

"I am thankful for having lived a full life. The adventures that I have experienced.

I'm thankful for the strength I have gained from enduring countless trials and hardships.

I'm thankful for the resilience to constantly overcome challenges.

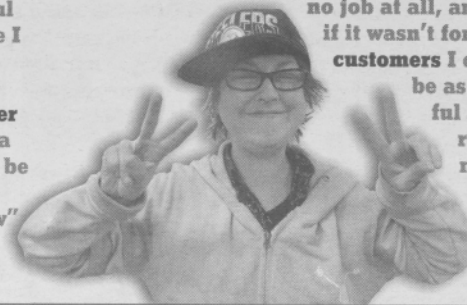
All by having a positive attitude, the ability to



regulate emotions and the ability to see failure as a form of helpful feedback. Even after misfortune I am blessed with such an outlook and I am able to change course and soldier on. 'Know how sublime a thing it is to suffer and be strong.' - Henry Wadsworth Longfellow"

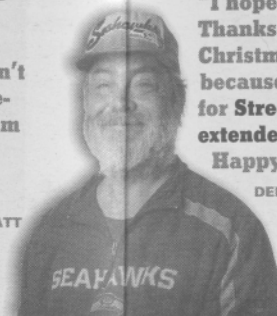
SHAUN FOLLOWELL

"If it wasn't for Street Roots, I would have no job at all, and if it wasn't for my customers I couldn't be as grateful as I am right now."



DANI WYATT

"I hope you had a Happy Thanksgiving and have a Merry Christmas. I know I'm going to because I'm thankful. Thankful for Street Roots. Thankful for my extended family here. Happy Holidays."



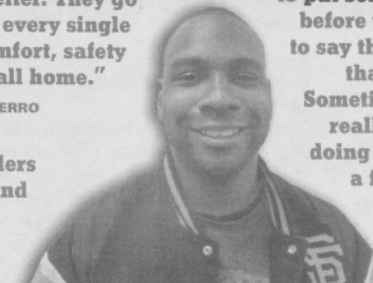
DENNIS CHAVEZ

"I'm grateful for the staff at SOS, a women's shelter. They go above and beyond every single day. They give comfort, safety and a place to call home."

JULIA TALIAFERRO

"I'm grateful for the readers who read Street Roots and all the people here."

WALLACE OUTWATER



"I want to say thank you because I realize that you really have to put someone else ahead of you, someone else first before you can really put yourself ahead. I wanted to say thank you to people that would acknowledge that and realize that, because that's the truth. Sometimes when you think you're all right, you're really not. Your American comrades really ain't doing all right. Whatever they need, you can turn a frown right-side up. I want to say thank you to my customers for taking the time out to acknowledge me and ask me how I am."

DEMARIO DAVIS

GRATITUDE

Street Roots vendors share what they're thankful for this holiday season

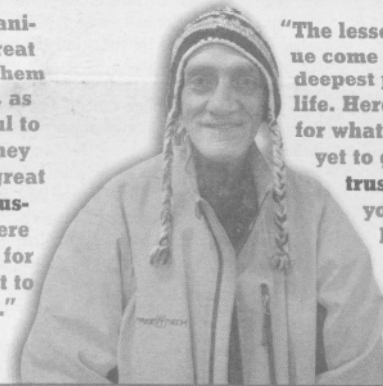
"Ever since we started selling Street Roots, we feel a warm acceptance into the community! We are happier than ever now, that we can afford to get things we really need for our new apartment! It has really helped us with so much, we cannot stop being excited every day to get out to meet new people, and run into friendly faces we know."



DOMINICK AND JULIANNE HART

"I'm grateful for Street Roots for being a great organization to allow people to make money for such a great cause and raising awareness to people and letting them know what's going on with the homeless situation, as well producing a good publication. I'm also grateful to the Slabtown New Seasons, the one that I am at. They have a great staff there, great management, really great customers. I just want to say thank you to all the customers who see me there often. I'm pretty much there every day. I'm thankful for them, and I'm thankful for my family, my wife, and my daughter. It's just great to be alive, and I'm glad to be a part of Street Roots."

