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The Carpenter's Tool Box

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Friends of the Carpenter is here to stay By Tom Iberle

May the Grace and Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ Bless each and every one of our Friends of the Carpenter Family and may the Joy of the Christmas Season fill your hearts with God's Love.

We have important news to share this issue. You may have read in the paper or seen on TV that the City of Vancouver has identified a potential permanent location for the Day Center operated by Share Outreach. The Day Center began leasing space from us in December 2015, while our program has continued to operate in the main part of our building.

That Day Center began two years ago as a pilot project, and has now clearly demonstrated a crucial need in our community. People who are unhoused, those living in poverty that have nowhere else to go, have found the services there to be a welcome and

necessary part of their day. There are lockers for temporary storage; computers for housing and employment searches; a charging station for electronic devices; regular mail delivery; and maybe most importantly, skilled case workers who can access and also arrange visits by attorneys, counselors and other professional services.

When Share started operations in mid-December 2015, a big question was just how many people would show up. We have our answer now - an average of 40 people a day visit the Day Center on a regular basis. That's much more use than any of us imagined, despite the fact that we have been unable to provide shower and laundry services, which got hung up on a sewer permit issue. Since those services are a continuing need, the City began looking for an alternate location which

would accommodate shower and laundry facilities. That search resulted in plans to acquire and renovate the former Washington Fish and Wildlife building near the corner of Grand and Fourth Plain Boulevards. Planning and permitting for the new site are under way. The Share Day Center may move to that location in early 2018. We wish them well, and are pleased that the new facility will be able to fulfill a crucial part of the continuum of care in this community.

I also need to communicate in the clearest terms possible: **Friends of the Carpenter is staying put at your Friendship Center! We will continue to offer safety, structure and purpose to the community at large through our program and will continue to Build Relationships and Change Lives with God's Love at 1600 W.**

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20th St. The Ministry of Friends of the Carpenter is not going anywhere!! No matter what happens with the Share Day Center operation, we will continue to live out our Mission and pledge to offer welcome and hospitality to all those who visit our Friendship Center warehouse.

If you hear anything to the contrary, please help us spread the message that the wood-working, the faith-sharing and all of our other activities will continue to fill our warehouse, Activity Area and woodshop where we have been for the past 14 years. None of that is changing. Please encourage anyone with questions or concerns about our Ministry to call our office, or even better, come pay us a visit so that we can express in person that Friends of the Carpenter is here to stay.

In fact, since we anticipate getting back the space now occupied by the Share Day Center in the next few months, we would love to find another like-minded group or venture with the next great idea of how to best serve our community. We would invite anyone with an interest in that space to contact us with proposals from other organizations about how their program would complement our efforts at Friends of the Carpenter. Please help us spread that message out into the wider community as well.

While there certainly have been ups and downs over the past year for our organization, please know that we remain firmly committed to reaching our Vision of a community where all are accepted, honored and appreciated and living out our Mission of providing safety, structure and purpose

for vulnerable members of our community. That was true before the Day Center arrived in December 2015, and it will continue unabated into 2018 and beyond.

Light and Life continue to fill the Friendship Center at 1600 W. 20th St. Our partnerships grow deeper and spread out ever wider into the community. As we near the end of 2017, we have much for which we give thanks. We deeply appreciate the great support of all of our donors, customers and volunteers.

Thanks and Blessings to all those reading this Carpenter's Toolbox for making possible this journey that Friends of the Carpenter has been on since our founding by Duane and Julie Sich.

Best Wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!



C.A.R.E. Committee needs your help!!

Our CARE Committee is putting together a cookbook, *"Recipes with Friends,"* and invite your culinary participation. If you have a recipe that you love and want to share with your friends, we would appreciate having you send it to us so that we can include it in this fundraising effort. Please add your name and contact information on any recipes that you submit. Thanks so much for your consideration and support.

Volunteer Happenings

My sincere thanks to the more than 60 volunteers who helped make our Auction a tremendous success. We simply would not be able to hold this event without them and we are all truly blessed to have their support. Special thanks to the volunteers from Skyview Key Club also. Their energy and enthusiasm adds so much to the festive environment. As always, we will be having many upcoming events and opportunities for volunteering. From our Annual Christmas Concert to numerous holiday craft bazaars, HUGS Parties and organization of the coats collected by area Boy Scouts there is always something going on.



Besides the need for volunteers for our events, we continue to have three wonderful opportunities for anyone looking for regular, ongoing ways to serve as well:

Thrift Store Volunteer - Second Chance Thrift Store (3414 A NE 52nd St. Vancouver, WA). Cashiering, sorting, stocking shelves and assisting customers needed in our thrift store which supports Friends of the Carpenter.

Hospitality Host - Friends of the Carpenter Day Center (1600 W. 20th St. Vancouver, WA). Welcome and greet guests to the Friendship Center. Tasks include answering the telephone and other clerical/office work as needed.

Onsite Woodworker at the Friendship Center (1600 W. 20th St. Vancouver, WA). Under the supervision and support of the Friends of the Carpenter Shop Foreman, prepare parts for the projects needed at the woodworking events.

We can work with volunteers' schedules as several dates/times during the week are available. We would very much appreciate your assistance and anyone interested can contact me directly.

Thank you

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A "God Sighting"

We were honored to be able to provide some of our bird houses for the Cedar Hills Hospital recreational therapy group. Patients were given the opportunity to sand and paint a birdhouse. Shown here are some of their completed projects.



