

# Sojourners' Alliance News

Fall - Winter 2010

## From the Director's Chair

I find it challenging at times to remember what our purpose is when human beings maintain their destructive lifestyles while residing at Sojourners'. Seven individuals along with two children had their services terminated due to alcohol or drugs during a recent 14 day period. Examples on the flip-side have been witnessing a client pass their driving test, while another was able to receive a breathing apparatus that will reduce potential health issues. Seeing the delight in a client's face while biting into a juicy peach from our tree, or the joy of little ones picking our strawberries and raspberries are reminders of what life is about. Another big success was the client-initiated car wash held at Howard Hughes which netted \$190. The money is being used to pay for gas when the clients go to the Snake River Clinic in Lewiston for free medical care.

**Fundraising** — Of course, the financial situation just seems to get more challenging, but for every problem there is a solution. One of the potential solutions is our first annual Dance-A-Thon which will be held on November 17<sup>th</sup> in partnership with the Moose Lodge. Another idea gaining momentum is our selling excellent quality sausages during special events. One of our loyal supporters, having heard this idea, donated \$200 to begin this venture.

**Have Client Will Hire** — Here's another idea: if anyone is needing their yard raked, weeds pulled, snow shoveled, or any other kind of grunt work please think of us. We have clients who are hard workers and would appreciate the opportunity. The rate of pay would be negotiated between you and the client, and if you're satisfied

with the work, perhaps donate a couple of dollars for every hour the client works.

**Program Updates** — The Obama Bucks (Federal Stimulus) has helped 295 people in 115 households who were either homeless or facing eviction. We only have enough money available for approximately ten more households. Our Project Warmth grant provides housing for individuals who are homeless and have a disability. We currently are working with six households and have funds available for four more. We recently received a small grant for homeless prevention in the rural counties in our region. Our Transitional Housing Program has been running at near capacity for months and months. The Troy Thrift Store & Foodbank has been experiencing a major increase in households needing food, with 16 new households signed up within the last two weeks.

**Staff Changes** — After two and a half years, our Case Manager Rose Stauffer resigned from her position in order to pursue a Master's Degree in Social Work from Eastern Washington University. We will miss her creative witty nature and her delicious home baked goodies. We wish her the best in all her endeavors.

Mary Walsh has transitioned from case management for the Obama Bucks program to being the case manager for our shelter clients. We've hired Tanya Carr to provide case management one day a week to our participants in Project Warmth. Amanda Wagar has stepped in to provide case management for the Obama Bucks until the funds run out.

— Stephen Bonnar

## Wish List

If you can help by contributing any of these items, they would be greatly appreciated.

- Toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex/tissues
- Large garbage bags
- Powder laundry soap
- Food
- Blankets, twin-size sheets, pillows
- Hand soap & sanitizer
- Shampoo/conditioner
- Deodorant
- Dish soap/dishwasher detergent
- Coffee
- Gas vouchers/gift cards
- Winter gear: Hats, gloves, boots, etc.

Our needs are always changing. If you are unsure about particular items you would like to donate, don't hesitate to give us a call at (208) 883-3438. Thank you!

## Volunteer Opportunities

We can always use volunteers at our thrift store and food bank in Troy. Call the store at (208) 835-4357 or the office at (208) 883-3438 to find out more.

### Thrift Store Hours

**Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday**  
4 pm to 7 pm  
**Saturday, 10 am to 2 pm**

### Food Bank Hours

**Wednesdays**  
4 pm to 6 pm



## Sojourners' Alliance

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This issue of *Sojourners' Alliance News* was edited by Elaina Pierson.

The Sojourners' Alliance campus includes buildings and grounds on both sides of the 600 block of North Van Buren Street in Moscow.

The office is at 627 N Van Buren.  
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 Email: shelter@turbonet.com



Support your local United Way

### Mission Statement

Sojourners' Alliance is a private, non-profit organization working toward a community vision of dignity and equality for all people.

