

STREET ROOTS 2010 ANNUAL REPORT

The Rose City Resource is a 4 x 4, 104-page pocket guide of services that exist for people experiencing homelessness and poverty in the region. The guide has become one of the most important tools for people experiencing homelessness and poverty, and those looking to avoid living on the streets. Nicknamed the "Hobo's Bible," the guide is an important tool for people to be independent in their search for services.

Last year Street Roots distributed 60,000 guides to more than 180 organizations, businesses and institutions throughout the metro region. From hospital emergency rooms and the public schools to libraries, non-profits and government institutions — the guide has become a tool for dialogue and education.

One park ranger told SR that before the guide came along, he never really had anything good to tell someone when he asked individuals on the streets to leave a park. Now, the park ranger says he uses the guide to sit down with people and brainstorm ways to help. "It's an amazing tool." Street Roots vendors also distributed more than 7,000 of the guides peer-to-peer in 2010, creating an environment where people on the streets can work together to change their lives for the better.

"Street Roots is made up of a group of really special people doing important work that makes a significant impact on the community. In turn, as a volunteer, I feel special. Working among the vendors and writers and staff at Street Roots is a favorite part of my week."

— ELIESE BAKER, VOLUNTEER

Street Roots Rose City Resource



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Above, vendor Allen Bennett, one of several who are reaching new neighborhoods on the city's east side. Below, Mary Pacios, Ruth Kovacs and Jan Bayer, volunteer copyeditors, review proofs of the paper before it goes to press.



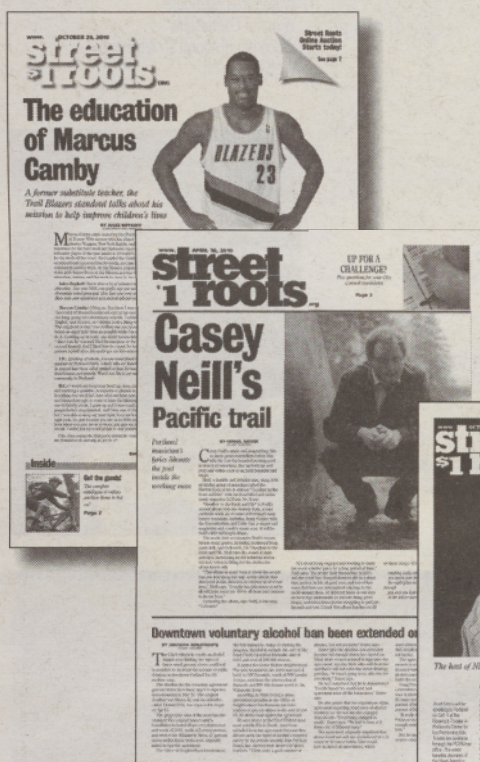
Street Roots Volunteers

From copy editors, photographers and writers, to the people who work one-on-one with vendors, to individuals that help update and distribute the Rose City Resource — the volunteer program is the backbone of the organization.

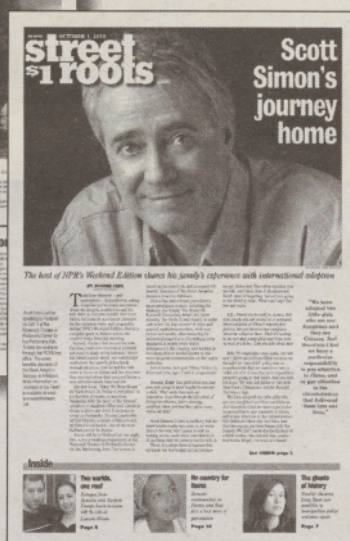
Street Roots volunteers range from people on the streets to students to professionals to retirees. For example, on our volunteer photography team, you will find people from the New York Times, The Oregonian,

retired professionals, up-and-coming amateur photographers and people on the streets. In many ways, it represents the class diversity that Street Roots has come to represent. Our volunteer program is made up of a wonderful and diverse group of individuals — both in ethnicity, age and experience.

Street Roots currently works with around 70 volunteers at any one time. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer go to www.streetroots.org.



Marcus Camby, Casey Neill, Storm Large and Scott Simon are just some of the personalities to talk with Street Roots.



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