

SCOOPING UP SMILES!



On April 17th hundreds lined up in the pouring rain for a free scoop of ice cream at the New Avenues' PartnerShop. As part of the nationwide **Ben & Jerry's Free Cone Day** celebration, our scoop shop handed out over 3700 ice cream cones! City and county officials—including Police Chief Rosie Sizer, Commissioner Randy Leonard and Commissioner Maria Rojo de Steffey—volunteers, and donors were all on hand to help “scoop” throughout the day and join in the fun.

It was a wonderful opportunity to bring attention to the PartnerShop, now in its third year of providing jobs and entrepreneurial training to youth and young adults that may face barriers to employment. Thanks to everyone who participated and all our loyal customers—they know that ice cream from our scoop shop not only tastes good, but *does good* by supporting homeless and at-risk youth.



NEW AVENUES' STUDENTS GIVE BACK

New Avenues' students are finding ways to make positive contributions to their community—most recently by participating in the **Meals on Wheels** program. For the past four months, close to 100 youth from our school have delivered meals to homebound seniors and contributed over 300 service hours to that important program. New Avenues' teacher, Josh Laurie, says the experience has been a wonderful example of how youth, who face their own challenges, still have the power to make change. “Every time we deliver a meal, we see the positive effect it has on our students, in their faces and their response to helping others. Some students ask, ‘Why should we be volunteering our time when we need help too? And our answer is always, the fact that you’re homeless doesn’t preclude you from helping others.’”

**STAFF SPOTLIGHT: TONYA LIPPERT
FOSTERING INDEPENDENCE**

Tonya Lippert joined New Avenues in February to head up an exciting new project—**Fostering Independence**. For some time, New Avenues has sought to address the issue of why a disproportionate number of homeless youth are or were foster youth. Thanks to a grant from the **Annie E. Casey Foundation**, New Avenues—in collaboration with DHS and the Child Welfare Program at PSU—was able to begin this important work. The aim of this new project is to prevent a premature end of care for foster youth and, with early intervention, keep foster youth from joining the ranks of the homeless. Tonya brings her years in social work clinical practice, research skills, a Ph.D. in developmental psychology, and broad experience with at-risk youth to the **Fostering Independence** project and we are excited to have her leadership. Please join us in welcoming her!



MISSION STATEMENT

To help youth reach their fullest potential by offering a continuum of outcome-based services that empower homeless youth to exit street life and that prevent other youth from becoming homeless.

**SERVICES OFFERED TO
HOMELESS YOUTH**

- Early Intervention and Prevention
- Family Reunification
- Education
- Career Training
- Transitional Housing
- Medical Care
- Drug and Alcohol Counseling
- A Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream PartnerShop

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Education is on track for their best year yet and expects to award over 40 GEDs by year-end.
- Case Management has experienced an increase in number of youth successfully exiting street life.
- PAVE job placements have increased due to an expansion in number of business partners and the Work Success Program.
- Outreach has increased dramatically due to additional staffing.
- Transitional Housing/ILP has seen an increase in number of youth served due to better agency coordination.

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NEW AVENUES FOR YOUTH WISH LIST

Clothing & Accessories

Coats
Underwear (larger sizes)
Shoes & Socks, Shoe laces
Belts
Interview clothes (including larger sizes): dress shirts, ties, slacks, dress socks & shoes
Bras (including larger sizes)
Men's jeans (including larger sizes)
Exercise gear (shorts, tee shirts, etc.)
Women's stockings or tights
Dress shoes for women and men, size 8 & up
Ponchos, rain gear
Bandanas

Household Items & Linens

Blankets & Pillows
Sleeping bags
Tarps
Hygiene supplies
New razors and shaving cream
Q-tips
Silverware & Kitchen utensils
Plates & Cups, Coffee mugs
Cutting boards
Cooking knives
New towels (all sizes), Dishtowels
Electric alarm clocks w/cords
Canned food, non-perishables
Coffee
Pots and pans
Lamps
DVD player

