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Dinner at My House for Our House 2010 & 2011

Join us for the 18th annual "Dinner at My House for Our House", as this popular series boasts amazing dinners ranging from picnics at the beach, garden tours, sassy cabaret performances, to "Lite Bites" and gourmet feasts. With this vast array of culinary events, there will surely be something to tantalize everyone's palate.

This year, Dianne Hosford with Casa Bruno Wines will serve as Chair and Devil's Food Catering founder Charles Stilwell will be Honorary Chair.

Check your mailbox for your *Dinner at My House for Our House* catalogue in mid-June; registration begins Monday, June 21. Give us a call at 503-736-9276 or visit our website www.ourhouseofportland.org for further information.

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Be The First In Line To Dine!

This year Our House will host an official launch party of the new *Dinner at My House for Our House* catalogue for the 2010-2011 season. Be the first to see the much anticipated dinner catalogue and sign up for dinners before anyone else! The event will feature appetizers prepared by some of Portland's finest chefs and carefully paired wines by Andrew Rich Wines. Attendance is limited and tickets are \$50.00 each. The event will take place on Thursday, June 17th from 6:00-8:00 PM at the Vibrant Table Loft on Belmont. For more information or to purchase your tickets, please contact the Our House Events Line at (503) 736-9276 or events@ourhouseofportland.org.



MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Wayne Miya

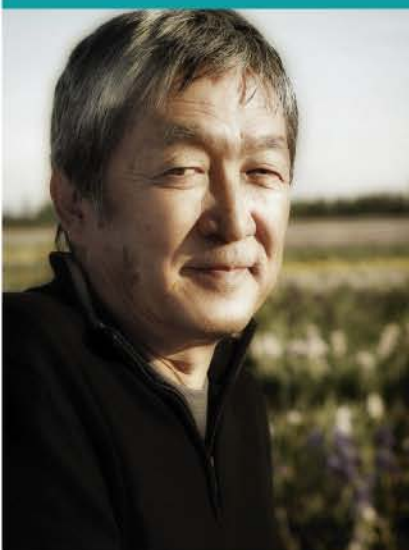
As I gaze out the window at the spring blossoms on the trees and the flowers that are starting to bloom, I think about the cycle of life, and how things renew each Spring in such a beautiful way. It always excites me when I see seedlings and flowers sprout after being dormant through the winter...a new life. As I listen to our clients and residents tell their stories, they too talk about a "new life" when they enter one of our programs. Their new feelings of community, security, and "home" are evident as they talk about living at Our House or Swan House compared to the lives they used to have. Some of them are progressing towards independence and are excited about getting out on their own. All of them are heading towards a new phase of life.

As for any nonprofit, fund raising is always a challenge. Even though the economy has been difficult these past

few years, we have managed to have a stable income through grants, individual donations and exciting and interesting events. We just had a very successful auction at the Portland Art Museum in February and the exciting 2010 Dinner Series will start soon with incredible chefs and venues. We are also working on strategies to create more sustainable income streams. All of this has to work through the close relationships that we have with you – the Our House family.

We appreciate all of you – staff, volunteers, donors, Board and friends. We thank you for your time, your donations, your continual compassion for Our House, its residents and clients, and our mission.

Wayne
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OUR HOUSE 2010 BENEFIT AUCTION

Shangri La lived up to its name and was a truly magical evening for Our House. Nearly 450 guests were in attendance; many dressed in festive Asian inspired attire. After cocktails and silent auction bidding in the Museum's Sunken Ballroom, the party moved upstairs to the Grand Ballroom, all decorated with Asian kites and paper lanterns. The Portland Taiko drummers were first to perform, followed by Lee's Lion Dancers. Both groups were captivating, high-energy and provided a great start to the live auction. Emcee Dale Johannes and auctioneer Johanna Wells kept the evening rolling as they sold 16 spectacular live auction packages.

2010 was the largest and most successful Our House auction, bringing in over \$368,000. That's more than a \$100,000 increase over last year. As people with HIV/AIDS are living longer, the need for services is greater than ever, so we are grateful to have exceeded our goal.

Much of the success of this event is due to the extraordinary leadership, passion, and creativity provided by auction Co-Chairs Gary Maffei and Marc Lintner, as well as hundreds of dedicated volunteers and staff members.



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Johnna Wells (Auctioneer), Marc Lintner (Co-Chair), Gary Maffei (Co-Chair), Dale Johannes (Emcee).



Neighborhood Housing & Care Program Client Highlight

LARRY

by **Amanda Moore, OTR/L**

Larry is a client of Our House's Neighborhood Housing & Care Program (NHCP), which provides housing and clinical services to people with HIV/AIDS. The goal of NHCP is to help clients "live well" and remain as independent as possible. NHCP provides housing, in-home nursing, social work and occupational therapy services. When I met Larry he was living temporarily in a motel and had recently lost his home and experienced an extended hospitalization.



Describe your situation before you joined NHCP. What was life like for you?

"I was a working single parent. Things were normal the last few years. When one of my sons was incarcerated, it took a toll. I was then using drugs to cope with the disappointment of my life. I was unsure about the future and I'd never imagined I'd see my son in jail. As a parent and a person, that led to some self-destructive behaviors. The people at Our House saw me at the worst point in my life I would say."

How would you describe your experience with NHCP?

