

Bricklayers, Laborers help Parry Center construct 'Healing Garden' greenhouse

"I have goosebumps. You don't know how long we've waited for this," beamed Fran Warren, chair of the Parry Center for Children's Metropolitan Auxiliary Club, as volunteers

from Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Local 1 and Laborers Local 296 cleaned up after laying a 40-inch tall, 20-by-27-foot, foundation for a greenhouse at the center's "Healing

Garden."

Parry Center for Children, located at 3415 S.E. Powell Blvd. Portland, is home to 48 mentally and emotionally unstable youngsters ages four to 17.

Many of the children have bounced around from institution to institution, with many labeled as hopeless cases.

The Healing Garden is used to build in "horticultural therapy" in their treatment.

"These are some of the most severe mental cases in the state. And they have responded to the healing garden," Warren said, noting that one individual who had been given up on has been adopted.

For the past 10 years, Warren and the Auxiliary Club have wanted to add a greenhouse to the Healing Garden. Such a structure would allow the children to continue their psychiatric care during the winter months.

The budget was \$40,000. But the greenhouse itself cost \$30,000. So the ladies of the auxiliary wrote letters and made phone calls asking for donations of cash, materials, and skilled labor.

"Obviously, we could never



Local 1 Business Manager Keith Wright butters a block with mortar.

have afforded this without volunteer help like this," Warren said.

Union officers, apprentices and retirees of the two unions spent a morning last month constructing the foundation. Blocks were donated by Mutual Materials, rebar was provided by Iron Workers Local 29, and grout came from Ross Island Sand and Gravel.

Performing the physical labor were Local 1 Business Manager Keith Wright, Local 1 President Matt Eleazer, Apprenticeship Coordinator Shawn Lenczowski, apprentice Scott Lummus, retiree Dennis Price, and Laborers Northwest Regional Organizing Coalition organizer and Local

296 member Bill Hoffmann.

Parry Center is part of Trillium Family Services. Employees there are members of Service Employee International Union Local 503.

Challenge out to collect food at Labor Day picnic

American Federation of State, County, & Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Oregon Council 75 has made arrangements with Oregon Food Bank to have barrels set up at the Northwest Oregon Labor Council's Labor Day picnic at Oaks Park to collect food donations.

Barrels will be color-coded corresponding to union colors (AFSCME green, UFCW yellow, SEIU purple etc.) Members of those unions are encouraged to bring a food donation to the picnic. At the end of the day, barrels will be checked and the union with the most donations will be announced.

"It's just a bit of friendly competition for a good cause," said Ken Allen, executive director of Council 75, who issued a challenge to other unions. "All of us have had members facing hard times and the Food Bank has been there to help. Let's step up and help back."



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Volunteering to build a foundation for a Healing Garden greenhouse at Parry Center for Children in Southeast Portland are from left: Bill Hoffmann of Laborers Local 296, and Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Local 1 members Matt Eleazer, Keith Wright, Dennis Price, Shawn Lenczowski, and Scott Lummus. Standing third from right is Fran Warren, chairwoman of the Parry Center's Metropolitan Auxiliary Club.

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