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Referral Rewards Partner: Friends of the Carpenter

This month, we're proud to partner with Friends of the Carpenter (FOC) for our Referral Rewards Program! This faith based non-profit, which grew from the simple idea of inviting the area's poor and homeless to join in on modest woodworking projects, has become an environment in which vulnerable members of the community find structure and purpose for their lives. The organization welcomes anyone from Monday through Friday 9 AM to 4 PM to spend time at the

Referral Rewards

For every referral you send our way, we donate \$25 to a local non-profit. This is a great way for us to give back to our community!

For the month of **October**, donations will go to **"Friends of the Carpenter"**.

The more referrals you send us, the more we give, so spread the word! The finest compliment we can receive is the referral of your friends, family, and business associates. To refer someone online, click HERE

August Referrers:

Justine Andersen John Anderson Susan Beiarano Nancy Skinner Stan Berkey Emilio Delgado-Chavez Tracey Fenton Curtis Gerke Sara Kniss Matt and Jenn Deml Michelle McIvor Devon Pilney and Jessica Blume Danny and Alexis Salgado Brian Stone Trey and Victoria Tennyson Tuff Turf Inc. Mike Vander Wel Linda Zupancic

Priendship Center, FOC's neadquarters at 1600 W. 20th St, to work on various woodworking projects. Woodworking is used as a tangible outlet that allows visitors to contribute to the community. Friends of the Carpenter sees these workshops as a means of creating purpose and building important relationships.

Friends of the Carpenter has given purpose to Vancouver's most vulnerable since 1999. Reverend Duane Sich began the non-profit with the intent of creating a welcoming environment in which personal interactions could occur between church volunteers and those living in poverty. The program began in Reverend Sich's own garage but is now based at the Friendship Center, where individuals with special needs, anyone needing to perform community service and the unhoused and low income are welcome to participate in a woodworking program.

In addition to the open woodworking hours, Friends of the Carpenter is dedicated to incorporating the gifts of the people it serves into the organization. In 2008, FOC created Community Awareness Reaching Empowerment (CARE), a program run by those involved in the program who live in poverty. Friends of the Carpenter says "the CARE committee not only organizes field trips and events for participants, but the program provides Friends of the Carpenter's staff and board with much needed feedback on the effectiveness of our programs."

One CARE member wrote that Friends of the Carpenter, "helps every one of us feel just a little bit safer, happier and respected when we are a part of it."

Friends of the Carpenter provides stability and empowerment for those in vulnerable situations, and we're so proud of the efforts it makes for





Referral Rewards Program Check Delivery

Bruce Davidson and Laura Grace Dodd present our Referral Rewards Program check to Marcus Logan of Teach One to Lead One.



Mark your calendars for Sunday October 15th! We are excited to be the presenting sponsor for another great Share Soup's On! Event! This year, enjoy a "Soupercalifragilisticexpialidocious" evening with this year's Mary Poppins theme while tasting delicious soups prepared by local chefs. For more information and tickets please click here.



Give More 24!

We had such a blast at this year's annual Give More 24! The 24-hour online giving marathon put on by The

people in the area. Thank you, Friends of the Carpenter, for giving meaning to the poor and homeless. To learn more about this incredible organization, please visit their website here.

Meet Ellie!



Meet, Ellie Hewett- the newest member of the Davidson team! Ellie has joined us as our Digital Marketing Intern and will be here for the next nine months. She grew up in Texas and graduated in May from Furman University in Greenville, South Carolina with a Bachelor of Arts in Religion and a focus in English.

During her time in Furman's religion department, Ellie studied Hinduism and Biblical studies and enjoyed exploring the ways in which those subjects relate to modern culture, art, and literature. Her interest in other cultures and religions led her to study abroad in London, Cuba, and Scandinavia, Community Foundation raised money for 125 participating non-profits, and this year the event raised \$1,030,000! We are proud of the way our community helps and partners with local non-profits and were honored to be the presenting sponsor of this event. Thank you to all who donated or volunteered and to The Community Foundation for connecting local residents to the causes they love!

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which allowed her to meet and engage with people from various backgrounds. She loved her time in South Carolina, but is excited for new adventures in the Pacific Northwest. As a participant in the Fellows Program through the Oregon Leadership Development Institute for the next nine months, Ellie is looking forward to experiencing the community and fun events happening around the area.

This program is designed to engage young people in a focused exploration of each individual's unique purpose and vocational pathway, as informed by the teachings of the Christian faith. Ellie hopes to use this year to grow spiritually and professionally. She is particularly interested in learning new skills in the workplace. In addition to these hopes, Ellie is eager to check out the area's music and food scenes. She is excited to be part of the team at Davidson & Associates Insurance.

Work Anniversaries



Sandra Ramirez

Sandra has been with Davidson & Associates for nine years, and 2018 will mark her 40th year in the insurance industry! Sandra and her husband, Gustavo, have lived in Vancouver since 2008. Her husband is a retired educator, and they have two sons who are now 24 and 22. In addition



to spending time with her family, Sandra enjoys shopping in Vancouver's small specialty shops, sewing, reading and watching movies. She also likes to cook Caribbean food, because her husband is from Belize. Sandra's favorite part about her job is the opportunity to "think outside the box." We're glad to have her talents and her company here at Davidson & Associates!

Community Events

Scary Run

Date: October 29
Venue: Reflection Plaza
1703 Main Street, Washougal
Time: 8:30 AM

Cost: 5K, \$45/ 10K, \$55 More Details Here

Dine the Couve

Date: All of October

Venue: Participating Vancouver restaurants

Cost: \$23 for three part menu

More Details Here

Accomplished Under 40

Date: November 14 **Venue:** Warehouse 23 **Time:** 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Cost: \$50 per seat, tables of 10 \$500

More Details Here

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