

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

GROWING TOGETHER THIS FALL



As we enter the fall season, I am reminded of how much can grow when a community comes together. Every workshop we offer, every volunteer who gives their time, every donor who believes in our mission, and every participant who walks through our doors helps create opportunities for others.

This year has already been filled with wonderful moments from families participating in our community programs to individuals discovering new talents through our creative workshops. This fall, we are excited to continue offering hands-on learning experiences that inspire creativity, build confidence, and create lasting friendships.

-Ari De Jesus



SUBSCRIBE

Stay connected with us! Follow The Rockwood Center on social media to see upcoming workshops, community events, behind-the-scenes moments, and program highlights. Don't miss out—join our online community and stay inspired!



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Yzzy Contreras: Foam Sheet Flowers Workshop

Tom Rich: Wood Carving Workshop

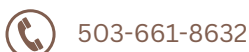
Leticia Galvan: Intermediate/Advanced Sewing Workshops

Janice Sellers: Beginner Sewing Workshops

Jamie Lalou: Crochet Workshop

Benito Lopez: Building Maintenance

Oasys Lopez: Setup Thursday Market, Art Camp, Backpack Drive



DISCOVER STORIES OF IMPACT AND OPPORTUNITIES TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE



Positive change doesn't always begin with a large project—it often starts with a simple act of kindness. Whether it's painting over graffiti, helping prepare for a community event, volunteering at a workshop, donating blood, or supporting our programs, every contribution helps create a stronger and more welcoming Rockwood.

We are proud to partner with Bloodworks Northwest to host community blood drives that provide lifesaving support to local hospitals and patients. Donating blood is one of the most meaningful ways to care for your neighbors, and we encourage everyone who is able to participate.

There are many ways to get involved, and every effort matters. Together, we can create lasting change through compassion, service, and a shared commitment to our community.



The Rockwood Center has several volunteering opportunities, depending on your interests and skills. Contact us if you are interested in volunteering for one or more of our opportunities.



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Brunch With A Purpose

Fundraiser
Saturday, November 21, 2026
11 am- 1 pm

Gather. Connect. Give Back.



Our goal is to raise \$25,000.00. Join us for a special brunch as we come together to support The Rockwood Center and the programs that create opportunities for children, families, and neighbors in our community.

Your support helps us continue offering arts, music, sewing, entrepreneurial development, youth programs, and community activities. Having a safe, warm, welcoming environment is as important to these things as the programs themselves. The focus of our fundraiser will assist us in adapting our North Room gathering space to showcase the works of a beautiful and vibrant community within.

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Early Sneak Peak of the future North Room *our vision*



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THE RC EVENTS

Sat, Aug. 8- Sat. Sept. 26

Intermediate Sewing (Sp) Cost: \$15

11:00 am-1:00 pm

Art Studio (The RC)

Thur, Aug 20-Thur. Sept. 24

Loops, Knots & Needles Market

3:00 pm-7:00 pm

The Rockwood Community Market

458 SE 185th Ave.

Fri, Aug 28

Crochet Workshop (Full)

6:00 pm-8:00 pm

Lewis Hall (The RC)

Sat, Sept 5

Open Sewing

11:30 am-12:30 pm

Art Studio (The RC)

Saturdays, Sept 5 - Sat, Oct. 10

Beginners Sewing (Bilingual) Cost: \$15

9:00 am-10:30 am

Art Studio (The RC)

Fri, Oct, 2

Fall Sewing Workshop Cost: \$25

6:00 pm-8:00 pm

Art Studio (The RC)

Wednesdays, Oct 7 - Wed, Oct, 28

Fall/Winter beginner knitting (Bilingual)

Cost: \$35

6:00 pm-8:00 pm

Art Studio (The RC)

Fri, Nov. 20

Christmas Sewing Workshop (Bilingual)

Cost: \$25

6:00 pm-8:00 pm

Art Studio (The RC)



sign up here!



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ENTREPRENEURIAL DEVELOPMENT

Our Loops, Knots & Needles (Sewing, knitting, crocheting) ladies continue to take their skills to the next level. Through our advanced sewing classes, they have challenged themselves to learn new techniques, improve their craftsmanship, and take their sewing skills above and beyond.

Now, they are putting those skills into action at the Rockwood Community Market, where they have the opportunity to share their handmade creations with the community while gaining valuable experience in entrepreneurship and small business.



OUR CONTINUED PARTNERS



Centro De Milagros Church has been with us for 17 years, and the congregation has helped the Rockwood Center tremendously.



Snow Cap is located on the backside of the Rockwood building. Snow Cap's Food Pantry is OPEN and Ready to Serve!



Head Start has been at the Rockwood Center 6yrs; they have been working hard with kids and families.

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Shop. Earn. Give Back to Our Community!

Did you know your everyday shopping can help support The Rockwood Center? Sign up for Fred Meyer Rewards and link your account to our organization. It's an easy way to support our programs—at no extra cost to you! Need help contact us at 503-661-8632 or programs@therockwoodcenter.com

Find us by searching **The Rockwood Center** or **GP712**



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FRIENDS OF THE ROCKWOOD CENTER

The Rockwood Center is a place where many things happen to enhance the life of the community. We are always seeking volunteers who want to serve the community through our programs, assist around the building or provide financial support. Please contact us for more information about how you can share.



MEET OUR NEW TEAM MEMBER



Hello, my name is Audrie, and I am the Venue Coordinator at The Rockwood Center. I originally started here as a marketing intern while studying Business Management at Mt. Hood Community College. After my internship, I was offered the Venue Coordinator position. I am grateful for the opportunity to be part of this community-oriented organization and excited to continue growing my experience while helping with any venue rental questions or needs you may have.

Our event space is ideal for a variety of occasions, including conferences, retreats, weddings, private parties, workshops and more! Contact us today to book your next event!



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A MESSAGE FROM THE RC PRESIDENT

Dear Rockwood Center Family,

As we look across our vibrant community, I am constantly reminded that our greatest strength lies in our unity. Every day, our dedicated volunteers, gifted artists, talented musicians, and passionate community organizers bring distinct voices and perspectives to our shared home. Yet, beneath this rich diversity lies a single, powerful truth: we thrive when we stand together.

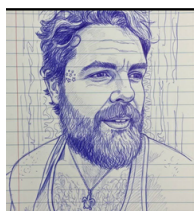
Communal solidarity is not just a concept for us—it is the bedrock of everything we build. When we support one another's creative expressions, uplift our local programs, and show up for our neighbors, we create a resilient network where everyone belongs and flourishes. Your energy and dedication remind us that real change happens from the ground up, fueled by shared hope and mutual support.

To honor this amazing spirit, we warmly invite you to join us as we gather to celebrate our community:

- Date: Saturday, November 21
- Time: 11:00 AM
- Location: The Rockwood Center

Let us take this time to reconnect, celebrate our collective impact, and look ahead to what we can accomplish together.

Thank you for your tireless partnership, your creativity, and your unwavering support. We are profoundly grateful for everything you bring to the Rockwood Center.



Warmly,
Adam Jenkins
President, The Rockwood Center

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Board Meetings

Meetings are held quarterly to review organizational progress, provide governance and oversight, and plan for future initiatives that advance our mission.



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