



Introduction

Dignity and Peace, Inc. has its roots in the 40-year history of the St. Francis Dining Hall. Its founders are formerly staff and/or long-time volunteers at the Dining Hall, which served three meals a day, five days a week, to the Southeast Portland, Buckman neighborhood as well as provided essential necessities for those living on the streets. When the Dining Hall closed in March of 2019, staff and volunteers were concerned about the welfare of those who could no longer access services or supplies. Those familiar with the houseless community noted the mental and physical deterioration of those who previously frequented the Dining Hall. The former director of the Dining Hall, Dinae Horne, initiated a discussion with long-time volunteers and supporters about a mobile service delivery model. By September the concept was clarified and a van was purchased. An invitation to join a planning work team began meeting once a week to start a new organization. - Dignity and Peace. Call to Action NW Oregon stepped in to sponsor a 501c (3) non-profit to provide mentorship to Dignity and Peace until receiving its independent 501c (3) which occurred on October 12, 2021.

A Resurrection and a New Beginning

A New Vision and Renewed Mission

Our Vision:

Our approach is simple: meet people where they are, listen, build relationships, and bring comfort and support. We recognize that a meal is a sustenance for the body and relationships are sustenance for the soul. Our vision is to provide both; however, because we are unable to provide hot meals we, instead, are providing canned food as part of our service. We provide essential supplies that include, but are not limited to, tents, tarps, blankets, snack packs, hand warmers, wound kits, and hygiene kits.

Our mission is *“Building relationships while providing our houseless friends and neighbors with daily necessities in **Dignity and Peace.**”* We believe a little smile from someone who cares makes a difference.

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Service Delivery:

Dignity and Peace serves 50-75 individuals each week rain, shine, or snow under the SE Morrison Bridge. In 2022 we served approximately 1,980 individuals. We utilize a 1997 Ford Econovan.

A service day begins early. Two hours before service starts, the Van travels to the Dignity and Peace garages located one mile from our service site. The bins and pull-out drawers are filled with essential supplies: water, food, clothing, tents, tarps, and shoes; and loaded on the van for its trip to our designated location near 700 Martin Luther King Blvd. There, we pull in beside *People's Depot* and next to the *Dandelion House* which provides hot food. After two hours, or when we are depleted of stock, we return to the garages and unload the bins. The van is returned to its home in the Reed College neighborhood.

Our garages allow us to take in donations and sort and organize our materials and supplies. We are able to store stock that is provided for us by the Joint Office of Homeless Services (JOHS) once a month. Monthly "garage work parties" are held to organize our materials. St. Vincent DePaul St. Francis has recently moved into a garage near us, so coordination is quite easy now for us to collaborate.

Service Data:

40 weeks of Service x 4 hrs x 4 volunteers = 640 volunteer hours

2 hrs x 40 weeks x 2 = 160 hrs hours of stocking and organizing

5 hrs x 12 = 60 hours of purchasing and shopping

2 hrs x 8 x 10 volunteers = 160 hrs

Total: 1020 hrs of service

40 weeks of service x 65 clients = 2,600 individuals served.

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Special Projects Service:

In the summer of 2022, Dignity and Peace joined with the Notre Dame Club to provide coolers of cold water, ice, and popsicles in the Buckman neighborhood. Additionally, Dignity and Peace, Inc. in the winter of 2022, assisted JOHS in providing extreme weather supplies in northwest Portland along the Willamette River.

How Dignity and Peace is Organized:

Volunteer Recruitment:

Volunteers come from many walks of life and life-experiences. Dignity and Peace volunteers predominately are former supporters of the St. Francis Dining Hall, former staff members and/or now housed former houseless individuals.

Service Teams:

Service and Operations: (Direct Service)

Garage management-	Stock bins for distribution. Pick up and sort donated items
Service Leads-	Coordinate service volunteers; drive the van monitor the condition and safety of the van
Service Volunteers-	Serve between 10 am- 12 pm at Martin Luther King Blvd and Morrison, distributing food, clothing, hygiene kits, and water
Supplies and Material Procurement Team-	Designated volunteers seek out best prices for purchased items--Dollar Days, Dollar Store, Ragman, Costco (on sale) Harbor Freight and Bi-Mart, to name a few.

