

OHA creates registry of health care volunteers for long-term resilience

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) is amplifying efforts to recruit health care professionals to join the State Emergency Registry of Volunteers in Oregon (SERV-OR) as Gov. Kate Brown advances plans for safely reopening Oregon.

Since March, SERV-OR has added more than 800 new volunteers, strengthening OHA's ability to contain COVID-19 cases and building the capacity of the volunteer program to respond to future emergencies.

"When our health care system was preparing for the worst of this, volunteer health care workers answered the call," said Brown. "I want to commend all our health care professionals and volunteers for their incredible work protecting the lives, safety, and wellness of Oregonians during this crisis."

Health care professionals can register to volunteer with SERV-OR at SERV-OR.org.

"Oregon's health care workers are our most valuable asset in the fight against COVID-19," said OHA Director Patrick Allen. "Their skills and energy are saving lives every day, in every part of the state. SERV-OR provides another opportunity to

give back and support response efforts while connecting volunteers to high-quality training."

Duties of SERV-OR volunteers are as varied as they are vital, from supporting medical casualty triage and behavioral health services to staffing medical shelters and information hotlines.

OHA is planning for volunteers to be a critical part of the state's COVID-19 recovery effort by supporting contact tracing, testing, community wellness campaigns, as well as studies of long-term community effects and mass vaccination programs. Those signing up in the coming days will have the opportunity to train and deploy quickly.

In addition to disease outbreaks, SERV-OR volunteers are ready to respond in case of other emergencies and national disasters such as flooding, wildfire, and earthquakes.

As volunteers, medical professionals who are registered with SERV-OR gain access to valuable training programs and learning opportunities, including continuing education credits, workforce training, and emergency response training. SERV-OR volunteers are also invited to participate in functional and full-

scale training exercises throughout the year. Exercises may range from the public health response to flu season, new and existing disease outbreaks, and emergency preparedness initiatives to natural and man-made disaster response to hazards such as the Cascadia subduction zone earthquake and tsunami, wildfires, flooding, terrorism, and other types of emergencies.

"It's great to know I'm part of a team that is ready to make a huge difference in a disaster. But it takes all of us doing our part," said Perri Wells, Safety & Security Supervisor at Harney District Hospital and a SERV-OR volunteer. "The training I have received through SERV-OR helps me at my day job and has changed how I look at emergency preparedness."

"In rural counties like ours, it's easy for people to get isolated and hard to get access to resources," said Samantha Buckley, Assistant Emergency Manager for the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office. "We also have small health departments, so during public health emergencies, having extra folks who understand the medical system to lean on is really beneficial."

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Florence Habitat continues local bottle and can drive

Is your storage bring overtaken by empty bottles and cans?

Help the environment while supporting the local Florence Habitat for Humanity. Florence Habitat will be hosting a bottle and can drive Friday, June 5, and Saturday, June 6, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

People can bring returnable bottles and cans

to the front of Florence Habitat ReStore, 2016 Highway 101, in the Florence Grocery Outlet parking lot.

Volunteers will be on hand to unload donations from each vehicle.

This is a social distancing drive-thru event.

For more info, visit www.florencehabitat.org.

CROW invites people to 'Dress Up Your Pet' in costume challenge

CROW (Children's Repository of Oregon Workshops) is working to come up with ideas to break up the monotony of people staying at home during COVID-19.

This time, CROW is challenging all kids and adults to dress up their pets as one of the characters from one of CROW's shows. People can pick any character from:

- "Beauty & the Beast"
- "The Music Man"
- "The Little Mermaid"
- "Once Upon A Mattress"
- "Shrek"
- "The Addams Family"
- "Tarzan"
- "The Wiz"
- "Mary Poppins"

There will be a prize for the top entry, with the winner receiving a \$25 gift card to Mini Pet Mart. The top two runners up will receive a pet toy or bag of treats for their pet.

All dogs, cats, birds, lizards and otherwise are eligible for entry.

"CROW does not discriminate based on fur color, belly size, claw length, nose wetness, appearance of scales, growl volume or fluffy tails," said CROW Artistic Director Melanie Heard. "This contest is open to all in the community, and we encourage everyone to play along."

CROW will share pictures of all of the entries on the CROW Facebook page, www.facebook.com/crowtheatrekids/, and will send them out all by email to our list of 1,000+ supporters and fans.

"Your adorable fluff ball can be famous," Heard said.

All entries are due by Sunday, June 7, at the end of day.

People can send their photo submission to crowtheatrekids@yahoo.com. Each entry should include the pet's name and character.

For more information about CROW, go to crowkids.com.



These creative canines are dressed as Belle and Beast from "Beauty and The Beast," which CROW performed in the past.

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Scholarship Coordinator Volunteer

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Arlis, a retired Registered Nurse, has tirelessly assisted the foundation in the scholarship administration for more than 20 years by coordinating and communicating with the students to administer their scholarships.

Arlis' dedication to the students and our community is unwavering and the Foundation thanks her for her many years of service.

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