

# **JERICHO ROAD OF REDMOND ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2021**



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### **OUR MISSION STATEMENT:**

***“To provide consistent, nurturing and tangible support to the homeless and those in need within the Redmond, Oregon area”.***

### **MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR**

**Tia Linschied**

2021 continued to be a challenging year for everyone, but Jericho Road was unwavering in its desire to help those in need. All involved faced the challenges and sought out solutions to continue to provide the resources that are vital to giving the individuals we serve as healthy and safe a life as possible.

Donors, partners, and volunteers did what they could to help us through extreme heat, cold, fire, and of course COVID. Each one of these offerings of time, resources, and funding helped us to continue our mission to make Redmond a better community for all. Their dedication and strength of character gave us all hope as we continued our work. We look forward to continuing relationships with each one of you as we offer dignity and a better future for the people we love.

Particular challenges we've faced have been the rising cost of supplies and food. Propane, for instance has increased from \$1.50 a gallon to \$2.30 (65%) and food costs have gone up nearly 20%. The struggle to maintain a level of service while remaining fiscally sound has presented Jericho Road with a new set of challenges. As a result, donations from our friends and neighbors are more important and appreciated than ever before.

Our recent agreement with Oasis Village Project has brought new opportunities for the homeless in the Redmond area. This crucially vital effort to house the houseless has been embraced by the community and will greatly help to reduce the effects of poverty. As their fiscal agent and program partner, we look forward to a strong and growing alliance.

I am immensely proud of Jericho Road and incredibly grateful for all the volunteers and donors who help make our organization's work possible. I know that each member of the Jericho Road Board feels the same. We thank you for all that you do and for your continued support to the unhoused and those limited resources. Without you we could not move forward into 2022 with confidence that our mission to serve through faith and love is as strong as ever.

# OUR PROGRAMS

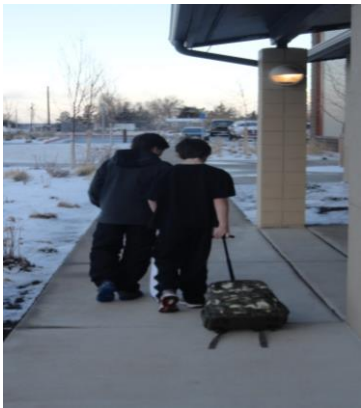
## Weekend Food Program

This program provides food packs for hungry students and their families throughout the school year. During the summer months, food is packed and distributed as well. In 2021, 1,422 packs of food were prepared and delivered.

Eleanor Bessonette is the Program Coordinator and, along with her volunteers, has faced challenges brought on by COVID. Obstacles, however, are not in Eleanor's vocabulary! Notes in the past when packs were distributed: "You have no idea what this means to our family"; "I feel better knowing I can help my family with food"; "Bless you for helping".

**Highlights of 2021 – January to March** – Our program took place at Redmond High School while schools were not in session. Also, we had to find a new location to store and pack the food.

**April to June** – In person school resumed but a location for storage and assembly still hadn't been found. Gift cards to pay for food were given to the Leadership Class teachers and the students shopped, packed and delivered food bags to schools.



**June to August** – Summer Program – Great news came in June. The Redmond Community of Christ Church offered space for food storage and packing! The supply of bags of food continued.

**September to December** – Weekend Food's happy partnership with Redmond High School Leadership Class student's enabled the continuation of the program through the ups and downs of the COVID pandemic. It continues through a system that is becoming more and more efficient and is teaching caring students the value of volunteerism and the impact it can have on their friends and neighbors throughout the community.



## Jericho Table

Jericho Table provides free, hot meals Mondays through Friday's each month to everyone who comes in the door. Volunteers help package and serve the meals which are provided by Tate and Tate caterers. During the pandemic, congregate meals have been put on hiatus, but as soon as possible, we will begin again with our sit downs. We also serve fresh fruits and veggies in cooperation with the Hunger Prevention Coalition. The ability to communicate (just being friendly and talking to our guests) is a critical part of the service we provide. Letting people know we care and want to help. This inter-action creates a level of trust and mutual respect that can result in helping someone into other forms of assistance and eventual reentering the community. Under the steady hands of Tia Linschied and Ken Cardwell, the program coordinators and their crew of volunteers, the Table provides encouragement and nutrition in the best, possible ways!



