

Anytime Fitness treads into Soles4Souls cause

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Anytime Fitness in Silverton announced that it's taking local steps into a global cause of fighting poverty.

Through Sept. 15, the gym, located at 703 McClaine St., #F, will be collecting gently used shoes for Soles4Souls. Robin Williams of Anytime Fitness, who is the local ambassador for the Soles4Souls, said that people's unwanted gently-used shoes help create meaningful opportunities in developing nations in need.

Soles4Souls is a non-profit social enterprise based in Nashville, Tennessee, which describes its vision as "disrupting the cycle of poverty" through a mission aimed at the "distribution of shoes and clothing around the world."

Williams said the shoes collected in Silverton will be delivered to Soles4Souls. The nonprofit social enterprise creates sustainable jobs and provides relief through the distribution of shoes and clothing around the world; it has distributed more than 30 million pairs of new and used shoes in 127 countries since its 2006 founding.

"Anytime Fitness Silverton is a strong supporter of Soles4Souls' mission, and

we hope to take a big step in providing the organization with the new and gently used shoes they require to disrupt the cycle of poverty around the globe," Williams said.

Soles4Souls orchestrates the distribution of the shoes through micro-enterprise programs that create jobs in developing nations.

"We're so grateful for volunteers like our friends at Anytime Fitness," said Soles4Souls President and CEO Buddy Teaster. "It's individuals and businesses like these that are the heart of our organization."

Sources from the nonprofit cite a 2012 World Bank estimate indicating roughly 900 million people live on less than \$1.90 per day. Consequently, adequate footwear is an issue affecting many, and that increases the risk of infections and parasitic diseases.

"The simple truth is that almost anyone with a closet has shoes they don't wear or an old pair that will just end up in a landfill," said Williams. "Give those to us, and know that you are taking a step to making the world a better place for all of us."

For information, contact Anytime Fitness, 503-873-7033.



COURTESY OF ANYTIME FITNESS

Left to right, Jaime Hudson, Robin Williams and Sam Funk pose with some of the early contributions to the Soles4Souls drive at Anytime Fitness in Silverton.

Legislators urge police to enforce immigration laws

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Three Oregon legislators are spearheading an initiative petition that would repeal the Oregon law prohibiting local and state police from enforcing federal immigration laws.

Rep. Mike Nearman, R-Independence, Rep. Sal Esquivel, R-Medford, and Rep. Greg Barreto, R-Pendleton, certified a ballot title with the Elections Division for Initiative Petition 2018-022, which is proposed for the November 6, 2018 General Election.

The trio is hoping voters will support repealing Oregon Statute 181.850, which states law enforcement agencies may not use agency money, equipment or personnel to detect or apprehend people who are only violating federal immigration laws by being foreign citizens in the United States.

Oregonians for Immigration Reform, an organization calling for an end to ille-

gal immigration, is "cosigning" the initiative, said communications director Jim Ludwick.

"Every nation has a sovereign right to set its own immigration policies and we believe the state statute is in violation of federal law," Ludwick said. "People should have the chance to vote on this."

Ludwick said OFIR plans to lead a community campaign which includes providing information to residents at places like the Oregon State Fair and other public venues.

"We're going to start a vigorous process to make sure we overturn the sanctuary state of Oregon," Ludwick said.

88,184 signatures are required to certify the initiative for a ballot measure, according to the Oregon Secretary of State Elections Division.

Rep. Nearman and Rep. Barreto did not respond to requests for comment. Rep. Esquivel was out of state and could not be reached by publication time.

Andrea Williams, executive director of immigrant rights organization Causa Oregon, said Causa has been keeping an eye on the initiative ever since it was filed.

"The last thing we need is our local law enforcement resources being used for federal immigration purposes," Williams said.

She said Causa has passed 14 inclusivity resolutions across Oregon cities and counties that vow to not allow city resources to be used to enforce federal immigration law. Salem City Councilors voted unanimously to pass the resolution in February.

