of donated bread, bagels, english muffins and more. Many weeks, these donations fill in the gap so our guests can have this important food item for their family. We are SO GRATEFUL for their support!

THANK YOU, FRANZ BAKERY OUTLET!

VOLUNTEER Spotlight

Volunteer (n) - a person who freely offers to serve in an enterprise or undertake a task.
I would add they don't seek reward or recognition for doing the things that need to be done, both seen and unseen.

Our volunteer this month truly is a gift in many ways to Valley Mission. She brings her kind heart, her sense of humor, and her desire to serve those in need every time she steps into the room. Nancy also notices when things seem a little thin in food supply and points us to resources to fill those gaps so our guests don't go hungry.
She is a living definition of a volunteer who leads with her heart and her abilities!

THANK YOU, NANCY,
For Sharing Your Heart and Serving With Us!

Food Pantry Opportunities

There are a few ways to serve:

Wednesdays, 8 am - 11:30 am
Food is delivered from our 14 stores as well as from the Idaho Foodbank. Unloading, sorting, organizing and building food boxes takes place on this day.

Thursdays, 10 am to 11 am
Additional food deliveries from some of the same stores. Unloading, sorting and organizing takes place here.

Thursdays, 3:30 to 6 pm
Food is distributed to the community. Most 'jobs' deal with serving the guest as well as carrying boxes to their vehicles.

It is more blessed to give than to receive.

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