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Paul Susi (left), the manager of the newly opened homeless shelter at the Walnut Park complex at 5939 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. and Killingsworth Street, accepts the delivery of a home-cooked meal for shelter guests from D. Bora Harris, a community volunteer. Harris is working with others to make the free distribution of hot meals at the county-run shelter a weekly event.

## Expanding <sup>the</sup> Impact

### Volunteer makes hot meals for kitchen-less shelter

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A community volunteer is giving back and recruiting others to do the same by distributing hot meals to guests at a new temporary homeless shelter in the heart of Port-

land's historic African-American community.

D. Bora Harris, an independent consultant and community leader, cooked a hot breakfast of grits with butter last week for guests at the Walnut Park shelter and followed that up with cooking a pasta dinner for the shelter's homeless a couple of days later.

Located inside a county-run facility at 5329 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. and Killingsworth Street, the shelter was first opened for overnight stays on Nov. 19 and

is managed by the Portland non-profit Transitions Project. Housing up to 80 people nightly, it offers basic accommodations like a bunk bed, a place to store belongings, a bathroom and hygiene supplies. Regular meals, however, are not offered, as the limited accommodations at the shelter do not include the wiring and infrastructure to hook up a kitchen stove.

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