Jericho Table, at their location at the Church of God Seventh Day's Fellowship Hall, 205 NW 4<sup>th</sup> Street in Redmond, has also become the gathering place for some additional activities such as: Visits of portable showers. Regular visits by Mosaic Medical Van, Jericho Road's Housing Assistance Team and Thrive Central Oregon were in COVID hiatus.



People come to Jericho Table hungry, cold and alone. They experience friendship, love, food, companionship and hope. We are truly blessed to be able to help those who are in such need. And in helping, we ourselves are lifted spiritually and emotionally.



## Housing Assistance

Everyone is aware of the housing situation in the Redmond area. Housing and rental costs have increased to the point that people with even well-paying jobs cannot afford to find or keep a roof over their heads. Although state and federal moratoriums continued throughout 2021, requests for available housing continued to climb even as housing costs increased.

Priscilla Bigler and her team of volunteers interview families and individuals seeking assistance in staying in their homes. Temporary support can last up to three months or longer depending on circumstances. We continue to work closely and collaboratively with St. Vincent De Paul, Family Access Network, NeighborImpact and Thrive to prevent people from becoming homeless due to temporary financial setbacks. Thanks to the generosity of Zion Lutheran Church, the Housing Team can now use the Sunday School building for interviews and counseling of potential participants. It is a friendly and comforting place to meet with those needing help and those willing to give support.

The messages of gratitude and the sharing of successful outcomes are the things that fuel the passions of our volunteers in continuing to keep families and individuals, regardless of age, physical conditions or backgrounds from becoming homeless. In 2021, 242 individuals including 92 children availed themselves of our services. We have included one of those letters here...



*“Dear \_\_\_\_\_,*

*We are so deeply grateful for your incredible kindness, thoughtful generosity and grace. Your significant contribution to our continued and long term success fills our hearts with joy. We are so over the moon about being here in Central Oregon-the amazing Redmond community. We are so confident that we will be so enriched, and soulfully happy here. Thank you again for your loveliness. We look forward to meeting you sometime in the near future. All the best. \_\_\_\_\_”*

## Emergency Services

The emphasis on immediate needs has taken a higher priority during 2020. Items such as sleeping bags, propane space heaters, propane canisters, tents, tarps, pet food, firewood, bus passes and other items are given those at Jericho Table meals and through the Outreach program.



## Jericho's Outreach Program

Jericho Road initiated a new program in 2020 that takes supplies, goodwill and assistance to homeless campers in the Redmond area. Mr. Bob Bohac and his team of volunteers regularly visit these camps bringing supplies and hope to those who simply cannot afford to find permanent shelter or housing.

According to Bob, a significant misconception regarding the homeless is that they simply choose to live as they do. However, Bob and his folks estimate that only 5-10% of all homeless people fall into that category. The rest are victims of circumstances largely beyond their control. The most important of which is the cost of housing. Many of the campers have jobs but are unable to generate sufficient income to afford the costs associated with renting an apartment or house



Each Friday the team of volunteers offers food items, warm breakfast sandwiches, water, sleeping bags, heaters, tents, tarps, propane, pet food, clothing, showers, hygiene items, and more. Masks and sanitizers are also available.



We depend a great deal on our local partners and providers. Their donations and involvement makes a great difference in our success working with our participants.

Reaching out to the people who live in camps is a positive and appreciated action that helps create trust while building hope and a sense of security. Sometimes with a cup of coffee and a hot sandwich makes all the difference. In 2021 the Outreach team of 10 volunteers assisted 15 to 35 people each week living "off the grid" in the Redmond area.

## **SOMETHING NEW FOR 2022!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Thanks to some extremely generous gifts (anonymous of \$100,000), the Dotti and Eli Ashley's trust, Newt and Julie Kerney, The Skinner Family, Margaret McCormick and the Oregon Community Foundation, Jericho Road is proud to announce that we have purchased a new Shower Trailer! The three unit trailer will become a regular visitor to our Jericho Table and Outreach programs as well as other locations throughout the region. Dr. Mark Keener, the program coordinator would like to thank Mosaic Medical and Casey Saclahiro, Deschutes Fair Grounds and maintenance crew, Redmond Proficiency Academy, Les Schwab, Big Country RV, Dana Signs and Senecal Enterprises for their help, advice and support in putting the pieces together. Please stay tuned for upcoming information about locations and schedules on our Web site and Face Book pages!



