



Beaverton Resource Center Newsletter

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BRC Family Resource Fair

Goes Virtual to Keep Our Community Safe: Partnering with [TV JAM](#) to Celebrate Local Partners and Resources During a Month-Long Virtual Resource Info Event



For the last 5 years, the BRC Family Resource Fair has been a beloved tradition, bringing families, service providers, community partners and volunteers together for a day of connection and support. This year, we've made the difficult decision to shift to a virtual celebration out of care and concern for our Spanish-speaking and undocumented community members.

With ongoing fears around immigration enforcement, many families have told us they would not feel safe attending an in-person event. We are committed to honoring those concerns by creating a safe, trauma-informed alternative that still delivers meaningful impact.

This year's virtual celebration will include:

- Digital spotlights of partner agencies via social media and on our website
- Inspiring videos that highlight available resources and community success stories
- Direct delivery of school supplies, partner swag bags and resource kits to local schools

Thank you for standing with us in our commitment to accessibility, dignity, and safety for all.

Thank You to Partners

On-Site Partners

Medical Teams
International

Kaiser

Project Access Now

GoodWill Industries

Health & Wellness Partners

Oregon Health Authority

Health Share Oregon

Trillium

First Call Home Health

Casey Eye Institute

Pacific University

Food Pantry Network

Casey's Corner

Helping Hands

Holy Trinity Food
Closet

Prince of Peace Food
Pantry

St Matthew Lutheran
Pantry

SVDP Food Pantry (St.
Cecilia)

SVDP Food Pantry (St.
Pius)

The BRC is Growing ... And So is Our Vision

We Are Searching for a New Home to Better Serve Our Community

Since opening our doors during the pandemic, the Beaverton Resource Center has become a vibrant hub of support, connection, and care for thousands of families navigating poverty in Washington County. Thanks to your partnership and the trust of the community, we've reached a point where our current space—while beloved—is no longer able to support the scope of our work. We are now actively seeking a new, larger facility that reflects our vision for the future: a one-stop center that is welcoming, accessible, and equipped to meet the evolving needs of the community.



Our ideal space will include:

- 10–14 private offices for our dedicated on-site partners and staff
- A large community space for workshops, events, and training opportunities
- ADA-accessible restrooms
- A commercial kitchen
- A dedicated Care to Share Call Center space (with 8 desks and sound-friendly infrastructure)
- A welcoming reception area
- A children's area for childcare and child related activities

Community Partners

Health & Wellness

Casey Eye Institute
Kaiser Foundation
Medical Teams International
Neighborhood Health Center
OHSU
Oregon Health Authority
Pacific University
Phil Knight Cancer Institute
Providence
Trillium

Social Services

Adelante Mujeres
Beaverton Police
Department
Beaverton School District
Centro Cultural
City of Beaverton
Community Action
Easterseals
Family Promise
Good Neighbor Center
HomePlate
IRCO
Ka 'Aha Lāhui O 'Olekona
Kindred Partners
Ladies In Blue
Mercy Connections
Northwest Children's
Outreach
Oregon Food Bank
Project Homeless Connect
REAP
Roots and Shoots Basecamp
Safe Families for Children
Second Home
The Assistance League
Union Gospel Mission
Urban League

- Storage space for diapers, household essentials, and our Bridge to Pantry program
- Evening and Saturday flexibility for working families
- A large parking lot for all our Mobil Health events

If you know of a potential space or would like to help us dream big, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact Lisa Montesana or Al Schmitt. Phone: 503-207-5670

Email: admin@beavertonresourcecenter.org

Thank you for supporting this next exciting step!

BRC Selected as ISing Choir's Fall Concert Series Beneficiary

A Joyful Partnership Supporting The BRC



We're thrilled to share that the Beaverton Resource Center has been selected as the beneficiary of [ISing Choir's](#) 2025 Fall Concert Series!

Known for their inspiring performances and dedication to local causes, [ISing Choir](#) has raised thousands of dollars through their concerts—and this year, we are honored to be their focus.

Concert proceeds will directly support:

- [Mobil Health Services](#)
- [Care to Share Call Center](#)

Save the Date:

December 6th and 7th at the [Reser Performing Arts Center](#)

Thank you to [ISing Choir](#) for using the power of music to uplift and support families in need. We hope you'll join us for this beautiful celebration of community and compassion.

