

Faith-Based Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes of November 5, 2024

Present were Chris Hankel, Dan Mahon, and James Lafolette; also present was City Recorder Lilly Alarcon-Strong. Dean Hackett, Terry Cummings, and Council representatives Rod Hardin and Jackie Linton were not present. The meeting was opened in prayer by Terry at 4:06pm.

Public Comment

None given.

Euvalcree Presentation

Euvalcree Regional Operations and Community Development Manager Marisa Avila and Community Servies and Coalition Coordinator Angeles Padilla Villa presented information (attached) regarding:

- Established in 2014 being a 501c3 organization, Their Mission is to serve the underrepresented population in rural Oregon, Washington, and Idaho. Their name is a combination of three Latin root words with these meanings:
 - Eu= Good
 - Val= Valient
 - Cree= Faith and Belief
- Helping individuals and families with resources for: Education, Healthcare, Housing, Immigration, Food, Childcare, Legal Services, Home Energy Audits, Small Business Support, Unemployment Claims, Community Events and Services, General Paperwork and Technical Services, and more.
- Much of their times is also spent translating, in Spanish and Mam, helping schedule appointments and filling out forms for various items, attending community events for outreach service so people know they offer wrap-around-service for individuals and families that may need help with a little bit of everything.
- Currently, they are hosting a food and toy drive for families in need for the Christmas Season and are seeking donations, as well as the names and information of people who would benefit from having a food box and toys.
- They are always seeking other opportunities to help the underserved community.

Possibilities of incorporating Faith and First Responders Event into I Love My City

Chris stated it was suggested at the last meeting that the Faith and First Responders Event be held during I Love My City and opened the subject for discussion. Committee members felt it would be a good idea to combine the events with a meet and greet during lunch on Saturday as an easier and great way to interact and connect with first responders and build trust within the community.

2024 Committee Service Goals – Food Insecurities Update

Dan gave information regarding <u>https://feedhermiston.org/</u>. This website was created to give individuals and families, struggling with food insecurity, current and up-to-date information on food availability within the Greater Hermiston Area. The website is a collaboration between community religious groups, businesses, and non-profits.



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Minutes

Chris moved and Dan seconded to approve the September meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously. No meeting was held in October.

Elect Vice Chair through July 2025

James moved and Dan seconded to nominate Chris as Vice Chair. Motion carried unanimously.

Elect Chair through July 2025

Chris moved and James seconded to nominate Dan as Chair. Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 7th at 4:00pm in the Large Board Room on the 2nd Floor of City Hall.

<u>Adjournment</u>

There was no other business, and the meeting was adjourned in prayer by Dan at 5:08pm.



501(c)3 Non-Profit Organization

<u>Our Vision</u> A unified community advocating for itself and equity for all. Our Mission Euvalcree mobilizes and engages underserved and underrepresented populations to improve the lives of all children, families and communities in RURAL Oregon, Washington, and Idaho.

Established in 2014

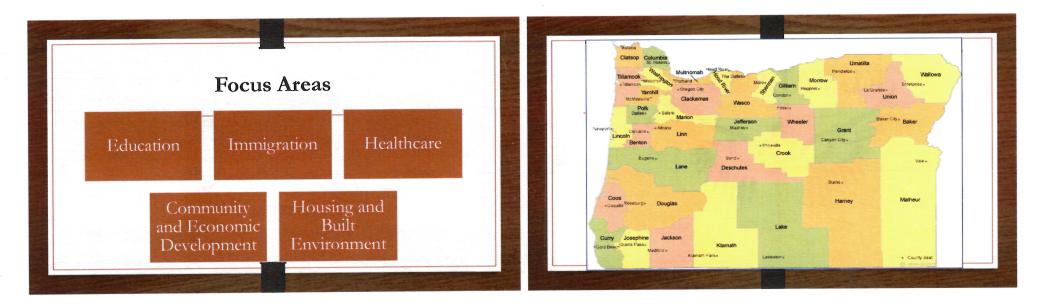


Our Leadership Team!



Our Staff

- 2 Main offices- Ontario, Hermiston
- Childcare Oasis Center in Malheur
- Directors, Managers, Community Organizers, Childcare teachers, Program Specialists, Community Health Workers

















RECIEVE FREE TOYS FOR CHRISTMASIII

If you have children 12 years of age or younger, register them in Toys for Tots to receive free toys for Christmast

Toys for Tots is a program created by the United States Marine Corp Reserve to ensure every child 12 years of age and younger is able to receive a gift for Christmas.



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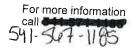


For the first time in Umatilla County, EUVALCREE is bringing the Toys for Tots Program!

Registration is easy! Come visit or call our office!

Last day to register Friday, November 22

> **Office Hours** Monday - Friday 8 am - 6 pm



MARINE CORPS RESERVE

RECIBE JUGETES GRATIS PARA NAVIDADIII

Si tiene niños 12 años y menores, registrelos en Toys for Tots para recibir juguetes gratis para Navidad!

Toys for Tots es un programa creado por los Marines que da asistencia a las

familias con niños menores de 12 años, para asegurar que recibían regalos para Navidad.



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Por primera vez en el Condado de Umatilla, EUVALCREE trae el programa de Toys for Tots!

La registración es fácil! Visite o llame nuestra oficina!

Ultimo dia para regristar Viernes 22 de noviembre