Educational Items

Musical instruments (guitar & strings)
Drums
Microphone stand
Art supplies: crayons, markers, stencils, color books, glue sticks
Journals, Day Planners/organizers
Notebook and lined paper, Resume paper
Batteries (AA, AAA)
Pens and pencils
Backpacks
Carabineers
Magazine subscription (teen-oriented)

Miscellaneous Needs

New animal kennels (large)
Dog food and treats
Lap top computers
Paper shredder
Bulletin boards
Board games (with all of the pieces)
Bus passes & tickets
Ping pong table
Pre-paid phone cards
Blank CD's
Bookshelves
Flashlights
Donated meals for 30 people

OUR NEW LOCATION!

This past December it was with great excitement that New Avenues opened the doors of our new location at 314 SW 9th Avenue! This recently renovated facility houses our alternative school, day services center, case management and outreach programs, drug & alcohol counseling, a medical clinic, a full kitchen, music studio, art room and a state-of-the-art computer room.

A celebration of our new location was held on January 10th, hosted by board members Heather Killough and Joyce Furman. New Avenues' supporters, staff, volunteers, friends, and city & county officials toured the facility. Mayor Tom Potter, former Executive Director of New Avenues for Youth, offered welcoming words to guests, and the positive feedback from attendees was overwhelming!

This new facility allows us to better serve our youth and creates exciting potential for expansion of our programs—please contact us if you are interested in a tour or want more information.



STUDENTS HELPING STUDENTS

Thanks to **Open Meadow CRUE** (Corps Restoring the Urban Environment) **School** and **PGE's Community 101** program, getting a GED just got a little easier for New Avenues' students.

On March 1st, New Avenues was awarded a grant from Open Meadow Community 101 program for \$2,000 to help defray the costs associated with preparing for and taking the GED exam. The exam is an important step for youth wanting to exit street life and attend college, apply for advanced training programs, or find employment opportunities. Through the Community 101 program, with funding from PGE and the NW Health Foundation, students at Open Meadow are given the opportunity to be philanthropists and chose to fund New Avenues' GED program.

This is not the first time Open Meadow students have supported New Avenues—over the past two years, we've received more than \$4,000 in grant dollars from their Community 101 program. Geof Garner, teacher at New Avenues alternative school, remarked on the long-standing relationship between New Avenues and Open Meadow. "As part of the Coalition of Metro Area Community Schools (CMAC), we value their partnership and support. Their students' interest in the success of New Avenues' students means so much to our education program and sets a great example of philanthropy for our youth."

Since our beginnings, the New Avenues School has assisted over 200 youth in completing and passing the GED. Thanks to the support of the students at Open Meadow, we look forward to more New Avenues School success!

NEW AVENUES SCHOOL RECEIVES ACCREDITATION

The New Avenues School recently received regional accreditation status by the **Northwest Association of Accredited Schools** (NAAS). Accreditation allows us to grant supplemental credit to students seeking to complete highschool, transfer credits to another school or put towards college credits. Students from an accredited school are at greater advantage when applying for college and military service. As part of the NAAS' mission to "advance excellence in education through the process of accreditation," New Avenues is honored to receive this distinction.

FROM THE DIRECTOR...



Executive director Ken Cowdery

It takes the right facility to help homeless youth exit street life. As you will read, we now have the right building in the right place.

For nine years New Avenues housed many of its services, including our school, in a leased, second floor location with a narrow stairway entrance that made it hardly visible to kids on the sidewalk. As we grew and served more homeless youth, the space became cramped and a limited kitchen made it difficult to prepare meals. We needed to make an improvement.

Formerly known as The Greenhouse, our new 9,000 sq. ft. facility at the downtown corner of SW Oak St. and 9th Ave. has been a fixture in the homeless youth system for many years. After extensive renovations we relocated in December last year. It is an extraordinary building that youth know and trust.

