



FAITH-BASED COFFEE

Thursday, January 22, 2015

Meeting Notes

Announcements

- Tim Sibley, NW Marriage Institute – The next Pathways to Responsible Fatherhood Workshop is this Saturday, 1/24 from 8:30am-5pm at Clark College

Celebration of Vancouver and Evergreen Faith-Based School Partnership Breakfast

- Over 160 attendees at the Vancouver Faith-Based School Partnership Breakfast with Leadership staff from both, Vancouver and Evergreen Schools, Principals from both districts, FCRC staff from both districts, and representatives from over 40 different faith communities.
- There were over 129 attendees at the Evergreen Faith-Based School Partnership Breakfast.
- The first official Evergreen Faith-Based Coffee will be on Tuesday, February 17th from 9-11am at Cascade Park Baptist Church (1201 SE 136th Avenue)

Partnership Story Highlight: Courtyard Village

FCRC representatives from Washington, Discovery, and Hudson's Bay (Carla, Heidi, and Chelsea) shared information about the situation that emerged over the holidays with Courtyard Village and the incredible way our faith partners and community partners have come forward to support the residents that live there. Here is a link to the most recent article in the Columbian:

<http://blogs.columbian.com/family-room/2015/01/21/many-aces-kids-sleeves/>

Special Presentation: Andy Silver, Executive Director of Council for the Homeless re: Housing Concerns for Clark County

The situation at Courtyard Village has put a face/picture to a much larger housing crisis happening in our community. We only have a 2-3.5% vacancy rate for rentals in our community which means that it is a landlord's market with higher rents and they can implement more rigid requirements excluding those without high enough income or may have poor credit histories and/or evictions on their records.

The community has come together in an amazing way to support Courtyard Village residents but for every one of them, there are 10 more in the community that are not being served or having their needs met – how do we begin to address this issue of equity?

The Council for the Homeless is currently updating their 10 year plan to end homelessness and will be participating in a Vancouver City Council Workshop on this topic on 2/23. They hope to present potential solutions on how Vancouver might begin to address this important issue of affordable, available housing. They would love to have members of the public there (dressed in red) to show strong support.

He facilitated table top conversations around the following question: How do we get people involved with this topic/issue in a way that is equitable?

Project Homeless Connect



PROJECT HOMELESS CONNECT January 29th
9am-2pm

**JOIN US TO RECEIVE
FREE
RESOURCES**

St. Joseph Catholic Church
400 South Andresen Rd
Vancouver, WA 98661

- ✓ Free Haircuts
- ✓ Healthcare screening
- ✓ Dozens of Services
- ✓ Housing planning
- ✓ Personalized guidance
- ✓ Employment help
- ✓ Free Warm Lunch
- ✓ Dental and Vision Care

COUNCIL FOR THE HOMELESS
Preventing and ending homelessness in Clark County

**A One-Day Resource
and Health Fair**

Thank you to everyone that brought toiletry items and sock donations as well as all of you that have volunteered to help make this event a success, serving this vulnerable population.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, February 26 from 9-11am at Trinity Lutheran Church (309 W 39th Street)

TOPIC: The Importance of Early Learning