MISSION MOMENTS

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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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Year to date, we have identified 91 (unduplicated) individuals living on our streets. More work to be done!



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 Chist 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 soon, where you can send your questions and follow the livestream.



Construction Progress Funding Need

One Bite At A Time...

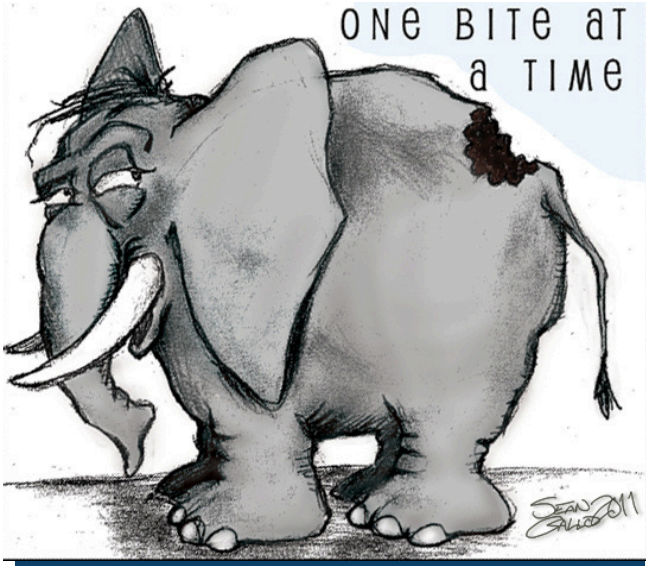
How Do You Eat an Elephant? One Bite at a Time (Please note, we're not suggesting anyone actually eat an elephant.)

We have a significant task ahead of us: raising $140,000 to get the sprinkler system installed. That figure can feel daunting for many of us! However, if I said it would take roughly $3,500 per day to complete the task, that seems to be a more managable number for some of us. The project will take approximately 8 weeks to complete, which equates to $3,500 per day.

We're reaching out to our supporters to assist us in raising these funds as quickly as possible, bringing us closer to our goal of opening the food pantry at its new location. This will have a domino effect, allowing our current pantry location to serve as a warming shelter during the cold months ahead–almost a "two-for-one" impact.

Would you consider making a gift of any amount today to move us closer to this goal?

Visit www.valleymission.org to give today!



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

ROMANS 12:10



Pantry Bites...

- Not to sound like a broken record, but our guests LOVE the fresh produce! Keep it coming. Many neighbors around town are donating extra fruits and vegetables for the food pantry - and we are extremely grateful!
- With school in session we will be looking for quick meal options for our guests. Items like Chef-BoyArdee, Spaghettios, tuna pouches or cans, 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 office@fbcpoky.com for more information.
- As always, you can find volunteer opportunities and times on page 5!

Food Pantry Bites

Partners In Caring

More than just grocery partners, many businesses support Valley Mission with funds and volunteer work.

This last month we were blessed with a $1,000 donation from Citizens Community Bank! Their team is amazing! And it is not just donations that make them great. Their team has been onsite on different occasions helping us to get the new building ready for move in. We appreciate all you do for us!!

THANK YOU, CITIZENS COMMUNITY BANK

VOLUNTEER Spotlight

Our volunteers come from all over the community. Some were guests to our food pantry and now serve. Others just saw the need.

One such volunteer is Song.

Her warm and tender heart has been on display both Wednesday and Thursday. Her hard work ethic is hard to match as we receive and process our food orders.
On Thursday, she shows her amazing heart and generous spirit by the way she serves our guests. She is truly a gift to those of us who get to serve alongside her week in and week out!

THANK YOU, SONG,
For Your Generous & Caring Heart!

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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