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Stocking stuffers reach people in need

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of socks, a razor, a hat means so much to people who have nothing," she said.

Orlando suggested such stocking stuffers as soap, toothpaste, a hairbrush, or cologne, and fun things like fingernail polish, beanie babies or movies pass.

"People don't realize how powerful their actions can be," she remarked. "Filling up a sock with ten bucks worth of stuff means so much to recipients."

Goal is 2000 stockings

Recipients of the Christmas socks are needy people known to such local agencies as the Annie Ross House, Clackamas Women's Shelter, Healthy Start, and Centro de Canby. This year's goal for the campaign is to distribute 2000 stockings to those who will be facing difficult times during the holidays.

"Poverty is hidden but real," Orlando explained. "This is the time of year that is filled with excess— too much to eat, too many presents. This is the only Christmas the recipients have."

The "Fill a Stocking, Fill a Heart campaign" first started with Willamette Falls Hospital staff who donated gifts to

women's shelters and other organizations. The Oregon City Chamber of Commerce continued the project until last year. The program is now a separate organization with non-profit, tax exempt status and runs all year in preparation for Christmas giving.

"The program grew so big," said Orlando. "Last year we gave out 1500 stockings and still didn't have enough for emergency socks during the Christmas rush for people in shelters."

The campaign is run completely by volunteers, according to Orlando. Local businesses and people of the community donate material for the socks, gifts to use as extra fillers, money and time to help sort and distribute the stockings.

About 800 yards of material is needed to make the socks and most of that is donated. The Busy Bees, a fundraising group for the Oregon City Pioneer Community Center, sew the socks for \$1 each and the money goes back into the community center.

Community is generous

"The entire community has been so generous in supporting the campaign," said Or-



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Emily Orlando, English department chair, is helping with this year's 'Fill a Heart campaign' providing filled Christmas stockings to needy people in the community.

lando.

The "Fill a Stocking, Fill a Heart campaign" needs volunteers as well as generous donations, according to Orlando. The last two weeks before distribution involves 600 to 800 volunteered work hours. Each sock has to be emptied, checked for use or inappropriate items, refilled and sorted. They have

found used candles, half-filled bottles of lotion and socks filled only with nuts, according to Emily Orlando.

"Volunteers are an essential part of the program," she says.

"I'm hoping that some people from the college will come help being little Santa elves. These little things make such a difference in somebody's life. More than you know."

ASG recycling effort provides Clackamas with new recycle bins

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hallways because people could trip over them in case of fire emergencies," explained Jaime Craig, environmental senator. "The fire Marshall came in and took most of the bins out."

This scarcity of bins in hallways and classrooms is making it impossible for students to successfully support a recycling program.

"We want to make sure that there is at least one bin in each classroom, whether the Fire Marshall wants it or not. We don't need fire codes for the class rooms," said Craig.

In order to supply all buildings

with the right number of bins, an inventory has to be made to decide where to place them in hallways and classrooms.

"We have blueprints of all the buildings on campus and right now we are going through the buildings one by one to see which rooms have bins and which ones don't," informed Craig. "Our goal is to put both pop can recycle bins as well as glass recycle bins in as many classrooms as possible."

Not all buildings on campus have the same need for recycle bins. Science buildings, for example have

their own recycling program.

"The special chemistry glass over in the science buildings is already being recycled and shipped off some place else," said Craig. "Most of the labs don't allow food and drinks, so we don't have to worry about that—which is kind of nice."

It has not been decided yet who will be in charge of picking up the cans and making sure they will be recycled.

"In the past, different clubs and student groups were going around in their little areas, picking up the cans, recycling them and using the

money for their purposes. In my opinion, ASG or the environmental club should be able to go around once a week, collect all the cans and use the money for grants, since we are the ones providing all the bins," argued Craig.

Approximately \$4000 will be appropriated by ASG to buy as many bins as possible. The one-time cost per bin is about \$50. If things are going well, most of the classrooms and hallways will have new recycle bins by the end of this term.

Phi Theta Kappa

Alpha Xi Zeta chapter ~ Clackamas Community College

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Clackamas is home to the Alpha Xi Zeta chapter Phi Theta Kappa, a national honor society that recognizes and promotes academic achievement as well as school and community involvement of first-year college students.

Advised by Dave Arter and Kate Gray, Alpha Xi Kappa works to benefit both the community and its students. Students enrolled at Clackamas who wish to join Alpha Xi Zeta must have a cumulative 3.5 grade point average and be carrying at least three credit hours. In addition, students need to have completed a minimum of

12 credit hours prior to application for membership. Clackamas' honor club students are diverse, and include high school graduates, parents returning to the college environment and students working to update their skills.

Alpha Xi Zeta is committed to the values of leadership, scholarship, fellowship and service. In addition to maintaining their academic schedules, club members receive the opportunity to serve the community, the college and Clackamas students. Members recently participated in the Loder Road clean up near campus.

For information about joining Clackamas' honor society, call Dave Arter at ext. 2210.



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