

Family Shelter Extended

Due to an extremely high demand for overnight shelter for homeless families, Human Solutions' Family Winter Shelter will remain open through mid-June, almost more than two months longer than usual, to give homeless families a safe place to sleep through the end of the school year.

The seasonal Winter Shelter is normally open for five months, from Nov. 1 to March 31, with Multnomah County providing the bulk of the funding. But with as many as 120 parents and children seeking shelter – the nightly average is 93 – Human Solutions knew that closing the shelter in March would force many families onto the streets, into their cars, or other places not meant for human habitation.

Dennis' 7 Dees raised enough money from a golf tournament to pay all of the shelter operating expenses in April, and Multnomah County is paying for May and part of June.

All homeless families have a warm, safe place to sleep and can access housing placement assistance through 211info as they begin the process of overcoming their homelessness. The shelter relies on donations from the community to provide meals and basic essentials to homeless families that are not covered through operating funds. There is currently a great need for blankets, diapers and toiletries.

The shelter is open seven days per week. To access shelter, a homeless family just needs to come to the

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Human Solutions joined forces with Multnomah County and a community partner, Dennis' 7 Dees Landscaping and Garden Centers, to keep the shelter open through mid-June.

Family Winter Shelter when the doors open at 7 p.m. All homeless families with minor children are welcome, and no family is ever turned away.

Alternatively, a homeless

family may call 211info for coordinated entry services. Families must relocate when the shelter closes at 7 a.m.

Day shelter is available through Human Solutions and other providers in the Homeless Families System of Care (HFSC). Partner agencies in the consortium include Self Enhancement Inc., Native American Youth & Family Center,

JOIN, El Programa Hispano (Catholic Charities), Portland Homeless Family Solutions and 211Info.

To make a contribution,

go to www.humansolutions.org. There is a list of what's needed at the shelter under the Donate pull down.

In addition, if you have

items to donate to the shelter, please contact April Henderson at 503-256-2280 or via e-mail: ahender-son@humansolutions.org.

Easter Brunch



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The Union Gospel Mission served more than 500 people at its annual Easter brunch. The menu included Mission style Eggs Benedict, hash browns, Ambrosia fruit salad, juice and coffee. In addition to the meal, guests received "Hope Tote" hygiene kits, which contained soap, toothbrushes, lotion and other essentials. Over 150 volunteers were involved in serving for this event. Get involved in the Mission's work by calling 503-274-4483, or go to www.ugmportland.org.

Willie Thomas

November 7, 1932 - April 1, 2015

Willie Thomas, 82, passed away peacefully on April 1, 2015 at home with family surrounding his bedside. He was born November 7, 1932 in Akron, Alabama and grew up in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Willie was the second oldest of fifteen children.

A Home Going Celebration will be held at



on Monday, April 13, 2015, 10:00 AM at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church located at 3725 N Gantenbein Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97227. Committal following at Willamette National Cemetery. Viewing on April 10 and 11 from 10AM - 4PM daily at Rose City Funeral Home, 5625 NE Fremont, Portland, Oregon 97213.

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Pastors Jerry & Annie Gutierrez

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➤ **Friday, April 24th at 7pm** ◀

New Song Community Center

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Corner of NE MLK Blvd and Russell Street
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