# GIVING THANKS OUR VOLUNTEERS

*JERICO ROAD VOLUNTEERS ARE FANTASTIC FOLKS WHO GIVE FREELY SO THAT OTHERS MAY HEAL*

Although the pandemic would not allow for a gathering to show our gratitude and to honor our volunteers this year, the Jericho Road would like to thank each and every one of these incredible individuals who so graciously and lovingly give of their time and their resources to help those who, like the traveler along the Road to Jericho so many centuries ago, needed help. Those who are served may never know who we are but their lives have been and will continue to be improved because of what we do! In 2021 our volunteers generated \$50,000 in in-kind labor!



## Jericho Road Board of Directors -2021

**Officers:** Tia Linschied – Chair, Priscilla Bigler – Vice Chair, David Cook – Secretary, John Seitter – Treasurer.

**Board Members:**

Shelley Irwin, Ken Cardwell, Eleanor Bessonette, Dr. Mark Keener, Robert Bohac, Rusty Johnson, Margaret King, Steve Thorpe.

**Member Emeritus –** Irving P. Nygren

Two of our members have recently retired from the Board of Directors; David Cook and member Steve Thorpe. We are grateful for their service and dedication to Jericho Road and for their tireless support.



## FUNDERS AND SPONSORS

Jericho Road recognizes the foundations, organizations, businesses and corporations that have given generously to help support our programs:



Bank of America, Bill Healy Foundation, Consumer Cellular, Cow Creek Foundation, COSTCO, Deschutes County Commissioners, First Interstate Bank, Hunger Prevention Coalition of Central Oregon, Les Schwab, Morgan Stanley, Oregon Community Foundation, Morrison Family Fund, PacificCorps, Pacific Source, Reser Foundation, Mid-Oregon Credit Union, Rotary of Greater Bend, St. Charles Foundation, Swigert Foundation, Central Oregon United Way and Windermere Realty, T-Mobile, US Bank, First American Title, Mt. Bachelor Ski Resort, Senecal Enterprises, Keener Dentistry, Catalyst Financial, Hayden Homes, Jay Gronmeyer, OnPoint Credit Union, Sun West, AIC Insurance and Krueger & Lennox, Scott Lucas.



## FAITH AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS

**Jericho Road is the largest ecumenical social service effort east of the Oregon Cascades. Nineteen local congregations not only provide regular financial support but also many of the volunteer workers who make Jericho Road a success. We could not serve without their support.**

These Redmond area congregations support Jericho Road through their prayers, generosity and sense of community:

All Peoples United Church of Christ, Church of God Seventh Day, City Center Church, Redmond Community of Christ, Community Presbyterian Church, Redmond Assembly of God, Highland Baptist Church, Redmond Church of Christ, Redmond 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventist, St. Alban's Episcopal, Redmond Community Church, Zion Lutheran Church, The Bridge-Nazarene Church, Nativity Lutheran, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Mt. View Fellowship, Ignite Faith.

Jericho Road also acknowledges that, just as we could never exist without our volunteer support and congregational generosity, there are others who have been an integral part of our efforts and have been critical in our success.

Many have already been mentioned, but these additional names deserve the most grateful thanks as well. We urge our friends and neighbors to show their appreciation whenever possible.

The City of Redmond, Redmond School District, Redmond High School's Leadership Class, Family Access Network advocates, NeighborImpact, Alliance Professionals, Central Oregon Council on Aging, Homeless Leadership Coalition, Deschutes Brewery, Earth20, Eagle Crest Resort, Redmond Kiwanis, Central Oregon Old Car Club, Bobbi Haas' Annual Socktober Drive, Central Oregon Retired Educators, Crooked River Ranch Lions, High Desert Museum, Erickson Museum of Flight, Redmond Police Department, Deschutes County Sheriff's Department, MacDonald's, Callan Accounting, Bend Pet Express, Papa Murphy's, Starbucks, Mosaic Medical, Best Care, Pine Mountain Sports, Starbucks of Redmond, Shelley Irwin, Deschutes County Homeless Outreach, Thrive, Myrna and Ryan Anderson Food Delivery, Round Table Pizza, Big Foot Beverages, McDonald's of Redmond, Oregon Food Bank, Order of the Eastern Star Chapter 105, Perception Alpha Omega, Presbytery of the Cascades, Redmond Faith Network, Boneyard Brewery, Redmond Parks and Recreation District, Redmond Library, Redmond Service League, Redmond VFW, St. Vincent De Paul, Sun & Snow Extension Group, Thursday Book Group, Trinity Bike Shop, Vital Provisions, Ten Barrel Brewery, BrightSide Animal Center, Windermere Realty's Clothing Drive, Trader Joe's, Walmart, Ryan's Produce, Jordan's Produce, Franz Bakery, Expion Lithium Batteries, Bi-Mart, Redmond Safeway, Redmond Fred Meyer, Grocery Outlet, Dollar Tree, Hub Motel, Valero Service Station, Eberhard's Dairy, Tate and Tate Caterers and Big 5 Sporting Goods.