Faithful Friends

B4Church
Bethel UCC
Cedar Hills Baptist
Centro Victoria
Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon
Holy Trinity Church
Holy Trinity School
Jesuit High School
Mt. Olive Baptist Church
Murray Hills Christian
Parkside Fellowship
Pilgrim Lutheran
Positive Life Radio
Prince of Peace
Southminster Presbyterian
St. Andrews Lutheran
St. Cecilia
St. Gabriel
St. Juan Diego
St. Matthew
St. Pius X
Sunset Presbyterian
Unity of Beaverton
Valley Presbyterian
Village Church
Westside Christian Church

BRC's Upcoming Events

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- **Care & Connect:** Kaiser and Medical Teams
International Mobil Health Event: *Friday, August 1st from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm*
- **BRC @ Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District for Centro de Bienvenida:** *Wednesday, August 6th from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm*
- **BRC Financial Wellness:** *Wednesday, August 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am (please call to schedule an appointment 503-207-5670)*
- **BRC @ Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District for Centro de Bienvenida:** *Wednesday, August 8th from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm*
- **BRC, TV JAM and BRC Partners Virtual Resource Information Event begins on TV JAM social media.** August 15th
- **GoodWill Industries Job Fair:** *Tuesday, August 19th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm*
- **Oregon Health Plan Assistance:** *Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm by appointment only. Please call 503-207-5670 to make an appointment to sign up for OHP or to meet with one of our Community Health Workers about any health and wellness challenges.*
- **Care to Share Food or Mobil Health Appointments**
Please call Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm to make a food pantry appointment at one of our eight local food pantries or to schedule an appointment with one of our Mobil Health Vans offering dental, vision and mammograms.

If you would like more information about any of these opportunities, please call or email us at: 503-207-5670
admin@beavertonresourcecenter.org

Christmas in July with Positive Life Radio

Brings Summer Cheer to the BRC's Care to Share Pantry Network



Last Thursday, July 24th, the Beaverton Resource Center was honored to participate in Positive Life Radio's annual **Christmas in July** event at Fred Meyer on Walker Road in Beaverton. This heartwarming tradition brings the community together in the spirit of generosity, reminding us that the needs of our neighbors don't take a summer vacation. This annual event supports our eight local [Care to Share Food Pantries](#), which are part of the Beaverton Resource Center's Pantry Network. With federal funding cuts directly impacting the Oregon Food Bank, our pantries are receiving less food while facing skyrocketing prices and increased community need.

We are deeply grateful to Positive Life Radio for shining a spotlight on this critical issue and helping us rally local support. As the shelves in our pantries grow thin, your support matters more than ever.

How You Can Help:

- **Host a Local Food Drive:** Grassroots, neighborhood-level food drives are one of the most effective ways to make an immediate impact.
- **Give Hand-to-Mouth:** Donations delivered directly to our pantries allow us to respond faster and reduce waste.
- **Volunteer:** We are especially in need of **bilingual volunteers** to support our pantry clients and community programs.

If you, your business, or faith community are interested in helping, please email us at admin@beavertonresourcecenter.org. Every can, every hour, and every heart makes a difference.

Learn more about this wonderful event: [Positive Life Radio - Christmas in July](#)
Together, we can make sure no family in Beaverton goes hungry—no matter the season.

A Letter from the Desk of the BRC Co-Founders

Lisa Montesana, Executive Director & Al Schmitt, Chairman of the Board Beaverton Resource Center

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The past few months have brought unexpected challenges to the Beaverton Resource Center—challenges that have tested our capacity, our creativity, and our commitment to serving this community we love so deeply.

As many of you know, we have been incredibly fortunate to partner with [Easterseals Oregon](#) over the past four years through the [Senior Community Service Employment Program \(SCSEP\)](#). This partnership has been a cornerstone of our success, providing low-income seniors with meaningful job training, employment support, and social connection, while also staffing our [Care to Share Call Center](#), scheduling [Mobile Health Van visits](#), and coordinating appointments at our eight food pantries across Washington County. Sadly, due to a federal funding freeze, this vital partnership has come to a sudden and unexpected halt.

The ripple effect of the federal funding freeze has been significant. Half of our Health & Wellness grant-funded programming has been impacted as well. We've had to say goodbye to our beloved **Marketing and Social Media Coordinator**, **Volunteer Coordinator**, and **Event Coordinator**, all positions that have played crucial roles in connecting our community to the resources it needs. And yet, in the face of these hardships, the spirit of the Beaverton Resource Center remains strong. Several of the individuals whose paid roles were cut have made the extraordinary decision to stay on as volunteers, offering their time, their heart, and their talent for as long as they are able. Each one has said, *"This is the best job I've ever had."* Their dedication is a powerful reminder of the mission we share, and the kind of organization we've built together.

We are resilient. We are faithful. And we are not giving up.
But we cannot do it alone.
We are reaching out to ask for your support, now more than ever.

We are actively seeking:

- [Corporate Sponsors](#) who believe in stabilizing lives and strengthening communities.
- [Committee Chairs and Volunteer Teams](#) to help lead our upcoming fundraising efforts.
- [Community Ambassadors](#) willing to spread the word about the critical work we do.

If you've ever considered getting more involved, this is the moment. Together, we can continue to meet the needs of our neighbors and ensure no one faces hardship alone.

With deepest gratitude for your continued belief in our mission, we remain faithfully in service,

Warmly,



Lisa Montesana
Executive Director



Al Schmitt
Chairman of the Board