Administrative and Advisors:

Dignity and Peace has been blessed with a number of Advisors who have faithfully met with the Board over the last three years advising us on legal issues, non-profit insurance, communication, finance, technology, and social media.

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Board of Directors and Officers

President: Dianna Shaffer

Vice- President: Julie Cusmano

Secretary- Marietta Schlumpf

Treasurer Judy Custy

Member at Large: Albert Alter

Member at Large : Don Roach

Dignity and Peace Work Team Members

Sandy O'Rourke

John Gormley

Terry Jenness

Karl Hamonn

Tom Hogan

Jan Rose

Coral Jean Cotterall

Terry Jenness

Partners:

Call to Action-NW Oregon (Leaven)

St. Vincent DePaul-St. Francis

Notre Dame Club

Dandelion House (Catholic Workers)

Rose Villa Retirement

People's Depot

Street Books

Joint Office of Houseless Services

Rag Man

Foot Traffic

Sisters of the Holy Name

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Finances:

Dignity and Peace, Inc.'s funding is donation- and grant-based. While we receive donations of food, clothing and outdoor gear, we are dependent on cash donations.

2022: Cash Deposits **\$28,743.84**

Expenditures for 2022:

Administrative: **\$4395.30**

Operations: **\$8,779.40**

Supplies: \$3,391.21

Van \$2757.62

Rent \$2630.57

Food \$471.00

Total: **\$13,174.70**

Individual Donors

54 Individual Donors:

Amount Range	Number	Percentage
\$0-50	5	10
\$50-100	30	56
\$150-500	13	24
\$500-1000	1	2
\$1000-5000	5	10

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Legal Federal and State Compliance:

Dignity and Peace, Inc. is registered with the Secretary of State Corporation as a Domestic Nonprofit Corporation. The Annual Report was submitted to the Charitable Activities Section of the Department of Justice for the State of Oregon prior to May 15, 2022

Dignity and Peace, Inc. is registered with the Department of Treasury Internal Revenue Service as a tax-exempt corporation as a public charity. All 990-N have been filed.

What your dollars buy for someone who is houseless:

Tents	sleeping bags	tarps	hand warmers
Jeans	shoes	caps/gloves	socks
First aid supplies	food	meal kits	water
Underwear	flashlights	batteries	shirts
Shorts	coats	hoodies	hygiene kits

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Our Challenges:

- **Non-Profit Insurance** \$6,110.00 The 2022 expenditures only reflect a portion of the current insurance costs of this current policy which includes Directors 'Liability, Volunteer Accident Coverage and Van insurance.
- **Inflation:**
 - Gasoline
 - Food
 - Costs of Outdoor Protective Gear
- **Limited numbers of active volunteers: How do we attract younger volunteers?**
- **How long will the Joint Office of Houseless Services remain open? ‘**

Our Blessings:

How Partnerships Help:

Call to Action NW(Leaven) *Roberta Hydar Small Faith Community Grant* \$2500 for winter shoes

FootLoose: Donation of 80 pairs of athletic shoes for dry weather \$6,000

Call to Action NW- Leaven / Notre Dame Club: Winter Coats: 240 coats \$2,880.

Rag Man 100 pairs of jeans for \$1-2 per pair per month. \$2,400 (retail- \$12-14 each)

Joint Office of Houseless Services: Sleeping bags, tents, tarps, blankets, socks, baby wipes, ponchos, health and hygiene kits, flashlights, bungee cords, can openers, and wound kits. and much more.



On a Cold Winter's Day

A homeless person whose home on the street has been “swept” can come to Dignity and Peace and receive:

Tent: \$70	Blanket: \$8	Tarp: \$ 10	Coat: \$12	Cap and gloves \$5
Hand Warmers: \$2.00		Jeans: \$10	Socks: \$5.00	Food: \$5.00
Sleeping Bag: \$18.		Hygiene Kit:	Wound kit:	Flashlight: \$3
Blanket: \$8.00		Winter Boots: \$22		Batteries (6) \$3.00

Market Value: \$173.00