"NHCP and Our House has given me support that I needed to get back to the person I was before. It's been a friendly, warm and honest experience. It's helped me reassess things that are important to continue on, despite being HIV positive."

What would you say to someone who was considering participating in NHCP?

"Anyone would be lucky to be in the program and they should take full advantage of all it has to offer. I think they'd find it very helpful, or even extremely helpful! It has meant the world of difference for me."

What else would you like to tell us about yourself or about your experience with NHCP?

"At first, I felt kind of uncomfortable, but once I started to talk with people and do things, it's okay. NHCP can be protective of people in the program for their own safety and privacy. You can count on the staff to be discreet."

"With my son now out of jail, we have reconnected and can do many things that we have done in the past as a family. My other son, the younger one, has been very supportive and has helped me out a lot; our relationship is even closer than it was before. I had never really done 'group' things before (NHCP) like the outings—picnic in the park, beach, art museum, bowling and classes/workshops. The classes have helped me better describe my situation to medical providers."

Over the past year or so, Larry has actively engaged in many previously enjoyed and new activities with friends, his sons, and Our House, including golfing, bowling, going to concerts, ballgames, walking to the library to check out movies and refine his computer skills. Larry participates in educational experiences with Our House and its community partners including Cascade AIDS Project. Larry has made great strides towards his goals of improving his health and well-being despite personal losses.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Volunteer Appreciation

Wednesday, April 28, 7:00 pm

Our House

Swan House Anniversary Event

Friday June 4, 6:00 pm

Swan House

Gay Pride 2010

Saturday, June 19 – Festival:

12:00 – 6:00 pm,

Waterfront Park

Sunday, June 20 – Festival:

12:00 – 6:00 pm,

Waterfront Park

Sunday, June 20 – Parade:

steps off at 11:30,

North Park Blocks

*For more event information
check out our website:
ourhouseofportland.org*



A NEW KIND OF VOLUNTEER AT OUR HOUSE

I received one of those dream phone calls last May. Gary Maffei, our long-time board member, called me and said "I have an intern for you! She wants to learn about fundraising and she will stay through the auction in February 2010." The Development Team had just started talking about the idea of looking for an Intern so this was the perfect fit for us.

In comes Sarah Howard to our lives. Sarah had recently graduated from University of the Pacific in Stockton, returned to her hometown of Portland to figure what she wanted to do next, and then decided on an Internship focusing on areas she was interested learning more about: fundraising and event planning.

Sarah didn't waste any time jumping right in and becoming a member of the team. After spending a few days learning more about Our House, meeting the staff and understanding how the department operates, she committed to helping us four days a week for 20 hours per week. She was fearless in learning our database program, Raisers Edge; she sat in on and contributed to committee meetings for the auction and Dinner Series; and despite her trepidation that she might not remember all of the facts, she filled in at the last minute as a speaker at a dinner for the Dinner Series and spoke about Our House. Did I mention she can bake? She had a special way of lifting our spirits (and the numbers on the scale) with her cookies and muffins. In the nine month period that Sarah volunteered her time, she became a valuable member of the Our House Team.



Director of Development, Sally Bixby and Sarah Howard

Sarah is now in the midst of applying to graduate school. With nonprofit management and fundraising experience under her belt, she will have real-life experience to add to her academic experience. We hope she will choose to stay close to home and volunteer to help on next year's auction committee. What are her career goals now? She wants to be a Development Director for a nonprofit. Whatever she chooses to do, we will miss her and we wish her the best.

Thank you, Sarah, for all of your help!

Are you interested in an Internship focusing on nonprofit management, fundraising and marketing?
Please contact Sally Bixby at 503-595-6126 or sbixby@ourhouseofportland.org.

Esther's Pantry

25 Years of Service

Esther's Pantry provides food and personal care items to people in our community living with HIV/AIDS. A vital health program, **Esther's Pantry typically serves over 200 people with supplemental food each month** and has served thousands of people over its 25 year history.

Founded in 1985 the Pantry was named in memory of Chester "Esther" Brinker, one of the first people in Portland to die of complications from AIDS. Much of the food received at Esther's Pantry comes from community food drives and donations made at one of our drop off sites. Food collected goes directly to individuals and families who may visit Esther's Pantry monthly to receive supplemental food. All clients must be HIV positive, meet income requirements and be referred by their case manager.

How can you help support Esther's Pantry?

- Hold a food drive at your work, school, church, etc.
- Make a cash donation
- Donate food or personal care items

Nutritious foods are always in high demand.

These include:

- canned meats (tuna, chicken and salmon, etc.)
- canned vegetables
- canned fruits
- canned and boxed meals (soup, macaroni and cheese, etc.)
- peanut butter
- canned or dried beans and peas (black, pinto, lentils, etc.)
- pasta, rice and cereal
- 100 percent fruit juice (canned, plastic or boxed)

25
YEARS



Donations can always be made during regular business hours at Our House, located at 2727 SE Alder Street in Portland. For more information about holding a food drive, call Our House and speak to Allen or John.



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Anniversary Celebration

Thursday, July 22, 2010
4:30 – 6:30 pm
Remarks and Awards at 5:00 pm
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Remembrance
of Former Residents

Heartfelt Awards

Food, Beverages,
Music & Tours

Friends and Family Welcome,
RSVP not required

Nonperishable food donations
for Esther's Pantry welcome

