

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

RHS announces 'Trick or Treat so Kids can Eat' Food Drive was big success

The International Thespian Society (ITS), a division of the Educational Theatre Association (EdTA), is pleased to announce the results of Roosevelt High School, Thespian Troupe 7289's participation in the International Thespian Society's Trick or Treat So Kids Can Eat program. On October 30, Thespian troupe 7289 collected 149 pounds of canned and dry goods for The Oregon Food Bank.

Trick or Treat So Kids Can Eat is a new national community service program for ITS-member schools to collect canned and dry goods for local charities and food banks. Students from Roosevelt High School participated in the Oregon program. Thousands of pounds of food were collected across the state, giving theatre students the ability to help their local community.

Founded in 1929, the International Thespian Society (ITS) is an honorary organization for high school and middle school theatre students located at more than 4,300 affiliated secondary schools across the United States and abroad. The mission of ITS is to honor student

achievement in the theatre arts. High school inductees are known as "Thespians" and junior high/middle school inductees are known as "Junior Thespians." ITS is a division of the Educational Theatre Association (EdTA).

The Educational Theatre Association (EdTA) is a national nonprofit organization with approximately 90,000 student and professional members. EdTA's mission is shaping lives through theatre education by: honoring student achievement in theatre and enriching their theatre education experience; supporting teachers by providing professional development, networking opportunities, resources, and recognition; and influencing public opinion that theatre education is essential and builds life skills. EdTA operates the International Thespian Society (ITS), an honorary organization that has inducted more than two million theatre students since its founding in 1929. EdTA also publishes Dramatics, a monthly magazine for high school theatre students, and Teaching Theatre, a quarterly journal for theatre education professionals.

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to worship and build affordable housing, Nielsen says, "Why can't other denominations do the same?" (The Spirit moves...and so do people—into homes, Portland Tribune, Oct. 9, 2015).

Churches are leading the Way on houseless issues

In fact, Portland churches including those representing AllOne Services were the main attendees at a Nov. 4 meeting in downtown Portland organized by Mayor Charlie Hales to discuss the "Home for Everyone" project. Hales said the housing crisis calls for collaborative efforts across local governments, agencies and departments. "Home for Everyone" is acting as one body, but that's not so easy for government. Working together is challenging." Hales is proud of the collaboration noting, "There is a lot of openness on all sides around this issue." He discussed the possibility of using a building in Multnomah Village as a temporary shelter for houseless residents and noted the work various agencies are doing to identify funding and align funding

pots with projects. City council will authorize funds for operations including mobile provider teams that will go out to houseless campers to connect them with housing.

"On the permanent side of housing, we are trying to move things more swiftly on the development pipeline." Hales then asked those in attendance, "What can we do to empower and enable you to do more to get people inside?" He said the city is actively looking for projects. Funding for the projects will begin in the next fiscal year starting in July.

Local Need for Volunteers

Although the possibilities of real answers to housing and houseless issues is hopeful, those working on the front lines such as our local church alliance, need volunteer commitment now to provide a

shelter for local houseless over this winter. "Staffing is still the hardest thing for us. Relationship building is the most important thing volunteers can help with," an AllOne representative said at the Mayor's meeting.

The warming shelter will be open from 8pm to 8am and require two volunteers for each shift from 8pm to 2am and from 2am to 8am. Houseless men, women, couples, children are all welcome. For those who don't want to leave their belongings, the shelter provides backpack beds.

To sign up for a shift or for more information about volunteering at the shelter, email organizer Aaron VanRheen at info@allonecommunity.org. Donations of coffee, breakfast items and snacks are also appreciated.

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They invite partners with environmental job opportunities for teens and young adults (ages 14-24) to have a table. To apply to table at the 2nd annual event, go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KDZTWGF>

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