



PHOTO BY ANGELA TAYLOR FOR HUMAN SOLUTIONS

Mayor Charlie Hales (from left), Multnomah County Chair Deborah Kafoury and Andy Miller, executive director at Human Solutions, celebrate Monday's opening of a new shelter for families experiencing homelessness at the site of a former strip club at 16015 S.E. Stark St.

# Family Shelter Opens in Former Strip Club

## Human Solutions revamps space

A new center for families experiencing homelessness opened Monday at the site of the former Black Cauldron strip club at 16015 S.E. Stark St.

The Human Solutions Family Center will provide emergency shelter in addition to a wide range of services to families experiencing homelessness.

"We want the name to reflect the fact that families will have access to many services to help them get back on their feet. Shelter is just a part of what we do," said Andy Miller, executive director at Human Solutions.

The 7,400-square-foot building underwent extensive renovations in just 10 weeks' time and will provide beds for up to 130 adults and children in homeless families starting tonight. It will be open year-round, 24 hours per day – the first such center in Multnomah County.

The site has many fami-

ly-friendly amenities, including a full kitchen, showers, laundry facilities a computer lab, and play areas for children. Human Solutions purchased the new facility with funding from Multnomah County and the non-profit Housing Development Center.

Holst Architecture donated design services for the new center and Colas Construction, a contractor from the local African-American community, completed the renovation.

The Family Center is open to all families in need of shelter and never turns a family away due to lack of space. When the center reaches its 130-person capacity, Human Solutions arranges overflow sleeping space at other locations.


"Thanks to Multnomah County our partners and volunteers, this center will never have to turn away a homeless family to sleep outside," Miller said.

The new center provides 30 percent more beds to meet a surging need for family shelter. Miller noted that "mass evictions, rent increases and other forces of displacement are hit-

CONTINUED ON PAGE 8

## BRIDGE TO SUCCESS


LEADERSHIP FOR A BETTER OREGON



**\$25.7**  
million  
in combined financial aid for Oregon residents each year

**3,000**  
students receive Bridge to Success support each year

**#1**  
Largest financial aid program of its kind in Oregon



[oregonstate.edu/scholars](http://oregonstate.edu/scholars)