

COMMUNITY NEWS

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had an outreach to disadvantaged, underprivileged, or at-risk youth and that it is meeting a huge need in the local, Portland community with an effective program. The Rotary was delighted to help meet this immediate need.

Dave Trabucco, Chair of Rotary Club of Portland's Community Grants Committee, said, "We were very excited to help Community of Hope as they provide a great service to the community by helping young families and disadvantaged youth."

The Rotary wants to work with other businesses and was pleased to know that the curtain material was donated by Stagecraft Industries, the mattresses were discounted by Mattress Discounters and Rent-A-Center, and the curtain rods were discounted by Lowes. Sureway Lumber will discount the materials for the bunk beds and volunteers are donating labor to build them. The Albina Rotary Foundation also contributed \$500 to pay for the beds.


This collaborative effort is already bearing fruit for the families there. They enjoy the shade and insulation from the curtains on hot days, have also been able to buy a wardrobe for a fifth bedroom, and the families are sleeping on some of the mattresses that are much more comfortable than the cots and airbeds they had been using. The bunk beds will be built next month and the additional ward-

robes make it possible to house additional families.

Community of Hope has been the result of the efforts of the local Churches of North Portland and the greater Portland Community. With the support of individuals, churches, businesses, and community groups, they are able to make a difference in the lives of the single mothers and children. Families have found a place to build skills,

heal from trauma, get jobs, and find stable homes for their families. With the help of the Portland

Rotary and the local community, it will be able to continue and increase the service it provides.



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Watershed Council to engage youth leaders from the Multnomah Youth Cooperative and students from north Portland schools to restore three acres along the Columbia Slough next to the Columbia Boulevard Wastewater Treatment Plant in north Portland.

CWSP is a partnership between Environmental Services and Portland State University. Since 1995, the program has granted more than \$1 million for watershed projects and helped organize more than 40,000 volunteers to work on community projects.

A complete list of this year's grant recipients and more information about CWSP is available at www.portlandoregon.gov/CWSP.

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