Calendar

Upcoming Events

- Product Sale
Friday, December 8th
- Show & Tell
Saturday, December 16th
- Memorial Service for the Homeless at St. Paul Lutheran, 1309 Franklin; Thursday December 21st 5 pm
- Center closing at noon
Friday, December 22nd
- Christmas
Friendship Center closed
Monday, December 25th
- New Year's Day
Friendship Center closed
Monday, January 1st
- H.U.G.S. Party
Wednesday, January 17th
- Show & Tell
Saturday, January 20th
- Show & Tell
Saturday, February 20th

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Welcome to the Activity Corner



Holiday Product Sale

Friday, December 8th
10:00 am—3:00 pm

Christmas ornaments, planters, crosses, toys,
and much more!

H.U.G.S. Party

Wednesday, January 17th

from 1 to 3 p.m., at the Friendship Center

We will be offering Hats, Underwear, Gloves, Socks and personal care items. In addition, Hands of Favor will be providing free haircuts!



We welcome your donations
of warm clothing for this
wonderful event.

The President's Viewpoint

The Importance of Imagination

By Grover Icenogle

"Beyond the duties of care, loyalty, and obedience, there is, I suggest, a fourth board duty: the duty of imagination." --Alice Korngold

Alice Korngold is a leading consultant and advocate in the world of nonprofits. The following remarks are based on her essay "Developing Visionary Leaders", 2015.

"Certainly boards must be held accountable to exercise their three core fiduciary duties: the duty of care—to be attentive board members, participate in board meetings, read board materials and minutes, and be knowledgeable about the organization, its finances, and its issues; the duty of loyalty—to put the organization's interests above personal and professional interests and bring any potential conflicts of interest to the board's attention; and the duty of obedience—to serve a mission, making all board decisions in the interest of the mission. These are serious and fundamental responsibilities."

These duties serve well to preserve the nonprofit from interior misadventures. In the meantime the world of nonprofits is advancing into the future. Therefore, "nonprofits need boards that are fully engaged and focused on the key strategic issues: the vision, the future, the potential, and how to achieve it."

"Beyond the duties of care, loyalty, and obedience, there is ... a fourth board duty: the duty of imagination. It is imperative for boards to imagine the greater potential for the organizations they lead—to envision, create the strategic path, and provide the support for its achievement."

Friends of the Carpenter, having several vacancies on its board due to recent resignations, is looking for new leaders to help imagine and bring about the future of our nonprofit. 2018 and beyond will be exciting times of growing our potential to better service the vulnerable members of our community.

If this service opportunity appeals to you, please contact Board President Grover Icenogle at gpicenogle@gmail.com or 503-539-0546, or reach Executive Director Tom Iberle at tom@friendsofthecarpenter.org or 360-903-3626.

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Staff Updates



from Tom Iberle

After serving as our Administrative Manager for the past four years, Michelle Rouse resigned from her position on our staff at the end of September. We wish Michelle all the best in her new endeavors and give thanks for how much she shared her gifts and talents in support of our Ministry at Friends of the Carpenter.

In September, we also bid farewell to LouAnn Blocker, our recent hire as the next Development Associate after Monica Mogilewsky left to continue her field research in Madagascar. Even in her very short time with us, LouAnn was able to keep the momentum going in our Development program. We wish LouAnn well in whatever path her journey takes in the coming year.



With both of those positions vacant at the moment, the Board Organizational Committee and I have been taking some time to evaluate our overall staffing needs and decide how best to steward our resources to make sure we are continuing to live out our Mission, while also being as efficient and effective as possible. Please continue to keep our Ministry and all those who are a part of it in your prayers. Thanks and Blessings, Tom



2017 Auction and Dinner a great success!!

Friends of the Carpenter would like to thank everyone involved with *All Aboard the Friendship Express* for making this year's event one of our best ever.

We brought in over \$100,000 - over our goal - and netted more than \$80,000 - not only over our goal, but our highest total we have ever raised.

We are so very appreciative of all those who donated items, all 300 guests who joined us at WareHouse '23 that evening, our wonderful donors who contributed to those impressive totals mentioned above, and of course all of our hard-working volunteers, especially our Auction Committee members.

Finally, please help us in thanking this year's Sponsors, who were a major part of our success:

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It's that time of the year when we bring a little closure to one year's activities and open a fresh start onto the next. As always, the 2nd Chance Thrift Store is filled with wonderful bargains, friendly people, and an environment and atmosphere unique to thrift stores.

Like so many other non-profits, we can always use your help: help in the form of contributions of materials and time. Our volunteers are our life blood, and very little gets done without them. There is always a call out for people who believe in the mission of the Friends of the Carpenter and would like to donate a shift a week helping that mission succeed. Of course, these must be people who value making a difference while enjoying good company and laughter. Are you one of those? Give us a call and look into the possibilities for change you can make.

As always, there is also a call out for quality, reusable clothing and home items. These items are sold and serve a dual purpose of generating income for the Center while improving the lives of those who so badly need what we affordably offer. Talk about doing double charity! Call me sometime and I'd be happy to talk with you about how your generosity spreads the good well beyond the obvious.

Most of all, however, this is a *time to tell you how special you are as a donor* to the Friends of the Carpenter. Whether you donate time, money or products to the thrift store, or if you donate time or money directly to the Center, you are changing lives with love. *You are special and unique* for that very reason, and deserve a major pat on the back for any form of gift you have shared with us this past year.

Finally, to all the volunteers at the 2nd Chance Thrift Store, a sincere and hearty THANK YOU! We strive to make a difference through whatever gift we can give: time, money, donations, or a few good words to others. You are part of this difference...you are a person who has made a difference for others...you have our gratitude.

Congratulations on a great 2017 and all our best for an even more amazing 2018.

Jim and all the volunteers at the 2nd Chance Thrift Store
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