

Community News

'We Care' campaign ends year with 18 weeks of support for healthcare workers

The "We Care" campaign, organized by Florence Indivisible, has delivered kits of snacks, drinks and notes of support and encouragement to healthcare workers at PeaceHealth Peace Harbor every week since Sept. 1, along with a delivery to the three pharmacies, the mobile vaccination clinic and Nova Health. With the support and donations from the local community, the campaign was able to provide the delivery of "We Care" kits through the last week of December and now add new deliveries beginning in January.



The "We Care" Campaign will shift from providing support to local healthcare workers to school staff in 2022.

"The 'We Care' project began when we recognized that healthcare workers were being overwhelmed and working long hours with a rise in COVID cases and hospitalizations," said Beverly Sherrill, Florence Indivisible Group Leader. "The idea to support our healthcare workers came about as a way to show health care workers who are working so hard to keep us all alive that we care."

Beginning in January, Florence Indivisible will transition to once-a-month deliveries, starting with support to the staff at the Siuslaw School District.

"Our teachers and school staff have also been under additional stress during the pandemic, so we want to offer them our thanks and our special caring kits. We will continue to support healthcare workers, educators

and our caring community because 'We Care,'" Sherrill added.

The "We Care" campaign also includes encouraging getting vaccinated, practicing social distancing, and wearing a mask in addition to showing support with "thank you" gifts from the community.

Donations have come from individuals as well as support from the Florence

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship and Silver Lining Boutique. Donations of wrapped snack items, drinks and notes of encouragement for the "We Care" kits will be accepted at Silver Lining Boutique at 2217 Highway 101 and BeauxArts Fine Art Materials & Gallery, 2285 Highway 101 Suite H.

This initiative has grown statewide to include "We Care" projects in Med-

ford, Ashland, The Dalles, Hood River, Seaside, Astoria and Portland. More information and a tool kit is available from the Consolidated Oregon Indivisible Network (COIN) which includes Florence Indivisible and 50 other Indivisible groups in Oregon — all local 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 541-997-3090.

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LCPH, Bloodworks NW ask for donations due to historic low supply

Due to what has been identified as a historic and dangerously low supply of blood in Lane County, Bloodworks NW and Lane County Public Health (LCPH) are partnering in asking the many communities across Lane County to come together and give blood.

"A low supply of available blood is truly a destabilizing factor for community health," said Lane County Senior Health Officer, Dr. Patrick Luedtke. "Many are not aware that an adequate blood supply is not only necessary to respond to traumatic accidents, but is also a life-saving measure for everything from routine surgeries to some types of cancer treatment. Now is the time to help by donating blood."

An area with the population of Lane County typically requires nearly 1,000 donors per day to meet demand. Since the

beginning of the pandemic, the number of donors has been considerably less and the overall blood supply has reached a dangerously low level as a result.

Bloodworks, LCPH, and other community partners are seeking to remedy the shortage by adding 10,000 new blood donors by the end of 2021.

First time and frequent blood donors are urged to participate in a statewide virtual blood drive through Dec. 31. Use the code "Hope" at your appointment check-in to have your donation counted towards the drive.

There are some basic qualifications to donate—typically you'll need to be at least 18, at least 110 pounds and in good health. But many other factors, such as travel, tattoos, and vaccinations which people think might disqualify them, aren't true.

Information about who can donate and where, is available at www.bloodworksnw.org.

Appointments and masks required. In accordance with current social distancing guidelines, no walk-ins, guests, or people under age 16 are per-

mitted onsite. The timing of this ask also coincides with Oregon and Washington Blood Donor Day.

Oregon Gov. Kate Brown and Washington State Gov. Jay Inslee recognized Dec. 18 as a day to honor the donors who stepped up in record numbers before and after the 2017 Amtrak derailment. The community can take part by donating at local Bloodworks donor centers or pop-up blood drives across the region in recognition of the vital role local donors play in emergency readiness.

"It is our hope that we will be able to engage our community to both understand the importance of blood donation in community readiness and to recognize and celebrate the incredible efforts of emergency management professionals," said Bloodworks President and CEO Curt Bailey. "Hospitals need donors to donate throughout the winter season — and to make it a lifesaving habit!"

Find appointments and information at BloodworksNW.org or 800-398-7888.

Bloodworks Northwest

is backed by 75 years of Northwest history and 250,000 donors. It is local, nonprofit, independent, volunteer-supported and community-based.

A recognized leader in transfusion medicine, Bloodworks serves patients at hospitals in Washington, Oregon and Alaska — partnering closely with local hospitals to deliver the highest level of patient care. Comprehensive services include blood components, complex cross-matching, specialized lab services for organ transplants, and collection of cord blood stem cells for cancer treatment.

Bloodworks Research Institute performs leading-edge research in blood biology, transfusion medicine, blood storage and treatment of blood disorders. Patients with traumatic injuries, undergoing surgeries or organ transplantation, or receiving treatment for cancer and blood disorders all depend on our services, expertise, laboratories and research.

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December 31 - January 6	FRI 31	SAT 1	SUN 2	MON 3	TUE 4	WED 5	THU 6
THE 355 - 136 MIN - <i>Preview!</i> When a top-secret weapon falls into mercenary hands, a wild card CIA agent joins forces with three international agents on a lethal mission to retrieve it...							7:00 PM
THE MATRIX RESURRECTIONS - R 148 MIN - Plagued by strange memories, Neo's life takes an unexpected turn when he finds himself back inside the Matrix.	12:50 PM 3:50 PM 6:30 PM	12:50 PM 3:50 PM 6:30 PM	12:50 PM 3:50 PM 6:30 PM	12:50 PM 3:50 PM 6:30 PM	12:50 PM 3:50 PM 6:30 PM	12:50 PM 3:50 PM 6:30 PM	12:50 PM 3:50 PM
NIGHTMARE ALLEY - R 150 MIN - "It's a film noir in much the same way that "Crimson Peak" was a horror movie: Feverishly and often magnificently overwrought, it treats its genre less as a template to be followed than a lavish funhouse in which to run amok. Its characters, tropes and archetypes, convincing enough on their own, take on even richer dimensions when placed alongside their antecedents." Los Angeles Times	12:30 PM 3:40 PM 6:50 PM	12:30 PM 3:40 PM 6:50 PM	12:30 PM 3:40 PM 6:50 PM	12:30 PM 3:40 PM 6:50 PM	12:30 PM 3:40 PM 6:50 PM	12:30 PM 3:40 PM 6:50 PM	12:30 PM 3:40 PM 6:30 PM
SING 2 - PG 112 MIN - "With her considerable musical talent, it falls to Ash to convince Calloway to emerge from self-imposed retirement." Hollywood Reporter	1:00 PM 4:00 PM 7:00 PM	1:00 PM 4:00 PM 7:00 PM	1:00 PM 4:00 PM 7:00 PM	1:00 PM 4:00 PM 7:00 PM	1:00 PM 4:00 PM 7:00 PM	1:00 PM 4:00 PM 7:00 PM	1:00 PM 4:00 PM 7:10 PM
SPIDER-MAN: NO WAY HOME - PG-13 150 MIN - "What makes the thing really fly — and it does still fly — is the witty energy of Jon Watts's direction and the fizzy chemistry between the core actors." The Irish Times	12:40 PM 3:30 PM 6:40 PM	12:40 PM 3:30 PM 6:40 PM	12:40 PM 3:30 PM 6:40 PM	12:40 PM 3:30 PM 6:40 PM	12:40 PM 3:30 PM 6:40 PM	12:40 PM 3:30 PM 6:40 PM	12:40 PM 3:30 PM 6:40 PM

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