## EVENTS AND BENEFITS

Jericho Road has traditionally been part of several community events and benefits to share information about our programs and to raise funds to maintain our economic stability. The year 2021 was extremely difficult in that with the closure of facilities and the inability to gather and disseminate information (or even Lemonade!) we were unable to be part of the community we serve.

Empty Bowls, Summer Concerts, Car Shows, Holiday in the Park and other opportunities mostly had to wait for better times. We are eager to be back in the open air and talking with our friends and neighbors!

## BENEFIT GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Jericho Road Benefit Golf Tournament is a major event and in 2021 attracted more than 100 golfers and generated nearly \$35,000 to help support our programs! We are looking forward to the 2022 tournament that will take place on Saturday, August 13, 2022 at the Eagle Crest Resort. Sponsors, Teams and Volunteers are encouraged to “sign up early”! Please watch our Face Book Page and Website for information.



## JERICO ROAD BY THE NUMBERS, 2021

Annual Budget – 2021 = \$210,100

Annual Budget – 2022 = \$219,400

• **Jericho Table** - Total number of meals served 2021 = 9,305 to 5,257 adults and 1,079 children.  
Volunteers = 1,263. Volunteer hours = 1,446.5  
Total program costs = \$50,542.29

• **Weekend Food Program** – Volunteers loaded 5,580 lbs of food into 1,422 bags that were delivered to students of the Redmond School District and through summer lunch sacks as well  
Volunteers = 55. Volunteer hours = 650  
Total Program costs = \$14,422.00

• **Housing Assistance** – In 2021, this program funded 78 requests and prevented 99 adults and 92 children as well as 7 senior citizens, 17 disabled individuals, 2 veterans, 7 domestic violence survivors and 15 COVID-related people from becoming homeless.  
Volunteers = 5. Volunteer hours = 240.  
Total program Costs - \$24,849.00

• **Emergency Service** for 2021 this program was able to support the homeless and poor by providing provided: 364 Propane canisters, 384 cleansing towels (in place of showers), 23 heaters, 39 sleeping bags, 47 shower passes, 33 tents, 39 sleeping bags, 47 Bus passes (until cancelled by COVID), 16 stoves, 8 loads of firewood (about 4 cords), 4 flashlights, 2 pair of heavy boots, and a 5 gallon water jug. Volunteers = 5. Volunteer hours = 312.  
Total program costs = \$8,985.29

• **Homeless Camp Outreach** in 2021 visited camps in the Redmond area each Friday to provide 768 people (men, women and children) with basic necessities: Water, tarps, Tarps, 124 tanks (564 gallons of propane; 416 pounds of pet food.  
Volunteers = 12. Volunteer hours = 1,125.  
Total program costs = \$12,223.17

**Total of All Program Costs for 2021 = \$132,000.00**

• **Children Served** – Through all programs 2021: approximately 3,225.

**Number of volunteers 2021: 1,446.**

**Number of volunteer hours 2021 = 3,917.**

**Number of volunteer hours times Oregon State Minimum wage (\$10.75) = \$42,107.00**

**Never let anyone tell you that volunteering isn't valuable!**

*Jericho Road's Board of Directors and Volunteers invite you to visit our meetings or program locations and witness the effectiveness and humanity of our involvement with the citizens and friends and neighbors that we serve. Your comments and suggestions are also always appreciated as is your support. May the coming year hold promise and blessings...*

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