

BACK TO SCHOOL BACKPACK BONANZA

The Active 20/30 Club of Portland designated the foster-children of Bridge Meadows to receive much-needed back-to-school supplies each August. This year, school-age children were surprised with backpacks stuffed with school supplies and a brand new pair of shoes.

More than \$1,200 were raised for this cause throughout the 2013-2014 year. However, a majority of funds, more than \$600, were raised by the summer garage sale put on by Activians in June.

Bridge Meadows, located in the St. Johns area of North Portland, is an innovative community designed to bring together three generations to support families adopting children from foster care. They have the mission of developing and sustaining intergenerational neighborhoods for adoptive families of foster children that promote permanency, community and caring relationships, while offering safety and meaningful purpose in the daily lives of older adults.

For these students, brand new school supplies and tennis shoes are essential to their back-to-school experience. We hope to continue this fundraising effort on an annual basis. Thank you to all Activians who participated!



WHAT DOES THE FOX SAY?



On Sunday, September 14th, 2014 the Portland Club celebrated it's first year of service by saying thank you to it's Charter President, Alycia Thibadeau and installing the newest President, John Fox. The celebration, complete with a choreographed 'What Does the Fox Say' reenactment dance by President Fox, took place at Gabriel Park. Past-Active members from the original Active 20/30 Portland Club, as well as friends from the Eugene Club, were in attendance to help us celebrate.

Festivities included a catered lunch, speeches by the incoming and outgoing President as well as a much-loved competitive corn-hole tournament! The Club also recognized 2013-2014 Board Members for their service and installed two new members into Board positions. Dallas Smelley now serves the club as Secretary and Erika White serves as a Director.



"We don't make mistakes, we have happy accidents."

- Compliments of the late Bob Ross

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"One never stands so tall as when kneeling to help a child."

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BRIDGE MEADOWS SPOOK-TACULAR

Halloween came early to more than 20 children at Bridge Meadows with a 'spook-tacular' pumpkin party on Sunday, October 26th, 2014. Children, ages 4-14 worked with Activans, many of whom dressed in costume, as they assisted with the choosing, carving and decorating of their pumpkins. Even many of the foster-parent present joined in on the fun! For many, this will be the only Halloween activity they will participate in this year.



While the carving and painting left the hall a bit messy, the enthusiasm from the children (and thankfulness of the parents present) made this activity a huge success! A big thank you to all Activans who participated in making this event spook-tacular for foster children!

FLOCKING FOR A CAUSE

Flocking continues to be a very popular (and visually stimulating) way for members and friends to raise money for our cause. Imagine 50 beautiful pink flamingos on your front lawn when you get home. That is just what a few lucky friends and family recently came home to. With a small donation to encourage the flock to settle elsewhere, the Active 20/30 Club of Portland has raised more than \$400 in the last quarter with this worthy fundraiser.



Do you know someone who needs a good flocking? We would love to ransom one of your friends or family for a donation to our club! Simply designate a recipient and we take care of the rest!

VOLUNTEER & SOCIAL EVENTS

Please join us at one of our upcoming volunteer or social events!

- November 6, 2014 Oregon Food Bank (Beaverton Location)
- November 20, 2014 Annual Friends-Giving Social (In lieu of the monthly meeting)
- November 21-23, 2014 National Midterm in Scottsdale Arizona
- December 18, 2014 Monthly General and Board Meeting
- December 19, 2014 Holiday Social
- Holiday Collection for Rose Haven (ongoing). Rose Haven is a resource center for women and children dealing with domestic abuse and homelessness. They are in need of first aid supplies, toiletries and cold-weather clothing.

Remember: The Active 20/30 Club of Portland meets the third Thursday of each month at the Round Table Pizza on Barbur Blvd in Portland. General meeting begins at 7pm followed by the Board meeting at 8pm.

If you have a suggestion of a cause that needs our support, please email our volunteer chair, Alycia Thibadeau at AlyciaThibadeau2030@gmail.com.

