



## 19<sup>th</sup> Social Service Fair Report

Salvation Army 07.09.2021

Partner – The Salvation Army

Number of guests - 172

### Participating Nonprofit Support for Resources:

#### Hosted a table or provided a service.

Albina Early Head Start

211

Care Oregon

ODHS

DPI Staffing

DPI Security

Easter Seals

Free Geek

Goodwill Industries

IRCO

Lines for Life

Lifeworks NW

Living Yoga

Lutheran Community Services Northwest

Meals on Wheels

Multnomah County Elections

Multnomah County Snap Outreach

Multnomah County Library

New Avenues Ink

North x Northeast Community Health Center

Oregon Food Bank

Oregon Health Plan

Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace

Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation

Outside In

Pacific University Vision Clinic

PGE

PBEM – Portland Bureau of Emergency Management

Project Access Now

Quest Center for Integrative Health

Safe and Strong - MHAOO

Salvation Army



SE Works

Summit Salon Academy

Urban League

Tri Met

**Service Providers Present:**

Employment Resources – ?

Vaccinations – 8 (NxNE Community Health Clinic)

Haircuts – 18

Vision Appointments – 6 exams, 6 pairs of glasses and follow up for 2 people.

**Donations Distributed:**

Bob’s Red Mill dry goods (4 boxes of bars)

Dave’s Killer Bread –100 loaves / 400 bags of hot dog buns

Food – 1,000 lbs

PPE – masks

Multnomah County Library - 7 boxes new books

PBEM – Fire and Smoke Safety Items

Care Oregon Toiletry bags - 100

Multnomah County Donation – 100 Toothpaste, 200 Toothbrushes / 100 (180 wash) Tide Boxes

Women’s Health Products (100 bags), hand soap, Care Oregon resource bags

Salvation Army – Raffle Items (Bikes, scooters, robes, gift bags, bike helmets, & sports equipment)

**Monetary Sponsors of the Fair:** The DPI Group / Salvation Army

**Number of Volunteers:** 33 volunteers and participants /36 nonprofit employees /109 volunteer hours / 152.25hours for fair vendors and volunteers

**Data from the Intake Form:**

**What do you identify as?**

Male – 20%

Female - 80%

DND – 0%

They – 0%

**1. Ethnicity?**

White	17%
Black	40%
Hispanic	18%



Asian	27%
Native Hawaiian	3%
Pacific Island	3%

**2. Where did you sleep last night?**

In alternative shelter (car, tent, shelter, with a friend) - 5%  
 In my own place - 92%

**3. Location (changing format on this one)**

Clackamas County -	1%
Eastside -	27%
Eastside; Northside -	16%
Northside -	55%
West -	1%

**4. Referral Source**

Nonprofit / Caseworker	20%
Website / Email	8%
Friend	30%
Facebook / Instagram	6%
Neighborhood	22%

**5. Employment**

Yes: 32%  
 No: 62%  
 DND: 6%

**6. Receive Financial Assistance**

Yes: 37%  
 No: 63%  
 P N D: 0%

**7. Disability**

Yes: 23%



No: 77%

**8. Veteran:**

Yes: 0%

No: 100%

**9. Have you attended any of our previous fairs?**

Yes: 40%

No: 57%

DND: 3%

**Overall Review:**

This fair was in a repeat location at the The Salvation Army. It was a walk-through event. The event was spread out in the parking lot and the gymnasium. We had over 24 table vendors, which is the most we have had since the pandemic. We were finally able to increase our offerings for this event more like a pre-pandemic event. The map and the flow of the event had a solid flow. We have had discussions with a few of the nonprofits about changing their location in the future, but all in all it worked out well. Due to the state mandates, we were able to remove our mask requirement except for the haircut and vaccination station. We are trying to make the events more like a party and fun event vs a somber one. Many vendors, volunteers and guests noted that this is definitely the feel they were getting. It felt like a block party. We altered the time for this event to the later afternoon to capture those who work full time. About 22% of our guests were from the neighborhood and came because they were walking by, which is awesome. We offered hot dogs and frozen otter pops (which were a hit), hosted a raffle contest, had kids games and had fun music which aided in the celebratory feel.

**Volunteers / Vendors:**

This is the largest event we have run since Covid. Everyone was getting back into the groove of what to bring to events, times to arrive, traffic considerations, etc. We were short volunteers at check in, had a couple nonprofits and volunteers run late and a few that didn't show, making it feel somewhat chaotic. For the first 1.5 hours of set-up, we had two people, which just isn't enough for the amount of physical work that has to be done then. Once the Salvation team arrived, it was easier. We also needed more volunteers for the actual fair support, especially at check in. The Salvation Army team and a couple other nonprofits did a rockstar job in helping clean up.

**What would I do differently or add next time...?**

As these events grow and we continue to host them once a month, we need to find ways to make it easier on our very small staff (myself and 1 part time person). We have tossed around having:



1. vendors to bring one volunteer to the event nonprofit
2. vendors bring their own table, tents and chairs
3. vendors check in and out tables, tents and chairs from the front and setting it up themselves.

We may also try to have the host agency partner with a local church or community organization to help support the volunteer needs at these fairs.

We learn from each event. As we move into larger and larger events, we will have to adjust how we do things and expectations from everyone. All in all it was a great event and people really seemed happy. It was a beautiful, sunny afternoon and it seemed as though people went away with resources that really helped them. I will say removing the clothes was actually a really great feeling! 😊