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Men of Victory Camp Openings

Men of Victory, a program sponsored by the Highlands Christian Center, still has open registration spots for its ninth annual Men and Boys' Retreat, held from June 17 to 20, in Camp Angelo outside of Portland.

The camp gives 100 boys from the Portland area a chance to experience the great outdoors as well as workshops that help youths learn the benefits of teamwork and making right choices.

Comfortable cabins, modern bath facilities, a first aid station, and lodge are all amenities present at the camp.

Men of Victory is comprised of men and boys of all races and creeds

who serve in diverse areas of ministry as preachers, deacons, security and lay workers at Highland Christian Center under the leadership of Rev. Dr. W. G. Hardy Jr.

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PHOTO BY JAKE THOMAS/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER
Adrienne Flagg and Ryan Burghard, departing staff members at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, pack up paintings that once lined its gallery's wall. The non-profit, which has served as a launching board for a diverse group of artists, closed its doors after years of struggling with a shaky budget.

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Council to scrape up some cash. But the board voted last year to stop operations after lackluster fundraising, a growing debt, and from a change in the contract with the city that Flagg said would require the IFCC to pay its \$80,000 utility bill. As the IFCC prepares to close, Flagg is left with her

memories of a place that helped set her trajectory as an artist. One of her fondest was the hip-hop show "Good Foot", produced by an artist named Kumari.

Flagg, impressed by the project, encouraged Kumari to go all out and sell tickets for it. After attracting a standing-room-only crowd for a performance Flagg described as absolutely gorgeous, Kumari was left with a wad of cash that would serve as seed money.

"I think you're lucky to have a job were I can say at least once, wow, at least that happened. I had that happen more times than I can count," Flagg said.

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