Williams said the initiative would undue the bipartisan effort in 1987 that brought ORS 181.850 into law, which she says was in response to accusations of police racial profiling.

When President Donald Trump released an executive order that halted federal funding to sanctuary cities and allowed law enforcement to perform the

functions of immigration officers in January, local and state police officials said they would not alter the way they operate.

Salem Police, Marion County Sheriff's Office and Oregon State Police stated they would follow state law as long as it an Oregon statute.

Ludwick said, however, local and state law enforcement should follow federal law.

"People need to understand the cost of illegal aliens on the state of Oregon," Ludwick said.

The prospective petition is currently in an appeal period. Registered voters have the opportunity to submit comments and requests for the Oregon Supreme Court to review the ballot until Monday, July 31.

For questions, comments and news tips, email reporter Lauren Hernandez at lehernande@statesmanjournal.com, call 503-983-6030 or follow on Twitter @LaurenPorFavor



CAMP TALOALI/SPECIAL TO THE STAYTON MAIL

In addition to camping, Camp Taloali, east of Stayton, will offer day passes for the many activities available during the River Fusion 22 festival, August 18-21.

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nue for visitors to come out and experience first hand what the area has to offer, thus increasing economic impact to the region."

Overall, McKenzie has been quite impressed with the results.

"We're so proud of the many volunteers who are working diligently on our tourism teams or producing events," she said. "It has been really heartwarming to see such a collaborative effort not just to greet visitors but to also bring communities together."

For more information on River Fusion 22, contact Allison McKenzie at 503-871-5188 or allison@growsantiam.org, Maricela Guerrero at 503-581-4325 x133 or mguerrero@travelsalem.com, or visit the River Fusion 22 Facebook page.

River Fusion 22

Held from Friday, August 18, to Monday, August 21, River Fusion 22

events include:

» **"Howl at the Moon,"** a block party in downtown Stayton on Friday, August 18, which includes a howling contest and Stayton's first fish rodeo

» **"Total Eclipse of the Cob,"** Aumsville Corn Festival and Parade on Saturday, starting at 11 a.m.

» **"Eclipse-Fest,"** in downtown Detroit and "Black Out at Detroit Lake," at Kane's Marina with kids' activities, beer gardens and live music Friday through Sunday

» **"Sol Wink-Out in Scio,"** featuring camping, music, local eats and self-guided covered bridge tours all weekend

» **Day passes at Camp Taloali** all weekend for families to enjoy the swimming pool, trails, rope courses, games and other activities

» **Grill-your-own steak/chicken dinner** hosted by the Knights of Columbus from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday at Anthony Hall, adjacent to Sublimity Harvest Festival Grounds, 11758 Sublimity Rd. SE. Baked potato, sides and salad included. Steak is \$21.95 for adults, \$16.95 for children 12 and

under; Grilled chicken is \$17.95 for adults, \$13.95 for children.

» **Mill City's River City Music & Art Jamboree** at Kimmel Park on Sunday, hosted by Santiam Hearts to Arts and the North Santiam Chamber of Commerce

» **A downriver race and a family-friendly "fun float"** on the North Santiam, led by eNRG Kayaking, beginning at noon at Gatesbridge. Bring your own boat and safety equipment. For more information, call 503-772-1122

» **Two performances,** including lunch or dinner, of Dead Man's Chest by Aumsville Community Theater on Sunday at the Santiam Golf Club

» **"The Night Before S'Mores Party and Fire-side Celebration"** on Sunday night at Sublimity Harvest Festival Grounds - an attempt will be made to break the world record for the most folks making s'mores at the same time

» **Special eclipse viewing parties** on Monday morning in Scio, at the Sublimity Harvest Festival Grounds and riverside in the meadow at Camp Taloali.

For detailed informa-

tion on these events (cost, location, activities, contact information and registration if necessary) and information on camping sites, visit travelsalem.com.

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