

# Every penny counts toward making a difference

Supporting Street Roots has never been more important.

When you give a donation to Street Roots you're sending a message that you still believe in humanity. You're sending a message with your money.

In this edition of Street Roots, you'll find an envelope on page 5 to give a donation. Five dollars. Ten. Twenty. One hundred. Every penny counts. You can also

give a donation to Street Roots through the Willamette Week Give!Guide at [giveguide.org](http://giveguide.org) or online at [streetroots.org](http://streetroots.org).

Why give to Street Roots?

First and foremost, Street Roots provides income opportunities for people experiencing homelessness and poverty. We build relationships across class and political lines through the sales of the newspaper. Regardless of where you come from or where you're going, Street Roots believes that each and every one of us play a part in making our community and our world a better place.

Your investment in Street Roots means giving to in-depth, grassroots journalism in a time when propaganda is flooding the airwaves. It means supporting hundreds of individuals on the streets who refuse to give up, regardless of how hard the howling winds blow outside. It means being a part of something bigger than ourselves.

Street Roots continues to shape public opinion in Portland around the issue of not

only poverty, but the environment, the criminal justice system, race and more. Street Roots isn't afraid to tackle hard subject matters and deliver readers important information that helps support solutions to the problems we face as a community.

When you support Street Roots you're supporting the idea that homeless people aren't lazy and that, yes, in fact, each one of us has something to contribute to society.

Your support of Street Roots means that no matter what's happening in the world,

that people still do believe in humanity. We believe that together, given the opportunity, we will do the right thing and support one another through hard times. We will stand up to injustice. We will stand up in the face of hate with love. We will march on, regardless of the hardships we face both individually and collectively.

I encourage all readers to think about the newspaper you're holding in your hands.

What it takes to create and maintain such quality content every single week. What it means for people on the streets to have the publication to sell, to survive and to improve their quality of life.

Street Roots is reader-supported. Your donation, no matter how small or large, means the world to us. It means believing in humanity. Thank you for your consideration, your readership and your support. You are a part of the difference. You are a part of the solution.

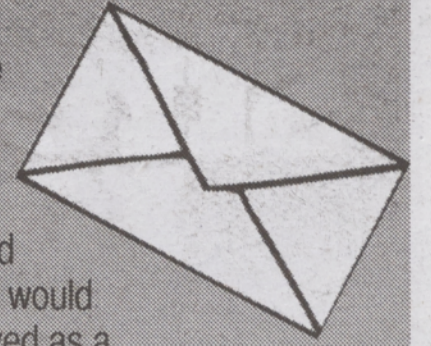
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