

Invest in people, journalism with Street Roots

I like to describe Street Roots as a small train that carries a heavy load in the community. It's true. Street Roots delivers. Every. Single. Week.

Street Roots is in the midst of a historic run. The newspaper has been hitting the streets with a new edition each Friday for nearly two

years. It's not easy publishing a weekly publication. It's even harder to maintain quality and engaging content. Some believed we couldn't make that lift and sustain it. We are going strong.

DIRECTOR'S DESK

By Israel Bayer



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Street Roots has helped create the Welcome Home Coalition and deliver Portland's first affordable housing ballot measure. People told us it couldn't be done in less than two years. Portland voted 62 percent in favor of giving people a place to call home.

That's not all. At the core of the Street Roots mission is to give people experiencing homelessness an income. With your support, we do just that.

Street Roots is giving hundreds of people experiencing homelessness and poverty a hand up through the sales of the newspaper. In the past

year, we have helped provide stability allowing dozens of vendors to gain access to housing. We've allowed hundreds more to avoid homelessness.

It's about more than simply housing. It's about having access to human connection and authentic relationships. It's about creating a safe space for both people on the streets and readers like you. It's about learning and growing together.

"For me Street Roots means dignity, because I now have a purpose," said Shayne Methvin. "I have a job and I am helping not only myself, but other people. It makes me feel good. I have self-respect. I don't feel bad about myself anymore."

When you are part of the Street Roots team, you are part of creating opportunities for individuals wanting to improve their lives.

When you donate to Street Roots you make the difference. Invest in giving people a hand up. Invest in quality journalism. Invest in advocacy efforts that deliver.

Please consider a donation of \$10 or more to the Willamette Week Give!Guide at giveguide.org or at streetroots.org or by writing a check to Street Roots, 211 NW Davis, Portland, OR, 97209.

Plus, give \$50 or more from now until Dec. 31 and get a new Street Roots T-shirt, "Print isn't dead! It's a livelihood." (See the back page). That's amazing!

The reality is that we are stronger together. Your support of Street Roots provides an investment directly into quality journalism and highlighting voices from the community.

Although our country faces some dark days ahead, Street Roots will continue to publish quality journalism and work to make the world around us a better place. We refuse to give up hope.

Your investment in Street Roots means giving people on the streets tangible tools to better help them on the long road they are walking on. Your investment in Street Roots means giving Portland something to believe in.

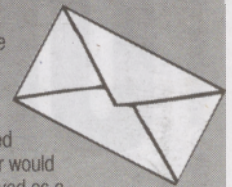
Thank you, readers. We couldn't do this without you.



Street Roots vendor Dennis Chavez with the key to his new apartment.

Write in

If you would like to have something that you've written published in our pages, or would like to get involved as a member of our reporting staff, contact Managing Editor Joanne Zuhl at 503-228-5657, joanne@streetroots.org. We ask that all submissions include the author's name and contact information, if available.



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