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THE BLUEBERRY PROJECT *By Kate Stokes, YO Program Director*

For the past 15 years, Austin Industries has provided Youth Outreach exclusive access to a large blueberry field in Newberg. This generous donation, spearheaded by Joan Austin, has been the framework for "The Blueberry Project," a summertime entrepreneurial job program for youth. We've used this gift judiciously over the years, building an entire work program for kids around picking the best-tasting blueberries in Yamhill County!

Our project provides a work and training opportunity for low-income and at-risk youth to acquire and develop new skills, helping them become "employment ready" while making desired and sometimes crucial summer income. Some skills learned include: interviewing for employment, writing resumes, teamwork, communication, integrity, value, responsibility, marketing, sales strategies, the ability to adapt to the environment and working with deadlines.

Every Spring, Youth Outreach begins a work-ready training program for youth aged 12 to 17 who frequent our Youth Center. We begin with a series of workshops, from "How to make a Resume even when you have never worked" and "How to Interview for a Job" to "What is expected of you as an Employee." Once participants complete these workshops, they are eligible to interview for "Blue Crew" and to work our Blueberry Project, beginning in early July and continuing through the growing season. Selections are made on financial need, desire to work and follow through of the program. Additional youth from the community are also hired as on-call workers.

In addition to skills, youth have the opportunity to earn an income, which they often need for

school supplies, clothes and, sometimes, other family expenses such as food. Additionally, many of the youth involved in The Blueberry Project may not be fully employable in other circumstances.

The Blueberry Project has been incredibly blessed over the years, receiving far more orders than we've ever been able to fill. Regular "customers" of The Blueberry Project has included employees from George Fox University, SP Newsprint, Adtec, Newberg School District, local restaurants and businesses and many individual community members. Our blueberries are also featured and enjoyed every year at the Newberg Rotary Pancake Breakfast during the Old Fashioned Festival.

All revenues raised from berries picked, processed and sold support Youth Outreach projects. This program has been near and dear to Youth Outreach, from the priceless gift of the Austin family, to the enthusiasm of The Jory staff upon receiving our fresh picked blueberries for the day, to the kindness and patience of Austin Industries when dealing with our (sometimes insignificant) needs. Our youth love knowing that the berries they work so hard to pick are enjoyed by so many in our community. And frankly, Joan Austin loved knowing that too.

FUNDS FOR FOOD PROGRAM

In 2013, the Rotary Club of McMinnville chose YCAP's Regional Food Bank to receive funds raised at the Oregon Wine & Art Auction. The money raised will help fund



A BENEFIT DINNER

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5:30 to 7:30 pm

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SIGN UP IN SEPTEMBER!

*Bowl purchases and financial donations
directly benefit YCAP programs in the
Newberg community*

Food Bank activities, including the Friday Family Food program, a family-oriented program that provides a satchel of food on Fridays to those children in free or reduced lunch programs at five Yamhill County schools. Each recipient receives enough food for two complete nutritionally planned meals for their entire family.

New local funding is needed to continue this program. We thank the OWAA for their support and ask that anyone interested contact Lee Means at (503) 883-4172 or leem@yamhillcap.org.

THANK YOU JOAN AUSTIN *By Kathy George, YCAP Board Chair*

YCAP has benefited in many ways from Joan Austin's gracious generosity, most notably her long-time support of the Youth Outreach program in Newberg.

In the mid-nineties, when it became clear that an after school program was needed, Joan donated a small grant to help start a program for kids. She then met each year with Program Director, Kate Stokes, for updates and details on the project. Every gift and contribution always came with thoughtful, personal involvement. Joan wanted to know what Youth Outreach had accomplished and what outcomes were achieved. She wanted to know that her gifts were being used

to help kids succeed in life. She was on their side. Over the years, Joan's gift grew into the funding of a full-time prevention specialist. Joan was also the catalyst behind the Blueberry Project — YO's Job's Program — one of Joan's favorite programs.

Joan and Ken Austin were a team. Their respect and love for each other was obvious and enduring. Clearly, their values have been community oriented. Joan was the community's "safety-net" for countless small projects that make our community a better place to live every day. It was an honor and privilege to know Joan.

SEPTEMBER IS HAM: HUNGER ACTION MONTH *By Rachel Go*

Can you eat for only \$4.50 a day? This is the average daily budget a person in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) survives on.

To bring awareness to this problem and the need for hunger-relief, September has been designated as Hunger Action Month. Let's end hunger in Yamhill County!

