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Hundreds of frontline nurses and community allies held an informational picket at OHSU Thursday, June 29 calling on OHSU executives to partner with workers to build stronger, safer, healthier and more patient-oriented hospitals. Photo courtesy of the Oregon Nurses Association.

Nurse's Demand a Fair Contract!

Nurses and Allies hold an informational picket

Local nurses are demanding OHSU executives reach a fair contract agreement with front-line caregivers that will retain the highly skilled and valuable nurses who work at the hospital, ensure

a safe environment for patients and nurses, provide high-quality care through appropriate staffing levels and give them the opportunity to reopen negotiations if the acquisition of Legacy Health System is finalized.

Negotiations commenced December 2022 and have continued through the contract's expiration on June 30, 2023. The nurse bargaining team declared impasse in August and the two sides have been working with a mediator during a 30-day cooling off period.

If ONA members vote to authorize a strike at OHSU, ONA's nurse leaders will work to determine next steps, including setting potential strike dates. If a strike is called, ONA will provide OHSU with a 10-day notice to allow OHSU executives adequate time to cease admissions and transfer patients or to reach a fair agreement with nurses and avert a work stoppage. ONA's nurse bargaining team at OHSU continues to meet with OHSU management with a mediator.

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Comcast Rise Grant Program Awarded

Boutique Owner Recognized for Its Great Achievements

Pastor Reneé Ward achieved a remarkable milestone by being selected as a recipient of the prestigious Comcast RISE Program grant package. This achievement is a testament to her dedication, hard work, and commitment to her enterprise, Just Because Boutique. The Comcast RISE Program grant package is designed to recognize and support businesses that play a pivotal role in strengthening our local communities. We couldn't be more proud to congratulate Pastor Ward and her business, Just Because Boutique, on this significant accomplishment.



Pastor Reneé Ward

Boutique will benefit from a range of resources and support that will undoubtedly enhance their business and contribute to its continued success: *Business Consultation Services: Access to valuable consultation services to further enhance their enterprise. Education Resources: Opportunities for continuous learning and growth. *Monetary Grant: A generous \$5,000 monetary grant to support their business growth and initia-

tives. *Professional Commercial: A professionally produced 30-second commercial that will be broadcasted for up to 180 days, providing valuable exposure. *Technology Makeover: A comprehensive technology makeover to boost their business operations and efficiency.

This achievement not only reflects Pastor Ward's and Just Because Boutique's hard work and dedication but also underscores the importance of local businesses in our community. It's a testament to the positive impact they have on our region. Please join us in congratulating Pastor Reneé Ward and Just Because Boutique on this remarkable accomplishment. Their success serves as an inspiration to us all, and we look forward to witnessing the continued growth and prosperity of their enterprise. Once again, congratulations to Pastor Reneé Ward and Just Because Boutique on this well-deserved recognition!

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