

## Port of Portland to vote on improvements for airport workers

The Port of Portland Commission is expected to vote April 8 on a package of measures to improve conditions for low-wage service workers at the Portland International Airport — including a mandate that future airport concessions contractors provide at least \$13 an hour compensation.

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ployees International Union, and Portland Jobs with Justice are mobilizing to show support for the package, which the Port crafted in response to a year-long union campaign. Supporters will gather at 9 a.m. at the airport baggage claim area near the MAX station entrance, and march to the Port Commission meeting that starts at 9:30 a.m.

### BUILDING COMMUNITY

## 'Solidarity for Charity' launched to benefit Labor's Community Service Agency

Labor's Community Service Agency announced its first annual spring fundraising campaign to run through May of 2015. The "Solidarity for Charity" campaign is asking for donations from the greater labor community to help sustain and grow the charitable organization.

"In the past, Labor's Community Services has held seasonal fund drives for specific programs, like Helping Hands for temporary hardship assistance," said Vickie Burns, executive director. "Resources and opportunities have changed over the years. We must find new ways to generate support so that we can continue to offer great programs and services while grow-

ing the agency."

One way, says Burns, is to hold an annual fundraising campaign offering the opportunity to donate at the click of a button. The LCSA's newly launched website, [www.lcsaportland.org](http://www.lcsaportland.org), provides that opportunity.

The Solidarity for Charity campaign kicked off at the March 23 delegates meeting of the Northwest Oregon Labor Council. The campaign will wrap up at the Northwest Oregon Labor Council's annual "Labor Appreciation Night" banquet on June 6.

To learn more about Labor's Community Service Agency and its programs, visit the website or the agency's LCSA-Portland Facebook page. To donate online, go to [www.lcsaportland.org/donate](http://www.lcsaportland.org/donate), or send donations to Labor's Community Service Agency, 9955 SE Washington, Suite 211, Portland, OR 97216.

## Union members volunteer at kids' fishing derby

VANCOUVER — Union volunteers will be out in force Friday and Saturday, April 10-11, for the annual Kline Pond Kids Fishing Derby at Salmon Creek Park in Vancouver, Wash.

Several unions donate money to the event, and members volunteer to help kids bait hooks, untangle lines, and catch fish.

The derby is put on by the Kline Kids Fishing Nonprofit and the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife. It's goal is to get more kids involved in fishing. More than 3,000 kids ages 5 to 14 and their parents attend. Registration is \$5 per child and includes a Zebco rod and reel and T-shirt. Friday is for kids with special needs. Fishing starts at 8 a.m. on Saturday, and continues until 3:45 p.m.

For more information, call 360-608-7973 or go to Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/KlineKidsFishingEvent?ref=ts>.

## Recognition dinner June 6


Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 6, for the Northwest Oregon Labor Council's annual Labor Appreciation and Recognition Night. The event is two-fold; it's a special evening honoring men and women identified by their peers for outstanding contributions to labor and their community, and it's a fundraiser for Labor's Community Service Agency. The banquet will be held at Milwaukee Elks Lodge, 13121 SE McLoughlin Blvd. Dinner tickets are \$20 per person. Raffle tickets also will be sold.

The labor council is currently accepting cash and prize donations for the raffle, and nominations for persons to be recognized.

For more information or to order tickets, call 503-235-9444.




**UNITE AGAINST CANCER.** Unite for the Knight, a coalition of unions and businesses working together to raise money for Oregon Health & Science University's Knight Cancer Institute, got a \$21,000 boost from the Oregon State Fire Fighters Council on March 25. The funds were contributed by firefighters from 18 locals throughout the state. It is the largest donation among unions, which have helped raise nearly \$1 million for the United for the Knight campaign. The Knight Cancer Challenge was launched last year when Nike co-founder Phil Knight and his wife, Penny, pledged to donate \$500 million for cancer research if OHSU raised an equal amount in two years. "Our members have a significantly higher incidence of cancer than the general population," said Kelly Bach, president of the Fire Fighters Council, pictured above with Lisa Coussens, Ph.D., associate director of basic research at OHSU Knight Cancer Institute, and firefighters from Station #4 near Portland State University. "This is an issue that hits close to home for many of Oregon's firefighters," Bach said. A 2014 report by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that firefighters are susceptible to mesothelioma at twice the expected rate. Mesothelioma is an aggressive and rare cancer affecting the lining of the lungs and abdomen. OHSU will use the money to try to find smarter, faster ways to detect cancer earlier, when the disease is most curable, Coussens said. To make a contribution, go to [www.unitefortheKnight.org](http://www.unitefortheKnight.org).






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