

Labor's Community Service Agency gears up for spring fundraiser

Labor's Community Service Agency (LCSA) has launched its spring fundraising campaign.

LCSA provides several safety net programs for people in need. Donations go to serving people like Carla, a local union member who reached out to LCSA's Helping Hands Temporary Hardship Assistance program.

"LCSA got me through a rough patch," Carla said. "I might have lost everything while waiting for my workers' comp. LCSA helped me with part of the rent and I was able to keep my home."

In addition to Helping Hands, LCSA offers rapid response service to a company layoff or closure. It's Team Labor! volunteer program focuses on small home repairs for low-income, elderly and veterans. Presents From Partners offers a huge Christmas party for families facing tough times. And its Resource Navigator training shows union locals effective ways to connect to, and utilize, the vast array of community social services available through 211info.

To donate to LCSA, visit www.lcsaportland.org, or send a check to Labor's Community Service Agency 9955 S.E. Washington St, Suite 211, Portland, OR 97216.

HAPPENINGS

Labor Bowl for MDA

The 28th annual Labor Bowl Challenge is a fundraiser for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. The event—coordinated by the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) Branch 82 and the Northwest Oregon Labor Council—consists of four-person bowling teams that compete for prizes. Money is raised through pledges and from a silent auction and goes to buy wheelchairs and braces for children, as well as for research and summer camps. Muscular dystrophy is a hereditary condition marked by a progressive weakening and wasting of the muscles over time. Since the Labor Bowl began in 1989, union members have donated \$379,856 to MDA.

- **Time:** Sunday, April 9, 11 a.m.-noon registration; bowling noon -2:30 p.m.
- **Place:** Sunset Lanes, 12770 SW Walker Rd., Beaverton
- **Cost:** \$60 minimum to raise per bowler
- **More info:** Call NALC Branch office at 503-493-5903. To donate tax-deductible silent auction items and door prizes, call Abe RedCloud at 831-331-0798

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ning for the next bond proposal, which would include modernization of Cleveland, Jefferson and Wilson high schools.

The May 16 bond measure is actually phase two in a three-phase plan to fully modernize school sites across the district. District buildings are on average 77 years old, and many are over 100 years old. In 2012, voters approved the first in the series: a \$482 million bond issue that funded the extensive renovation of Franklin, Grant and Roosevelt

high schools and Faubion PreK-8 school, plus repairs and upgrades at 52 schools. At its peak in the summer of 2016, about 600 workers were employed on projects funded by that bond.

The new bond would cost property owners \$1.40 per \$1,000 of assessed value for the first four years, declining thereafter. The owner of a home assessed at \$240,000 would pay \$336 a year.

A poll undertaken by the district showed public support for the bond at 60 percent. But Jeremy Wright, a former union or-

ganizer who is leading the campaign to pass the bond, says every vote will count, and the support of union members, who tend to vote in higher numbers, is particularly important.

Ballots will be mailed out April 26 and will be due back May 16.

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UNION MEMBERS NEEDED

To volunteer, donate, request a lawn sign or get more information, visit www.healthyschoolspdx.com. You can also "like" the bond campaign at facebook.com/healthyschoolspdx

STATE PREVAILING WAGE

Below are some prevailing wage rates for journeymen working in Multnomah County.

CRAFT	WAGE	BENEFITS
Bricklayer	\$34.79	\$20.10
Carpenter	\$35.67	\$15.67
Cement Mason	\$31.00	\$18.87
Electrician	\$40.20	\$22.30
Elevator Constructor	\$51.03	\$37.37
Glazier	\$34.65	\$19.00
Insulator	\$45.42	\$20.77
Ironworker	\$36.71	\$24.16
Laborer	\$27.72	\$13.82
Painter	\$22.52	\$10.38
Plumber	\$42.83	\$27.02
Roofer	\$28.53	\$17.42
Sheet Metal Worker	\$38.11	\$19.82
Sprinklerfitter	\$36.06	\$21.30



Pet Supplies

We love our pets, they're family. A good diet and preventive health care is the best way to keep pets healthy and avoid big veterinary bills.

Union Plus offers pet programs to help protect your pets and your wallet. Get details about pet insurance benefits and how to enroll at UnionPlusPets.com or call 1-866-473-7387 (9 am-midnight ET and 10 am-8 pm ET on Saturdays).

When you're searching for things to buy for your pets—why not support unions and buy trusted products that are union-made?

Here's a brief list of pet products made by members of the **Bakery, Confectionery, Tobacco Workers and Grain Millers International Union (BCTGM)** and the **United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW)**.



- Alpo
- Anchor
- Beggin' Strips
- Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, Inc.
- Chew-Ezz
- Fancy Feast
- Fresh Step
- Friskies
- Litter Green
- Milk-Bones
- Nature's Recipe
- Purina Animal Feeds
- Purina Beneful
- Purina Cat Chow
- Purina Dog Chow
- Purina One
- Purina Pro Plan
- Purina Puppy Chow
- 9 Lives
- Sanderson Farms
- Science Diet
- Skippy
- Snusages
- Tidy Cat's

Editors note: as with all Do Buy lists this list does not include all available union-made products and services.

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