After only four months of operation, we have noticed some changes. We are seeing more homeless kids come through the door, and they are staying longer for services. The drop-in center is larger and more inviting. We now have a real kitchen so we can prepare better meals. We have an art and music studio, and our medical clinic has expanded. Equally as important, our school now has the space to accommodate more students. The result is that we are seeing more kids leave the streets to become engaged in services that will help them leave street life behind permanently. Please contact me if you would like to tour our new facility and learn more about our services. I can be reached at 503-517-3924 or kcowdery@newavenues.org.

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF COMEDY AND COMMUNITY

For the past six years, we have been honored to benefit from Legends of Comedy, an annual event presented by Windermere Cronin & Caplan Realty Group. In the years since we began this event, we have hosted Steve Allen, Rich Little, Jay Leno and Garrison Keillor.



This year, we are thrilled to announce that **John Oliver** will join us for **An Evening of Comedy and Community on May 16, 2007**. Held in the Heritage Ballroom at the Governor Hotel, this event features a reception, auction, dinner, and entertainment by this hilarious correspondent from Comedy Central's *The Daily Show with Jon Stewart*. We are also pleased to be honoring **Joan and Brian Allen**, co-owners of Windermere Cronin & Caplan Realty Group, who have helped raise over one million dollars for New Avenues throughout the history of this event.

For tickets, sponsorship information or questions, please email Bre Gregg or call 503-517-3910.

CLASSIC WINES AUCTION

The board and staff of New Avenues for Youth would like to sincerely thank the **Classic Wines Auction** for selecting New Avenues as one of the benefiting charities of the 2007 Classic Wines Auction. We shared this honor with **Friends of the Children, Metropolitan Family Service, and Trillium Family Services**.

This year, the Classic Wines Auction raised over \$2.7 million, which will make a significant difference for children, youth and families in Oregon. Thank you to everyone who participated as attendees, donors, sponsors and volunteers. Thank you Classic Wines Auction for allowing us to be a part of this magical event for the third year in a row.

IN THE DETAILS

NEW RULES FOR TAX DEDUCTIONS FOR GIFTS TO NON-PROFITS

Donors seeking to deduct charitable contributions for 2007 will need written proof of all their cash gifts, even gifts under \$250. This changes the longstanding rule that donors could use their own notes about smaller gifts as the basis for their corresponding deduction. **New Avenues for Youth provides donation receipts for ALL gifts, no matter the value.** If you have any questions regarding your charitable gifts to New Avenues, please contact Amy Smith, Director of Development, at 503.517.3909 or email asmith@newavenues.org.

STAY IN THE LOOP!

The easiest way to find out more about New Avenues is through our recently updated website—www.newavenues.org. There you can learn more about our programs, success stories and volunteer opportunities. You can also now receive our new e-newsletter—a convenient and up-to-date source of New Avenues news. Just contact Bre Gregg at 503-517-3910 or email bgregg@newavenues.org to sign up!

GOOD SEARCH

What if New Avenues for Youth earned a penny every time you searched the Internet? Well, now we can! **GoodSearch** is a search engine with a unique social mission that donates half its revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate. You use it just as you would any search engine, and it's powered by Yahoo!, so you get great results.

Just go to www.goodsearch.com and be sure to enter New Avenues as the charity you want to support.

PORTLAND RUGBY CLUB

On August 25, 2007, for the second year in a row, **Portland Rugby Club** will donate a portion of the proceeds from their "Casino Night" fundraiser to New Avenues. Last year this event raised nearly \$1,000 for New Avenues. For more information, keep your eye on our website, www.newavenues.org, or visit our friends at Portland Rugby at www.portlandrugby.org.



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Interested in volunteering?

The next orientation will be May 31st, with volunteer training to be held on June 7th.
Contact Bre Gregg at 503-517-3910 or volunteer@newavenues.org

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IN THE LOOP *A Newsletter for Friends of New Avenues for Youth*

NEW AVENUES WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE FOLLOWING FOUNDATIONS AND BUSINESSES THAT GENEROUSLY DONATED TO US OVER THE LAST SIX MONTHS:

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