

WHO PROGRAM
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TIPS FOR WHO VOLUNTEERS

Need Volunteer Handbooks for your congregation? Contact Serenity Madrone, AmeriCorps VISTA and WHO Coordinator, at (360)735-7173 to order more.

It is crucial that volunteers maintain appropriate boundaries with shelter guests. If you are concerned about a WHO guest's situation, you can speak with a Share Case Manager, WHO Committee member, or the WHO Coordinator.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

WHO volunteer trainings are available every Sunday at 5pm at both St. Paul and St. Andrew Lutheran Churches.

Want support in working with guests who may be suffering from mental illness? NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) offers FREE education nights from 7-8:30pm the 2nd Tuesday of every month, at 2801 Ft. Vancouver Way, Vancouver, WA

WHO Tips, Trends & Trainings

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WHO 2009-2010 Passes Mid-Season Marker

We are now more than halfway through the seventh WHO season! Some of you may be ongoing volunteers, whose experience with the program spans several years, and others may be getting involved for the first time. With that in mind, here is some information about the season to date (as of 1/19/10):

- 225 guests have stayed at the WHO-St. Andrew family shelter, including 55 children, for a total of 2,709 bednights
- 82 guests have stayed at the WHO-St. Paul men's shelter for a total of 1,907 bednights
- More than 40 faith-based and community organizations are participating

There is a lot to be thankful for! Without volunteers—more than 1,550 during the 2008-09 season—this work would not be possible.

Updates will continue to be posted on our



A guest at St. Andrew enjoys a snack.

website at www.whoprogram.org. There you can find each site's volunteer calendar, a list of needed donation items, and ongoing advocacy, training and development opportunities to help you engage more deeply in the issues of housing and homelessness in our community.

WHO Volunteers Can Receive a Free Ticket to Disney!

The WHO is now a participant in HandsOn Network's "Give a Day. Get a Disney Day." program! By volunteering at either WHO site during the remainder of the 2009-2010 season, each volunteer can receive a free ticket to a Disney theme park.

There are some restrictions. Children under 18 can participate, but must be accompanied by a parent or guardian when they volunteer.

Check out the WHO website for specific instructions on how to apply for your free

ticket. For general information about the program, you can go to www.handsonnetwork.org/disney

If your congregation has already volunteered this season and you would still like to receive a free ticket, you could lead an activity night at either of the two shelters. A game night, pedicure or haircut night (for example) would be a great way to share a hobby, talent or interests with the WHO guests. Contact the WHO Coordinator to schedule an evening.