KENNY CHOW



"The lessons I value come from my deepest pain in life. Here's a toast for what I have yet to gain: your trust. Thank you Street Roots!"

HARRY R.

"I just recently turned 55, and I've learned a lot of things in the last couple of days. My customers show me that there is still some good in this world. That there are good Samaritans and there are good people. I see them every day, and they become friends. So thank you for a great year and for a great year next year."

DOUGLAS "WOOKIE" MARCKS



"What am I thankful for? I am thankful for everything, for the breath of life. The breeze and the trees and the butterflies. I would like to thank my customers for everything. All the wonderful things over the last five years. Major generosity coming from every direction. Really wonderful."

BRIAN SCHMIDT



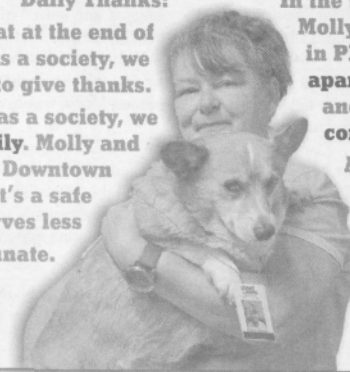
"I'm grateful for my Sellwood spot. It's perfect. It gives me plenty of good reasons to get out of downtown. I want to thank my Grand Central Bakery, of course, and all those people. The Ugly Mug Cafe, and my Starbucks out there. The customers are very friendly. Very, very friendly. The customers are friends too. And also I want to say thanks to David the guitar player out there. He gives me all the free entertainment. He's good!"

WILLIAM ADAMS

"Daily Thanks:

"I have noticed that at the end of November each year, as a society, we are prompted to give thanks.

However, I feel as a society, we should give thanks daily. Molly and me give back to the Downtown Chapel almost daily. It's a safe community that serves less fortunate.



In the three short months Molly and I have been back in PDX, we have an apartment, a paycheck and belong to a safe community.

Ask me again how I give thanks. My reply: It's daily. I would not change my life nor my higher power."

EILEEN VIZENOR

"I love making people smile. Sometimes I rate people's smiles and how good and how great they are. Sometimes they make me glow and sometimes they make me sad. I think one reason I sell Street Roots is because of the people. I meet so many cool people and really see how the world is. I love selling Street Roots and it's because of the people."

HEATHER DUFFIELD

"This year I feel like I've been able to start my life over. I thank God for Street Roots because it has been a source of important and new beginnings. My customers supported me and helped me in my need and I want to give back to them. God Bless you all, I love you and thank you."

MICHELLE H.



"I'm very grateful to have my mental health. I'm very grateful that I have a warm place to sleep, and I'm also grateful to have 15 months of sobriety, and my dog Kobe."

KIM T.

"I'm grateful for my sobriety. For my sponsor. For my fellow members at Street Roots. All the veterans that have helped me deal with my addictions and everything, and I'm just thankful to be alive. Thank you for my higher power. Thank you for helping me stay free from gambling, and my good friend, Cole."

DUANE WAGNER

"I'm grateful for every day I live and having a place to live, and not using any more. I'm grateful, very grateful."

RON BRITT

"I'm grateful for my customers, for a place to live and Street Roots papers. You know without all this my life would be miserable."

NORM CHAMBERLIN

"I'm thankful for my customers."

EDWARD ALLEN



"I'm thankful that I have someplace warm to go this winter."

MADDY BROWN-CLARK

"I'm thankful that there are still good, loving people in the world - caring people in the world. It makes the day easier when someone is nice and actually honest about caring."

MATT DEWART

"Hello, everyone. It's been an interesting election year, and selling Street Roots has given me the opportunity for spirited conversations with some of my customers, whatever political party or philosophy one may subscribe to. But I digress. Thanks to all my customers who patronize Street Roots. The best of holiday cheer to you and yours!"

ROGER CAVITT