



WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Sheriff Pat Garrett

PRESS RELEASE

Sheriff's Office Employees Give to HomePlate

December 3, 2015—Washington County Sheriff's Office employees held a Top Needs Drive and fundraiser for HomePlate. HomePlate is Washington County's only non-profit provider of drop-in centers and outreach for young people experiencing homelessness and housing instability.

On December 2, 2015, the Washington County Sheriff's Office presented HomePlate with money donated by Sheriff's Office employees as well as basic necessities and items collected through a Top Needs Drive. These items included TriMet passes, outreach snacks, a duffle bag, men's shoes and packages of socks.



Annually, The Washington County Sheriff's Office participates in a county-wide Employee Giving Campaign.

This year, employees selected a local not-for-profit program, Home Plate, as the recipient of the fundraising proceeds. There are over 2,000 homeless students in Washington County – of those, 515 are unaided youth. In addition, there are many more youth who are disconnected from schools and unaccounted for in these numbers, having left or graduated school, or under the radar that also

access support at Home Plate.

HomePlate operates three drop-in centers in Hillsboro and Beaverton. Youth can access resources such as: a hot meal, showers, hygiene supplies, clothes, food to go, bus tickets, diapers and baby wipes, and resource and referral information. In addition to the basic necessities, HomePlate also offers employment assistance, access to housing, renter retention programs and recreational and developmental programming opportunities.

To get involved and discuss volunteer opportunities with HomePlate, please contact Amy Smetana, Volunteer & Operations Coordinator (971) 238-3055 or amy@homeplateyouth.org.