# The Rockwood Genter

MAY 2023 NEWSLETTER

The Rockwood Center has been busy these past few months. We have reached out to the community in various ways, including free music, art, sewing classes and vaccine clinics. We look forward to continuing work with the community, partners, and volunteers. There is much more to come. Stay tuned. We are on Facebook and Instagram. You can also find more information on our website www.therockwoodcenter.com

# THE RC SEWING

Creation Exhibit





The RC Sewing Class held an exhibit of all their creations. We had an excellent turnout as we hosted our 1st We-sew Sewing Creations exhibit. Thank you to our sewing Instructor Leticia Galvan who has volunteered to teach these lovely ladies to sew. Thank you to The Johnson Foundation for donating \$5000. We were able to give eight sewing machines to these passionate ladies.

(Picture on the left (left to right): **Top Row**: Erica, Dulce, Emiliana, Olga, Maria, and Delci **Bottom Row**: Janice, Placida, Leticia(instructor), and Celina.

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# Mark your Galander

ACTIVITIES FOR 2023



### SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

JUNE 1, 2023- AUGUST 12, 2023 WEDNESDAYS
DROP OFF LOCATION APRIL 26, 2023
17805 SE STARK ST. PDX. OR 97233 @ 6PM- 7:30PM

## KID'S SUMMER MUSIC CLASSES

WEEK 1 JULY 24 -JULY 28
WEEK 2 JULY 30- AUGUST 4
\*REGISTRATION REQUIRED

#### OPEN HOUSE FUNDRAISING

SEPTEMBER 26, 2023 @6PM-8:30PM

#### PORTLAND REVELS

JUNE 17-JUNE 18 \*TBD

#### **ACRYLIC PAINTING ADULT CLASSES**

WEDNESDAYS APRIL 26, 2023-JUNE 14, 2023 @ 6PM- 7:30PM

### **BEGINNERS & INTERMEDIATE**

SEWING CLASSES
THE FIRST 3 SATURDAYS OF THE MONTH

@ 9AM- 11AM

#### ADVANCED SEWING CLASSES

THE FIRST 3 SATURDAYS OF THE MONTH @12PM-2PM

#### **SEWING CLASSES FOR AGES 7-13**

3RD SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH @ 2PM-3PM

#### VACCINE CLINIC

(DOULA LATINAS ORGANIZATION)
2ND TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

@ 3PM-6PM

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# ANNUAL BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE

On September 2, 2022, we had our first School Supply and Backpack giveaway. We were able to help 271 children get ready to go back to school with backpacks and supplies. We are very grateful for every contribution. We plan to hold this drive again to help the community's children and teens for the 2023/2024 school year.

We started early this year and aim to hand out 500 backpacks with school supplies. With your help, we will be able to accomplish our goal.

# You can donate by:

Dropping off donations at our location

or through our link:

https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted\_button\_id=FJSWW58M2VW72 you can also scan this QR code





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# Adult Charcoal Drawing & Acrylic Painting Classes

Beginning Drawing: Learning to See – La Visión Artística: Dibujo para Principiantes.! Adult Art Classes Artist: Rosamaria Rosales

The focus was on seeing, expression, and curiosity.

Introduction to a tool for emotional expression and a means of profound escape of the day to day routine.

-Rosamaria Rosales

We are happy to say that we have officially started our Adult Art Classes. We had an excellent turnout for our Charcoal class and an outstanding turnout for our Acrylic class, with 23 students participating.

A big thank you to our artist Rosamaria Rosales for working with us and being able to lead these classes.

You can stay informed through our website and social media if you want more information about additional classes.



# Kids Music & Art Academy

We are getting ready for our summer art and Music academy.
We are excited to introduce our new music instructor.

#### Laura Maas

Laura moved to Portland from Nashville in December of 2022. She has a bachelor's degree in music education from Middle Tennessee State University and a master's degree from Colorado State University. Laura has spent the last seven years teaching elementary music in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, and has recently made a career change to teaching private piano lessons. She has played piano her whole life and considers herself lucky to be able to teach music for a living! This summer, she is excited to work with the Rockwood Center to coordinate a music camp for the community. Attendees will have the chance to choose an instrument and prepare music for an end-of-camp performance. From music theory, to instrument exploration, to collaborative music games, the camp will involve lots of active and fun music making!



# **WeSew Sewing Classes**

Sewing classes are held on the first three Saturdays of each month.

We have had about 50+ ladies participate in sewing classes, and Leticia has been busy teaching them. Beginning students learn how to use the sewing machine and understand the basic concepts of sewing: Stitching, Back Stitching, Bias cuts, and much more. They put their learning into projects like potholders, aprons, quilting, and hand towels.

Advanced students learn to sew a dart, seam allowances, and hems as well as using/adapting patterns, and embroidering skirts/shirts. Intermediate and advanced sewers have finished Pajama-making and dressmaking classes and are continuing to learn new patterns and techniques



"I have known how to sew for many years, but it has been so exciting to learn how to draft patterns that fit me specifically," -Janice M. Sellers Advanced Class



"Cuando entre ala clase de costura entre como principiante y ahora estoy en la clase de avanzadas donde e aprendido acer mi propio vestido, y un set de pijamas."

-Placida de Jesus Newborn Advanced Class



"Las Clases son de mucho beneficio para mí y familia pues ya puedo arreglarles sus ropas" -**Emiliana Siquina** Intermediate Class

# ReFashioning!



Before



After



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# **Our Continued Partners & Friends**

# **Centro De Milagros** Harvest Time Ministries

Centro De Milagros Church has been with us for 17 years; Pastor Rolando Valdez and his congregation have helped the Rockwood Center tremendously.

# **Head Start MHCC**

Head Start has helped keep our kitchen up to code. They have added a new Dishwasher and replaced one of our sink faucets.

#### Doula Latinas

This organization has started holding vaccine clinics on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 3pm-7pm. they provide home tests and blood pressure checking.

## **Snow Cap**

Snow Cap has helped with plowing the snow from the parking lots and has helped mow the front lawn of the RC.

Snow Cap's Food Pantry is OPEN and Ready to Serve!

## Jorge Mendez

Jorge has become a long time friend of the Rockwood Center. He has been helping maintain the landscape and the roof of the RC building.

Donors ~

There is much work ahead. Your donations have made it possible for us to offer a variety of programs. We thank you for your continued support and for your desire to see us succeed.

\*Adam Jenkins

\*Rebecca De Jesus

\*Jorge Mendez

\*The Samuel S. Johnson Foundation

\*Laura D. Taylor

\*Dr. Steven & Renee Lewis

\*Michael & Rhonda Vest

\*Laurie Monnes Anderson

\*Dick and Diane Getchell

# Friends of the Rockwood Center

The Rockwood Center is a place where a number of 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.



**Before** 



After



# The Rockwood Center

# Venues

Our event space is perfect for your next event. We have space for, Weddings, Private Parties, Retreats, Conferences, and much more. Contact us today to reserve your next event.

**BOOK NOW** 



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