

## **REPORT TO ST. HELENS CITY COUNCIL**

### **September 7th, 2022**

#### Center

- Kathy retirement – settling in well
- Fully open
- Working with the Chamber, Grocery outlet and a number of partners
- Over 150 members and attempting to bridge the gap to have families take part in the center I.E. Homework, study, or project hours, ultimately increasing memberships- looking into lifetime membership concepts
- Over 80 volunteers, - working with United Way CC
- Number of activities from - Yoga, to exercise, to pinochle and Tai Chi courses
- Block party for further exposure – Good turnout, lots learned
- Lunches are being served in building
  - Reservations

#### SNAPP

- We serve over 180 seniors in throughout St. Helens and Scappoose
  - There is a need for more volunteer drivers
  - Program is building strong and we are making steps to further fortify it all around it

#### Kitchen

- Head cook is hanging in there well
- Hired a new Dietary assistant cook/ kitchen aid – total 2 – currently a stable crew
- New Ghost kitchen concept to further the use of the asset – St. Helens Eats

#### Thrift Store

- New management
- Slight sales increase, currently being consumed by management build out
- 2 Scarecrow's, TN and SHSC – Main street Alliance collaboration
- Solid crew of staff and volunteers

#### Use of Building & Care

- AARP Safe driving courses
- Evergreen Dance Center holding classes Thursday evenings
- Red Cross holds reoccurring blood drives
- VFW Ladies Auxiliary
- Business Leaders Networking
- Medicare representatives meeting clients
- Block Party
- Car Show – Chili Bake off
- Cooling and Warming Shelter
- Building maintenance is going well. – maintenance inclined

- Property boarder will be cleaned up and better landscaping is installed to provide and ease to maintain - Great thanks to Public work & to Roger at public works for all they do.
- As we continue to grow, building will be used in more unique and consistent ways

#### Financials

- \$25,000 Congregate infrastructure grant
- Investment strategies – Full stake Owners of WVW preferred stock
- Ghost kitchen
- Online Auction
- Building rentals & activities
- Continuing to source other sources of income remembering we are a nonprofit – benevolent service, primarily run on donations in the past- then grants were furthered, and now we are building out a self-sustaining model to continue to protect our most vulnerable seniors with hot cooked meals.