



Teri Thomas-Petersen is executive director of SCRAP, a cutting-edge venture that makes a positive difference in our community

Non Profits Bring Diversity

Cutting-Edge Businesses Appeal to Those Who Want to Make a Difference

By Michael Leighton
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An infusion of non-profit businesses is bringing a new diversity to Portland.

Once such organization is SCRAP, the School and Community Reuse Action Project.

The business, at 3625B N. Mississippi, creatively supports education, the arts and the environment by recycling materials for use in the home, the office and in schools.

SCRAP collects the reusable items from local businesses and distributes them to educators, artists, fami-

lies and kids.

Their mission is to keep valuable materials out of the landfill, offer these materials at a low cost and inspire the creative reuse of materials.

While volunteers are its main workforce, tax-deductible contributions also keep the venture viable.

Next door to SCRAP, at the Recycling Center, another non-profit organization is growing into a market-driven niche.

Both these organizations are retail storefronts, but also provide volunteer opportunities for the community.

Some city planners say non-profit

organizations like these are expected to experience explosive growth into the 21st Century.

The reason is that more and more educated professional people are moving to the cities and looking for opportunities to be a volunteer.

According to the Drucker Foundation and its publication "Community of the Future," non-profit organizations satisfy the need for effective citizenship because they provide opportunities to be a volunteer and thus can enable individuals to make a positive difference in their communities.



Evelyn Torres (left), owner of TLC Consultants and Stephanie Whalen, owner of Trinity Real Estate Financial Services

Women Helping Women

Four business women have recently linked their businesses to form Avalon Seminars, which will produce a series of educational seminars "by women, for women".

The seminars will include both personal and business information on a wide variety of topics

related to women's issues.

Their first scheduled seminar will appeal to human resource and training professionals, business owners and other professional women.

It will be held October 18 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Hilton Hotel downtown Portland. It is

\$65 per person, or \$50 each if registering two or more. Companies can schedule Avalon for privately held seminars. For information, call 503/356-1889.

Future seminars will be held at various locations throughout Oregon, and may include additional speakers.



Tracey Stadamire, co-owner of Un-4-gettable Nails

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Marilyn Riggs, Owner

J.E.C., INC.*

Ventilating Systems and HVAC Mechanical Service
James Cason, Owner
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DESIGN-A-WELD*

Metal Milling and Lathing
Esau Williams, Owner
*Minority-owned

IPM TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

Insect Control Systems
Philipp Kirsch, Owner

Each of these businesses has received a small business loan through PDC's Economic Development Department. The business incubator program provides support to budding entrepreneurs until they can get a solid financial start.

Another emerging business then takes their place.

If you would like more information on small business loans from the Portland Development Commission, please contact Wally Zwingli at 823-3321 or Fred Atiemo at 823-3304.

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