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## FOOD

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Field of Dreams has served more than 150 meals almost every weekend for the last three years. Everyone who works at the site is a volunteer.

Many sites for food relief in the Eugene/Springfield area are run by churches like Crossfire.

Church groups, especially youth groups, provide many volunteers, but their assistance is intermittent.

"FFLC always can use volunteers," Sponsler said.

At the Dining Room, volunteers can prepare the meals in the afternoon or serve the meals at night.

Lon Nevler said he gives time to the community that once helped him, and added that he

has fun doing the work.

"I feel great satisfaction from my community involvement," Nevler said. "People feel good when they volunteer."

The effort put forth by volunteers has a positive impact on the community, Hinthorne said.

"We don't expect to change the community overnight, but we do expect to make a difference as time goes on," Hinthorne said. "There is a lot of good going on in our community."

After placing the harmonica in his pocket, Suta takes a long drink of his tea and looks around the room. He watches the people eat as a volunteer clears dishes from a table, asking how the meal was.

He smiles.

"People need people," he says. "People are fantastic and you can see the good in them."

**Cory Eldridge is a freelance reporter for the Emerald.**

## SHELTER

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Anthony Ricca is the weekend manager of First Place Family Center.

"It's not the most glamorous job, but I love it," said Ricca as he handed out Capri Suns to eager children taking a break from play. Weary parents lounge on the sofa, watching television.

"It's pretty nice around here," said a man staying at the shelter with his wife and two children who prefers to remain nameless. "They help out all the kids and offer food, clothes, and find us housing."

His wife agreed. "It's a warm place to stay during the day, and to do your laundry," she said.

First Place provides showers, day care, and a homework club — a room where kids can do homework with an after-school teacher.

First place has more than just physical benefits, however.

"We offer aid and protection," Ricca said. "They can feel safe here."

The shelter has seen an increase in the families seeking help in recent cold-weather weeks.

The shelter, located at 1995 Amazon Parkway in Eugene, has the capacity for 10 to 12 families, and they are currently all filled.

"We have a waiting list to prevent overcrowding," Ricca said.

He stressed that the shelter is for families only, added that during the weekend there are fewer

people using the shelter because many of them stay at friends' houses.

"If you're single, you can't get in," he said.

Families usually stay at the shelter about a month.

First Place receives donations from a variety of places — such as Buffalo Exchange and Bed, Bath, and Beyond — in the form of clothes, blankets, comforters, soap, teddy bears and several other much-needed items. Ricca said if a child is having a birthday, First Place will wrap something up and give it to him or her.

Volunteers help make the shelter work. Many are interns from Lane Community College, but some of the people who use the shelter also volunteer there.

"People use the facilities," Ricca said. "In exchange they do things like answer phones and check the mail."

Thanksgiving can be a difficult time of year for some. In response to this need, Ricca said the community is sponsoring a free community Thanksgiving dinner on Nov. 27 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Whiteaker School, located at 21 North Grand St. in Eugene.

"What I love most about this place is seeing the kids' faces," Ricca said. "This is their last resort and we can give them hope."

For more information or to volunteer, contact First Place Family Center at 342-7728.

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