



Volunteering at the Oregon Food Bank is a way for a group of Bank of America employees to address basic human needs.

Focus on Basic Human Needs

Focusing on basic human services such as emergency shelters, housing and hunger. Bank of America just announced that they are awarding \$104,707 to six nonprofits in the Portland area.

The grants from the company's charitable foundation will provide emergency shelter and support services to help meet the changing needs of low- and moderate-income communities.

The organizations receiving

funding include Human Solutions, to help homeless families leave unsafe conditions to move into emergency shelter and/or suitable apartments; the Clark County Food Bank, to fuel its mission to feed the hungry; Portland Parks Foundation, to provide lunches to low-income children in Portland over the summer and to ensure Portland's parks continue to be safe and clean; Oregon Food Bank, to fund the purchase of emergency food to communities

struggling with food insecurity and poverty; Portland Homeless Family Solutions, to support a life skills program for families; and Raphael House of Portland to fund emergency housing for victims of domestic violence.

Bank of America calls housing, hunger and jobs its top philanthropic priorities because they are the cornerstones to financial stability and are critical to helping individuals and families break out of poverty.

Latin-American Christmas Journey

A Latin-American Christmas celebration with theater, music, dance, and Hispanic foods comes to El Centro Milagro, Portland's Latino theater venue in southeast Portland.

A family-friendly event that reflects the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem will be performed Sunday, Dec. 14 in two stage performances, one at 2 p.m. and one at 4 p.m. Both shows are free to the public with an encouraged non-perishable food donation to the Oregon Food Bank.

The performances are in Span-



The whole family is invited to a Latin-American Christmas celebration Sunday at El Zocalo at Milagro, 537 S.E. Stark St.

ish. Throughout the afternoon there will also be arts and crafts activities for the whole family between the performances and a piñata for all ages.

The celebration takes place at El Zócalo at Milagro, 537 S.E. Stark St. You're invited to come early to ensure your seating as tickets are on a first come, first serve basis only.



Keep Safe from Chimney Fires

As temperatures drop, many people start using their fireplaces and stoves to stay warm. Chimney fires can be prevented with regular inspection and cleaning. The Vancouver Fire Department and Fire Marshal's Office encourages property owners to have their chimneys inspected once a year and cleaned as needed, based on the results of your inspection.

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