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With 22 cots, the group rarely reaches capacity.

And while the group is always happy to accept funding, it is often on the lookout for personnel.

"At times we have more need for volunteers than we do funds," said Linoz. "While we like the money, we are quite often really struggling to provide the service with enough volunteers."

Without the necessary two volunteers per shift, the center is unable to open.

"There was one time this last season we did not activate because we did not have enough volunteers. That's rare, but we would rather that doesn't happen," said Linoz. "We do our best not to turn anybody away."

Last year, the group ended the season with 58 volunteers on record with 32 people covering 72 shifts.

Under the right circumstances, services

may even be expanded.

This year's snowstorm served as motivation for the group to look into collaborating with the city as a community emergency shelter should another disaster strike, though no concrete plans have been developed yet.

Keeping the service running costs about \$7,000 per year, nearly half of that going toward liability insurance. While a \$2,500 grant from the Cottage Grove Community Foundation has helped keep services afloat this past year, the nonprofit relies largely on local donations.

On top of site volunteers, the group is in

search of volunteers in a leadership role this year as some board members who have served the nonprofit for many years are looking to step down.

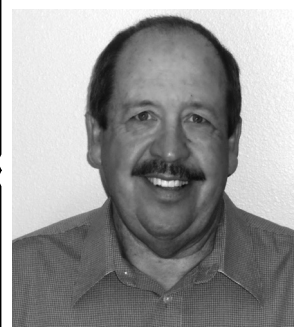
"We want some new board members to help keep the program going," Linoz said.

Training for site volunteers will be held Nov. 9 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church.

A volunteer application, donation form and center activation status can be found on the group's website at freezingnights.com. The center can also be called at 541-658-9254 for activation status.

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