

# The Father's Heart Street Ministry



## Newsletter

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### Clinic Offers Services to TFH Clients

Once a month, Dr... Robert Sayson and Dr... Paul Vriesman, along with the staff from Good News Community Health Center make a "house call" to the Father's Heart. The patients they treat while on their visit don't have access to regular medical care and come presenting a variety of ailments. One thing they all have in common, though, is that they're homeless and unable to pay for their treatment.

Good News Community Health Center's mission is to partner with local churches and network community resources while addressing physical, mental, and spiritual needs within the community.

A typical visit for a Father's Heart client might include a free medical exam, foot care or pedicure. While under the care of the Good News Staff, many TFH clients have been diagnosed with high blood pressure. Some need prescriptions. Once a client was taken to emergency with a horrible spider bite. In all cases, TFH clients have a chance to receive love and medical attention they'd never be able to afford.

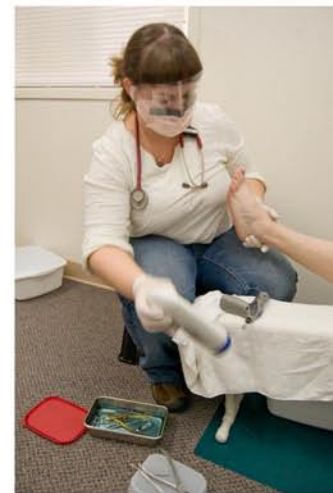
Why do these dedicated medical professionals do what they do? Because they're striving to be Christ to the world around them through Compassion, Hope, Relationship, Integrity, Servanthood, and Transformation—the core values of the health center.

And what do the homeless think about the help they receive? One client recently said, "Ah, I can walk again!" To someone who relies on his feet as a sole mode of transportation, this is a significant event!

Thank you, Dr.... Sayson, Dr.... Vriesman, and nurses Darlene Fike, DeeAnne Bess and Naomi Norlin! Your love and dedication make a huge difference!



Dr. Sayson examining a TFH client.



Below: Dr. Vriesman talks with a client at TFH.

Our website has a new look!  
Check it out and let us know what you think!  
[www.tfhstreetministry.com](http://www.tfhstreetministry.com)



## From Teri's Heart to Yours...

*In a world of so much hurt and confusion. A world of so much lack in a current economy that is supposed to be getting better and only seems to be getting worse, there are the constant cries of desperation. The constant cries for help!*

*"Teri, I need tags on my motor home, can you help? If I don't get tags, I will lose the only home I have...."*

*"Teri, I need to take my motor home through DEQ, do you think you could help? It's the only home my daughter and I have, we can't lose it!"*

*"Teri, I'm cold, can you help with gas for my car? I use the gas up trying to keep warm at night, and I need help!"*

*These are only a few of the type of phone calls TFH gets in a single day. This is a new kind of homelessness. Those who have lost jobs, and lost homes. Those who are now living in vehicles, trying to survive.*

*The first quote was from a single man, looking for work. TFH helped him keep his "home." The second quote is from a low income single mother with a disabled teen, who is just trying to keep her daughter and herself safe. TFH helped pay for DEQ. (There are 1,500 homeless youth in Clackamas Co.)*

*The last is a common request we get from many who are now living in their trucks or cars. Some with limited, low or no income. All trying to survive in an economy that is struggling. TFH steps in and provides vouchers for gas, as well as food and warm blankets.*

*It is our responsibility, those of us who have been blessed by God, to share our blessings. To reach out with our hands extended and opened wide. To help in any way we can...one day it could be us asking for help.*

**Freely you have received, freely give**  
(Matthew 10:8)

**Will you help us help others?**

## Did You Know?

*Did you know The Father's Heart currently feeds*

**650 hungry people**  
*per week?*

*Did you know there are*

**4000 homeless people**  
*in Clackamas County?*

*Did you know The Father's Heart now serves*

**Breakfast and lunch**  
*daily*

*Did you know TFH helps*

**8-12 people get I.D.'s**  
*every month (and pays fees involved)*

*Did you know TFH has added*

**Computer training & weekly Bible studies**  
*for the homeless?*

*There's lots of new and exciting things happening...and many of you have helped make it possible. Thank you!*

*If you like hearing stories about what goes on at TFH, check out the new Father's Heart blog at:  
<http://thefathersheartstreetministry.wordpress.com/>*

## Current Needs List:

- Sturdy adult size backpacks
- Men's crew socks
- Men's belts
- Men's blue jeans  
(not stained or with holes)
- Men's hooded sweatshirts
- Men's briefs
- Men's boxers
- Men's Raincoats
- Men's sweat pants
- Men's sweat shirts
- Men's dress shirts
- Men's "Docker" style pants
- Green or brown tarps
- Sleeping bags
- Women's socks
- Women's feminine hygiene  
(tampons, etc.)
- Women's sweat pants
- Women's sweatshirts
- Blankets
- towels
- Tooth brushes
- 2 airpots for coffee
- Large bottles shampoo
- Double/triple edged razors
- Men's/women's deodorant

Have some extra time on your hands? Come volunteer with us. There are tons of positions to choose from. Visit our website or call our office to find out more.

Lord, please give me a sign...



Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you. Matt 5:42


*Love the one in front of you, Jesus*

### Buy a book, Feed the Hungry!

Would you like an excuse to shop without guilt? If so, we've got just the thing for you! Through a generous partnership with Lighthouse Books in Clackamas, your shopping will help feed and clothe needy people.

From now until July 3rd, if you bring the coupon below into the bookstore, 50% of your total purchase will be donated to The Father's Heart Street Ministry!

Not only do you get some good reads, you can indulge in your reading pastime without guilt! Plan ahead and stock up on summer reading books for the entire family! Treat yourself to an arm load (or two) of books and feel great about the good you're doing in our community when you do it!



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**Offer expires July 3, 2010**



Teri is presented with the REAL OREGON HEROES award at the Storehouse as many cheer her on.



## Above and Beyond: Real Oregon Heroes

### Teri Gant Recieves Hero Award

*For Her Unfailing Love and Dedication to the Homeless and Broken*

As part of the award ceremony, Karla Wright read the following to Teri in the presence of many people affected by Teri's love and sacrifice. A TV special highlighting Teri and her work is coming soon...stay tuned for details.

Teri...

We are very proud of you, for your courage, your commitment and your dedication. When we think of a Hero we think of someone that does what they do without ulterior motives, without the motive of selfish gain, or without the desire of fame or wealth.

You are a hero everyday to someone that is hungry, that needs a fresh change of clothes, or needs shelter when it's cold out, to those that just needs a hug, or to show someone there loved and valued. You love without judgment and give without expecting anything in return. You are Jesus with skin on and love in action.

Your commitment to The Fathers Heart Street Ministry is truly amazing! And your commitment to serving these dear friends is inspiring, encouraging and an example to all of us. Your Love for God is so real and you have taken that love and made it real for all of us. You see the "one" and stop for them, so they know they are loved and important. You make a difference everyday in the lives of so many.

Teri, you have been called an Angel...it fits...you have been called a sister...it fits...you have been called dearest...it fits...but we All call you a HERO...and it fits!

Thank you, from all of us, we love and appreciate you!

## The Father's Heart Street Ministry Reply Card

*When you give to the least of these, you give to me.--Jesus*

**YES!** I want to partner with The Father's Heart in reaching out to the poor, homeless, lost and lonely in Jesus name.



I commit to PRAY for The Father's Heart during this coming year.

I want to support your ministry with a gift of:

\$25  \$50  \$100  \$200  \$500 Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a prayer need? Please let us know and our team will pray for you:

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