If you would like to be a part of both the community and a nationwide movement, there are a number of colorful ways to get involved by donating your time, money, or status.

Find and like YCAP on Facebook, where they have a profile picture

you can use in September to Go Orange for Hunger, a nationwide movement. Turn your Facebook and Twitter profile pictures orange and use your status to promote Hunger Action Month.

Attend a fun fundraiser, such as the Soup's On dinner in Newberg that will benefit YCAP programs in the Newberg community. More information at yamhillcap.org/events/soups-on/

Volunteer at the food bank and invite your Member of Congress to visit. Contact Laura at LauraK@yamhillcap.org or (503) 687-1471 to volunteer.

Visit yamhillcap.org for more information on how you can help.

FROM LEE MEANS, YCAP EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Where does summer go so quickly? The weekends are as full as the to-do lists. It's no wonder that Food Bank donations slow down around summertime — everyone goes on vacation! Although summer is a time of fun, it's still a time of need. Food reserves from letter carriers and grocery food drives dwindle in May, and while farmers and gardeners are generous with fruits and vegetables, staples and canned meat reserves are low. YCAP Regional Food Bank serves 25 local pantries, group homes, soup kitchens and special programs that rely on us for food at a much cheaper rate than anywhere else. We rely on the generosity of the community to keep a wide variety of staples, canned meat and produce available to ensure that low-income families, seniors and disabled eat healthily. Your donations of food or money make a difference to many; \$1 can purchase 4lbs of food! I have been blessed with so much in my life — family, job, friends and neighbors, something easy to forget in long to-do lists. Knowing that I give back to the community reminds me of my blessings, for which I'm grateful. May your day be filled with well-being and gratitude as well.

BIG THANK YOU'S TO...



Ruddenklau Farms
2,708 lbs. Green Beans

Sale & Susan Dehm
2,595 lbs. Produce

Pablo Munoz Farms
6,649 lbs. Zucchini & Peaches

Farmer's Market
Average 150 lbs. each week

Bernard's Farms
3,135 lbs. Produce

Grocery Outlet
2,548 lbs. & \$2,531

McMinnville Unitarian Universal Church - Monthly food sorting and repacking

*A*dec employees* - Ripping out old carpet from the Newberg Shelter

Windermere Pacific Crest Realty employees - painting the McMinnville Shelter



GET INVOLVED

Interested in running a food drive?
Contact Neal at nealn@yamhillcap.org

DONATE

To donate time, money, services, materials or food, please visit Yamhillcap.org for more details, or contact Laura at laurak@yamhillcap.org for more information.

SUPPORT YCAP

AUGUST 2013

August 24th - Drag the Gut food drive. The McMinnville High School Dance Team will be collecting cash, checks and non-perishable food for YCAP. We will have our truck parked in an intersection and the dancers will be circulating throughout the crowds.

OCTOBER 2013

October 9th – Soup's On! A Benefit Dinner for Youth Outreach and Newberg Shelters.
www.yamhillcap.org/events/soups-on

October 19th – Log Cabin Dancers and CCM Dancers will hold a dance at the Elk's Lodge in McMinnville from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Drinks and snacks will be available for purchase, no fee to attend but donations of cash and/or non-perishable food guarantees admission. Canned meats, tuna, peanut butter and chili and stew especially needed. Contact Mary Baker, Prudential Northwest Properties, 503-472-8411.

FROM JAN HARTZELL, YCAP DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

This year YCAP Regional Food Bank was honored to participate and be a recipient in the Oregon Wine and Art Auction, sponsored by the noon Rotary Club of McMinnville that took place July 20th at Hyland Estates and Northwest Wines. Laurent and Danielle Montalieu were our gracious and giving hosts at a beautiful and perfectly suited new venue. The evening featured twelve wineries from throughout the region pouring their finest, as guests placed bids at a silent auction. Dinner was served elegantly, followed by a live auction. Results are not complete, but early results show a check for approximately \$32,000 for the Food Bank.

A heartfelt thank you to all of you who participated in giving this year! Many of you volunteered time, auction items and dollars, and we are so very grateful for your continued generosity!

The Auction date is already set next year for July 19, 2014, and will be at the same location. Rotary has once again agreed to have YCAP participate and be a recipient. We thank Rotary for their continued partnership with YCAP.

about YCAP

Yamhill Community Action Partnership (YCAP) is Yamhill County's largest nonprofit organization. Since 1980 we have been providing low-income residents with food, housing assistance, youth outreach, transportation and energy and weatherization services. Our mission is to advocate for and assist persons toward self-sufficiency here in our community.

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