

MARTY DAVIS



Blues musician Sonny Hess is battling cancer and misfortune.

in October. Jan. 8 marked the day of her first chemotherapy treatment and the night she lost everything to a fire. Recipient of the Portland Music Association's Crystal Awards for outstanding R & B act and best new artist, Hess, a local for more than 30 years, is well known for her Northwest Women Rhythm and Blues show Thursdays at Trail's End Saloon in Oregon City.

"It was an electrical fire," said Hess, "which triggered the sprinkler system that destroyed everything—memorabilia, awards, the computer, the couch, our bed. There was lots of smoke damage on things that can't be replaced."

The Red Cross arranged for Hess and her partner, Jaime Pemberton, to stay in a motel for a few days. Next they moved into a friend's old apartment for a couple of weeks. According to Hess, the landlord will be selling the damaged house, and the couple might live in her brother's recreational vehicle for a while.

"It's been really difficult this whole time trying to siphon through stuff, wash clothes and try to pick up our lives while feeling really crappy from the chemotherapy," said Hess. "But I continue to do music and hope to throughout the treatment. It's really helpful to have something to look forward to. Even though sometimes I don't feel great, I always feel better after I play."

Friends and musicians whom Hess has helped along the way will play in a fund-raiser for her Feb. 11. The "From the Heart" benefit, organized by Flaherty for Hess and Pemberton, features the Undercover, Ellen Whyte, Lisa Mann & Her Really Good Band, Duffy Bishop, Linda Hornbuckle, Paul Delay and Northwest Women Rhythm & Blues. A silent auction will include an acoustic and electric guitar, golf clubs and gift

certificates for restaurants and lounges where Hess has played as well as hometown places she frequents.

Even with the benefit show and help from friends, Hess could still use more support. "I could use prayers," she said. "And come and see me play. If anyone can afford to donate—even if 20 people donate \$5, that buys a blanket or an iron or something."

"From the Heart" is from 3 to 11 p.m. at High Rocks Restaurant and Lounge, 915 E. Arlington St. in Gladstone. Donations can be made to any U.S. Bank under "The Sonny Hess Fund." For upcoming show information visit www.sonnyhess.com.

Campaign Launched

In Other Words bookstore has launched a campaign called 100 Women Strong, with the belief that 100 women can create a legacy.

The feminist bookstore at 8 N.E. Killingsworth St. is attempting to create sustainability by seeking a commitment from 100 women to pledge at least \$100 this year. That amounts to a monthly contribution of \$8.33.

The nonprofit organization has already received \$4,860 in pledges from 41 women and intends to use the money for general operating expenses.

To sign up and support the bookstore's future, e-mail othrwrds@teleport.com.

In Other Words hosts a slate of in-store events from readings with authors to yoga practices to open mike nights. Staff and volunteers also feature rotating picks to expose readers to the best local and nationwide literature feminist writers have to offer.

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