

**Q.** In a word, what does Street Roots mean to you?



## A. All of the above.

More than 300 individuals experiencing homelessness and poverty sell Street Roots each year. These individuals embody the idea that hope is not lost on the streets. You can find Street Roots' vendors at busy intersections and businesses throughout the Portland region working for survival and to improve their quality of life. In these photos, some of the many vendors at Street Roots express in one word what the organization means to them. See more on page 12.

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