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economic development figures and press for the purpose of acknowledging BOP clients: minority and women-owned businesses and low-income entrepreneurs for outstanding success in economic development, job creation, and growth in the Portland community.

The luncheon is May 23 from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at McMannin's Kennedy School in the Gym. For info and to reserve a seat contact Lara Damon, at larad@sba.pdx.edu.

The keynote is Shelley Gunton, co-founder of "Top Dog" pet food company, chair of Angel Oregon, and newly appointed Executive Director at PSU's Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center.

"Microenterprises" comprised of fewer than five employees make up 86 percent of all registered businesses in Oregon, employing 16 percent of the entire workforce, according to the US Department of Commerce. At times when many are hit hard by the economy, these passionate small business owners continue to grow jobs and enrich local neighborhoods. For example, Ruby Jewel Treats has grown from an ice cream stand at the Portland Farmer's Market to a storefront with product distribution in eleven states. The People's Yoga recently opened a new location in SE Portland, and popular watering hole

Dig A Pony has directly created 26 jobs since opening in 2011. These local businesses have all recently received assistance from BOP consultants and PSU student teams.

Loaves & Fishes Centers Seeks Drivers Memorial Day Weekend

Loaves & Fishes Centers, The Meals-On-Wheels People is seeking volunteer drivers to ensure homebound seniors receive nutritious meals and a bit of companionship this Memorial Day weekend.

"These volunteers are invaluable because they not only help us feed our frail elderly, but they make sure these seniors see a friendly face every day," said Caroline Henry, who manages Loaves & Fishes Centers' Weekend and Holiday meal program. "Sometimes the Meals-On-Wheels driver is the only persons these homebound seniors see in a given day. Holiday volunteers also help fill routes left by our regular drivers who vacation for the Memorial Day weekend."

Volunteer drivers are needed on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, May 26, 27 and 28. For more

information about how you can help, call Caroline Henry at 503.953.8123 weekdays or 503.953.8202 weekends.

About Loaves & Fishes Centers: Since 1970 Loaves & Fishes Centers has provided a nutritional and social lifeline for seniors through 36 meal sites in Multnomah, Washington and Clark counties and Meals-On-Wheels delivery to homebound seniors. With the help of more than 9,500 volunteers, the nonprofit, nonsectarian agency now serves 5,000 meals daily and 1.2 million meals each year. Visit: www.feedseniors.org

Aging & Memory in the African American Community Conference June 2

The Aging & Memory in the African American Community conference is the third conference organized by PreSERVE Coalition and will be held at University of Portland's Buckley Center from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. This year's event will offer presentations and workshops featuring the latest research on factors that contribute to the development of memory loss and dementia; methods to

delay or prevent memory loss; and techniques for healthy aging in the African American community.

The conference will also focus on how to take the message of a healthier lifestyle and healthy brain out into the community. An afternoon workshop will provide an opportunity for attendees to discuss ideas to engage their communities in this effort.

Keynote speaker, Monica Parker, MD, Assistant Professor in the Department of Medicine, Division of Geriatric Medicine and Gerontology at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, will provide valuable examples as she shares how she and her team in Atlanta engaged community members in health-promoting activities and increased awareness of the importance of minority involvement in research.

More details about the conference are available at www.preservecoalition.org

THE NIGHT OF DREAMS

Homeless advocacy nonprofit Right to Survive and Right 2 dream Too is holding a benefit dinner and auction May 12, 2012 at SEIU Center, 6401 SE Foster

Rd. Portland Or, 97240. The cost is \$25 per person. Proceeds will be used to pay the fines of Right 2 Dream Too and to fund Right to Survive projects.

The Night of Dreams will feature buffet style dinner, auction items, educational and awareness material on the houseless community. Right to Survive brings together homeless people and their allies working to ensure that everyone has the right to sleep, the right to shelter, the right to self support, the right to safety, the right to simple living, the right to sustainability, the right to sit and lie, the right to share and barter and the right say so! Right 2 Dream Too exists to awaken social and political groups to the importance of safe and undisturbed sleep, and to create a place where unhoused people can rest or sleep without being rousted by police or private security, and without being under the constant threat of violence. The aim is to create a cost-effective, self-sustaining model that can be replicated elsewhere. For Tickets or reservation information call Sophia Kinhnarath 971-409-0275 kinhnarathsophia@gmail.com

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