

We need your help — now more than ever

Dear Friends of Street Roots,

Your support over the past year has enabled Street Roots to survive the ups and downs of this especially lean period. We thank you. And we hope you'll give what you can at this pivotal time.

The biggest campaign of the year, the Winter Fund Drive is always critical to keeping Street Roots going. This year it is even more important. With revenues down and demand for our programs up, we are counting on the support of those who are dedicated to the mission and the model of Street Roots to keep the newspaper in print and vendors on the streets employed.

There are many ways to give this winter:

- Give securely on-line at www.streetroots.org
- Donate to Street Roots through Willamette Week's online Give!Guide, starting Nov. 11
- Simply send a check now to 211 NW Davis St. Portland, OR 97209.
- Check out the Street Roots Online Auction from October 30-November 8 at www.streetrootsauction.org.

We've done a lot this year.

"You're not the bum on the corner," said one Street Roots customer to John Thompson this year. "You're our friend on the corner."

More than 50 vendors have become housed through the stability and income of selling Street Roots, while more than 250 individuals used the paper to improve their quality of life in 2008.

We spearheaded a battle that secured housing assistance for 300 people in Northwest Oregon and led the effort that saved millions of dollars for homeless services in Portland.

"Congratulations on the successful advocacy campaign spearheaded by Street Roots to save the homes of Section 8 tenants in Northwest Oregon and elsewhere around the country," wrote Bobby Weinstock of Northwest Pilot Project. "It is inspiring to see the power of the press used to protect the most vulnerable among us."

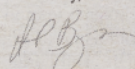
We've connected tens of thousands of individuals and families with much needed services and resources through the Rose City Resource booklet and Web site.

We've gone the extra mile to report on complex issues such as affordable housing, civil rights, and drugs on the streets.

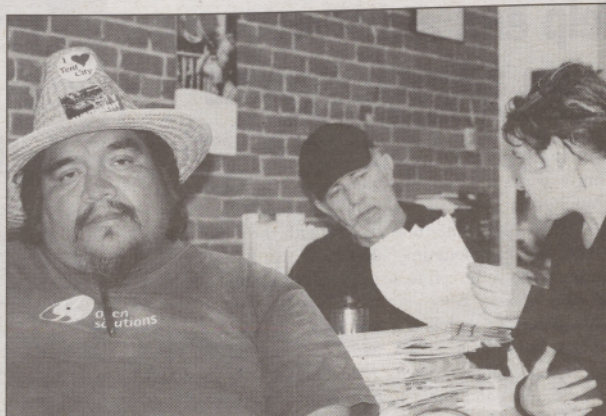
In a nutshell, Street Roots provides immediate solutions to poverty and homelessness while working every day to make long-term impact through public education, advocacy and building relationships.

We need to raise \$25,000 this winter to keep it all going. Your donation has never been more important.

Sincerely,



Israel Bayer
 Executive Director



Vendor Leo Rhodes, left, with volunteers Kreeg Peeples and Becky Mullins at Street Roots.

Crossword

Across

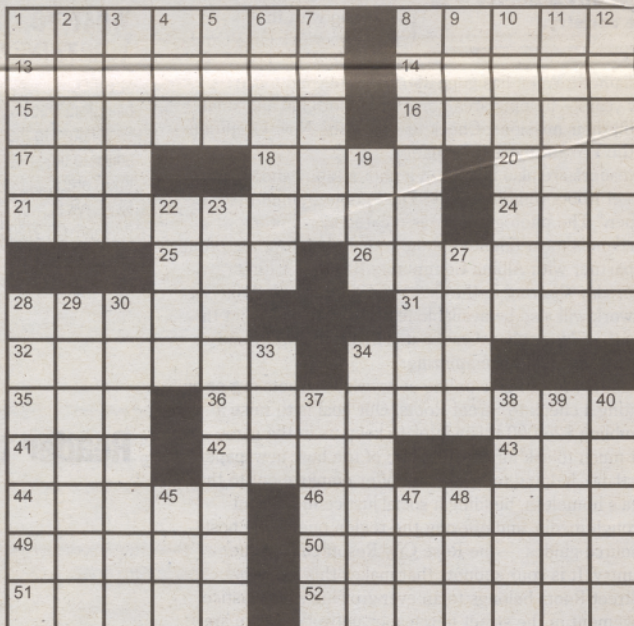
- convertible furniture
- pleated lace
- embodiment
- avoid
- handheld computer
- Nigerian city
- "... say!"
- fielding a la Boosh
- street roots Garcia
- proportionally off balance
- Darcelle's favorite accessory
- ...takers
- reverse flow
- bluish gray blog
- jagged, as a leaf's edge
- Auteur's art
- self addressed envelope
- ultimate
- church roof

- "Losing my religion" rockers
- opening time, maybe
- pirate's fancy, straight up
- bacteria discovered by Theodor Escherich
- to summon
- having secret meaning
- one who repeats
- advances
- dramatic composition

Down

- brown shade
- milky gems
- young female horse
- store convenience, for short
- software
- digital cash
- cache
- belly candy

- In the style of
- causes fear
- fragrant
- having a will
- "... he drove out of sight"
- Buddy
- memory improvement
- born's partner
- ballpark figures
- block engraving
- sea loving member of the Buttercup family
- ... DiFranco,
- what ...
- dead to the world
- be bombastic
- unlike 38
- file
- back talk
- Mozart's "L... del Cairo"
- butt



Answers to this puzzle are on page 6

By Kreeg Peeples

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