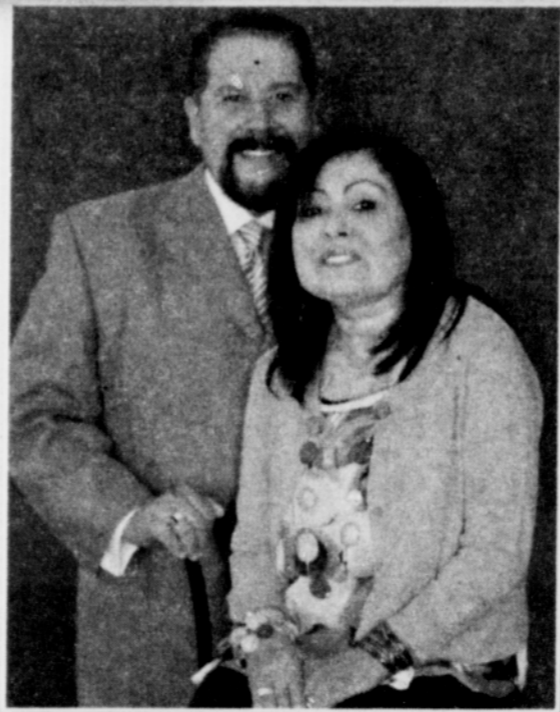


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Hosting a Proper Thanksgiving

Free meal to feed hundreds

Po'Shines soul food café in Kenton has teamed with North Portland community enhancement organization PROPER to feed hundreds of people for free on Thanksgiving Day.

The two non-profits will once again bring the community together for a full Thanksgiving dinner at Celebration Tabernacle, 8131 N. Denver Ave., from noon to 4 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 22.

"We jump at opportunities like this," says Po'Shines chef James

Bradley, "The PROPER Thanksgiving Feed is a great example of how to build community."

The dinner offers vegan and vegetarian options and live music, including award-winning singer and storyteller Anne-Louise Sterry and Native-American storyteller Linda Meanus.

The event marks the 12th annual Kenton Thanksgiving dinner that PROPER has hosted for the community.

Food and money donations are welcome. To donate, call Robin at 503-890-5393. If you wish to volunteer, contact Kim at 303-918-3432.

A Day to be Thankful Snowcap plans Thanksgiving dinner

SnowCap Community Charities, a food pantry who gives emergency food baskets to people in East Multnomah County, are expecting a greater number of families to join them for a free Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday, Nov. 22 from noon to 2 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, 17805 S.E. Stark Street.

"Because of the poor economy, there are many more people needing assistance this year than ever before," Judy Alley, SnowCap executive director said.

As many families are not able to make dinner on their own, Ally is

asking for donated food items, including turkeys.

SnowCap normally serves more than 8,000 clients each month with food, clothing, energy assistance and other human services. Volunteers from several churches have worked together to make the dinner happen.

"It is rewarding for a family to gather at a table and take stock of what they might be thankful for," said Allery. "This is the time of year for all of us to be grateful."

To donate, call SnowCap at 503-674-8785, extension 17 or email judy@snowcap.org.

Turkey Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels People will deliver more than 1,000 hot turkey dinners to homebound seniors on Thanksgiving Day.

"A traditional holiday meal with turkey and all the trimmings will be delivered by volunteers to our most frail and isolated seniors on Thanksgiving Day," said Meals on Wheels People Executive Director Joan Smith. "We are so grateful for the community volunteers who spend part of their holiday making the day brighter for these seniors."

The organization will also host community Thanksgiving Dinners

at several Loaves & Fishes meal sites in the Portland metro area, where the community is invited to join between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 22.

The menu includes roast turkey and gravy, cranberry relish, bread stuffing, mashed potatoes, yams, peas and pearl onions, cranberry gelatin salad, potato rolls, and pumpkin pie with whipped topping.

For more information about the community dinners, call 503-736-6325 or visit mealsonwheelspeople.org.

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