

'We Care' campaign delivers thanks to local health care workers

On Wednesday, Florence Indivisible launched a new community-based campaign with the first of the weekly deliveries of "We Care" kits of snacks, drinks and notes of support and encouragement to healthcare workers at PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center.

"We support our health care workers who are working so hard and to show them that we care," said Beverly Sherrill, Group

Leader of Florence Indivisible. "The campaign includes encouraging residents to get vaccinated, practice social distancing, and wear a mask in addition to providing the 'thank you' gifts to the health care workers at Peace Harbor."

Donations of wrapped snack items, drinks and notes of encouragement can be dropped off at Silver Lining Boutique at 2217 Highway 101 and Beauv- Arts at 2285 Highway 101



Florence Indivisible launched its new community-based "We Care" campaign to support hardworking health care staff in the area, especially at PeaceHealth Peace Harbor.

Suite H. Groups are encouraged to participate by adopting a "We Care" basket or providing donations of handmade notes or small craft items.

Florence Indivisible is one of 50 other Indivisible groups in Oregon — all lo-

cal organizations that promote grassroots activism through organizing and taking action for advocacy and electoral work.

For more information, contact Sherrill at florenceindivisible@gmail.com and 541-980-3090.



Food share receives grant funding from Siletz Tribes

Florence Food Share announced the receipt of \$2,500 in grant funding from the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund. These funds will be used to purchase wool socks and water filtration bottles for clients of Florence's emergency food pantry.

"We so appreciate this support from the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund," said Flor-

ence Food Share Executive Director Colin Morgan. "The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians have been true partners with us in our mission to alleviate hunger and enhance the health and dignity of people in western Lane County."

The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon formed the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund in

1999 to help give back to its communities. So far, the Siletz Tribe has honored its tradition of sharing by distributing more than \$16 million through the charitable fund and other tribal resources.

"This project will specifically support our clients who are experiencing homelessness," Morgan added. "Each year, Florence Food

Share serves more than 350 unique individuals who are unhoused in our area. The wool socks and a clean source of water will help local people this fall and win-

ter. Thank you to the Siletz Tribe." Florence Food Share is located at 2190 Spruce St. and is open Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesdays from 4 to 6 p.m. and every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call 541-997-9110 or visit www.florencefoodshare.org.

Keep school routes in mind as school prepares to start this week

Many of us have gotten accustomed to children learning remotely, but slowing down and looking for children wherever you're driving is critical for safety as many schools return to in-person learning.

While school zones and areas where kids may be exiting public transit or school buses are important settings, school routes are everywhere, so driving cautiously in neighborhoods or places outside of school zones is also important.

To help remind people of these safe driving behaviors, ODOT has partnered with Metro and the Portland Bureau of Transportation's Safe Routes to School Program to launch a statewide campaign called "Drive Like It." The key messages are intended to keep us all safer on the road.

Parents and children are also adjusting to in-person learning environments. As part of this

transition, the campaign encourages active and multimodal transit methods such as walking, biking and public transit. These methods improve children's physical activity, help them integrate with their community, and reduce carbon emissions and may reduce congestion at or around schools which can increase safety for all road users.

"We can all take steps to make sure children get to and from school safely whether they're taking the bus, being dropped off by their parents, carpooling, walking, bicycling or rolling," said ODOT State Routes to School Program Manager Heidi Manlove. "People driving should exercise caution and avoid distractions in neighborhoods and in school zones. That means focus on the task at hand, not the radio, your phone or the conversation in the back seat."

She reminded the com-

munity to remember to watch for children. "Families may be walking, bicycling on the street or crossing at intersections or crosswalks near schools, in neighborhoods and by bus stops," Manlove said. "Children may dart into the street to catch a bus without checking for traffic. And children aren't always the best at gauging distance and speed or knowing when it's safe to cross."

While driving, people should also take care backing up, obey traffic rules — especially at school drop off and pick up times — yield to pedestrians at intersections and watch for school buses.

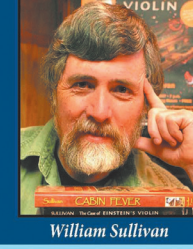


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