Our mission is to promote the personal growth, empowerment and self-sufficiency of people in transition by providing basic services, and education in interpersonal and life skills.

*We would like to thank the following individuals, businesses and organizations for providing invaluable assistance in a wide variety of ways*

Grants and monetary donations were received from **AmericanWest Bank, Moscow Cares, Unitarian Universalist Church of the Palouse, the Schreck Family Foundation, First Presbyterian Church, the 2010 class of the Utilities Executive Course at the University of Idaho, St. Mary's Catholic Church, United Way of Moscow/Latah County and the United Way of Pullman, Trinity Baptist Church, The Rock Church, Wells Fargo Foundation, US Bancorp Foundation, Tri-State and Living Faith Fellowship.** Ongoing support has been received from the **State of Washington Charitable Fund Drive** and the **Impulse Giving Program** at the **Moscow Food Co-Op.** The **Rotary Club** contributed funding for general operations, helped us out with our power bills and, along with **Tom Stroschein** contributed lots and lots of potatoes for our clients. **Papa John's** provided lots of pizza makings. The students of **Upward Bound**, in our third year of involvement, conducted a car wash and a four-week food drive that brought monetary donations and 700 pounds of food for the Troy Foodbank. The **Moscow Presbyterian Women** and **ADK Teacher's Philanthropic Organization** provided toiletries and paper products. The **Moscow Human Rights Task Force** food drive at the Farmer's Market in July brought in 130 pounds of food, while regular donations were also made by **Idaho Fish & Game**, which donates poached game, and the **Troy Lutheran Church.** We would also like to thank **Deb Rupp**, who has been teaching our residents the joys of healthy, low-cost cooking.

Thank you to everyone listed above, and to all of our generous supporters. We wouldn't be able to go on without your help!

# Fall Breakfast

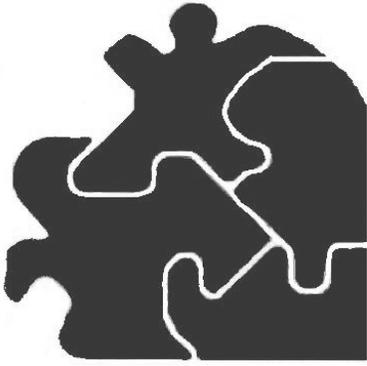


To benefit  
Sojourners' Alliance,  
the area's only  
transitional  
homeless shelter,  
in honor of  
National Homelessness  
Awareness Month

Saturday, Nov. 6  
8-11 a.m.  
1912 Center  
Moscow

Suggested minimum donation:  
\$10/adult; \$20/family

More info? 208.883.3438  
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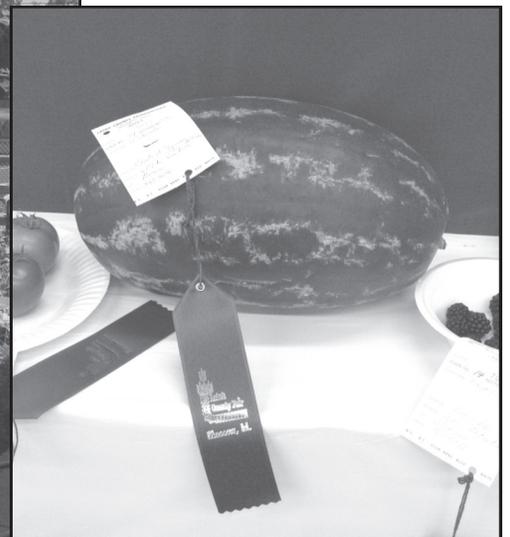
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**Our blue ribbon watermelon  
at the Latah County Fair!**



**This year's garden was entirely planted and maintained by clients and was another great success. In addition to putting out heaps of fresh produce, we won a red ribbon (for basil) and three blue ribbons (watermelon, parsley & mint) at the Latah County Fair. Good job, everybody!**