

EASTERN OREGON MISSION

Spring Newsletter 2021



"We envision a community where every individual has access to basic needs and life skills to be a productive member of the community."

Community Steps Up During Pandemic

The pandemic has made this past year difficult for everyone. With the closure of businesses and schools, and disruption of life in general, we have seen a huge increase need for our services. We are serving over 1,500 people each month.

We also experienced the loss of our 16-foot box truck in November and a failure of one of our walk-in coolers in December. Thank God we live such a beautiful community, because after asking for donations to replace the truck and fix the cooler, we were able to raise the funds for both.

We could not have done it without the generous donations of so many businesses, organizations, and individuals. The cooler has been repaired and a new truck has been ordered and soon will be delivered.

Thanks to consistent donations from individuals and local businesses, Agape House has been able to host a parking lot sale on the third Saturday of each month for several years. This is a benefit to many local families who can find great bargains on gently used clothing and household items, and also acts a fundraiser for our ministry.

Thanks to some new donation resources, we have added a weekly **Mini Treasures pop-up shop** in the Altrusa Room of Agape House. These also provide affordable clothing and goods to many families in our community.

If you haven't attended one of sales, you're missing out. There are some great bargains and they help us provide resources to the community.

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, July 31 at 8 a.m. at Big River Golf Course in Umatilla**. We will have registration forms available soon are looking for community sponsors to help grow the event.

Contact **Mark F. Gomolski** at 541-567-8774 or agapehouse@eotnet.net.



THANK YOU NOTES

Below are a few of the blessings we have received in recent months:

- The **American Legion Post 37** donated \$4,000 to cover the cost of emergency freezer repairs.
- **Ella Vore and her Victory Baptist church family** provided family goods and toys and sponsoring a room at Martha's House.
- The **Hermiston Rotary Club** volunteered to repaint the Altrusa Room at Agape House.
- The **Good Shepherd Community Health Foundation** approved a grant to install a fence at Martha's House to give kids in the house a place to play.
- Longtime volunteer **Doug Alvarez** was awarded the Good Shepherd Community Foundation Christmas Spirit Award.
- Many community members and organizations donated to our box truck fund.

COMING EVENTS

Mini Treasures

Every Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Agape House Altrusa Room

Parking Lot Sales

Third Saturday, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Agape House parking lot

Golf Tournament

Saturday, July 31 at 8 a.m.
Big River Golf Course

JOIN THE MISSION

There are many ways you can join the effort to help Eastern Oregon Mission serve our community.

Volunteer

Agape House and Martha's House run on the power of volunteers. Call 541-567-8774 or email agapehouse@eotnet.net to find out how you can get involved.

Make a donation

We rely on the generous donations of the community to sustain our efforts. There are several ways you can contribute to the cause:



Make a one-time or recurring donation through our website at agapehousehermiston.org, at 500 W. Harper Ave., or by returning the form below.



Donate your cans and bottles at Agape House between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tuesday-Friday.



Sign up for Amazon Smile and select Eastern Oregon Mission as your charitable organization. When you shop, 0.5% of your purchases will be donated to our organization.

Finding a Home Through Martha's House

Martha's House was designed from the beginning to be a drug-free transitional family housing program, a place where people can find the structure and support to learn valuable life skills and build a stable lifestyle.

As much as we love to welcome new families into the house, our mission is to help them overcome obstacles, build confidence and stability, and transition into a place of their own. We have had many success stories in the past year of people who have successfully found steady employment and housing and are now doing well on their own.

This is possible because of the generous support of the community. Multiple churches and community organizations have volunteered to sponsor rooms with household goods for new families who move in.



Ella Vore, a young lady from Victory Baptist, took it upon herself to collect household supplies and toys to donate to Martha's House. Her church family has also sponsored a room.

We're also excited to have received a grant from the Good Shepherd Community Health Foundation to fund a fence

around the yard of the property. This will create a safe place for children in the house to run and play.

If you know of a family who could benefit from the Martha's House program or would like to learn more, visit marthashousehermiston.org. We are also developing a mentorship program and will be looking for volunteers later this year.

Contact Julia Galan at marthashouse305hermiston@gmail.com

I want to support Eastern Oregon Mission!

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\$10 \$15 \$25 \$50 \$_____

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\$50 \$75 \$100 \$150 \$_____

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