

Gladstone School District awarded \$30,000 for family support program

A \$20,000 grant from the Oregon Community Foundation will help fund a Family Resource Coordinator to serve families seeking help at the Gladstone Center for Children & Families.

In addition, a \$5,000 grant from Clackamas County and a \$5,000 match from the Schnitzer CARE Foundation will provide the program with an emergency fund to help struggling families weather urgent crises. The program serves families with children from birth to age 8.

“Sometimes resolving an issue in a time of desperate need can help a family get back on track before the situation worsens,” said Family Resource Coordinator Ellyn Jeck. “That may mean covering a car repair so a parent does not lose her job, or funding a medical co-pay for a child with a medical issue.”

Family Resource Coordinators work to connect struggling families with schools, clinics, and social service agencies, ensuring that these partners work together to serve a family. They also provide access early childhood screening, and support school readiness with the goal of student academic and social success by third grade.

Gladstone offers classes & activities for youths and adults

Want to learn Spanish, try gourmet cooking, research your family history, get fit, or learn about investing? Need to sign your kids up for martial arts, dance, or driver’s education? You’ll find all this and more through programs organized by the Gladstone Community School and the Gladstone Recreation Department.

To see a complete listing of available classes for adults and youths, visit <http://tinyurl.com/GladstoneLearns> or call 503-650-2570.

Gladstone Center offers free story time

The Gladstone Center for Children & Families will offer a free, story hour for children age six and under. This is an opportunity for children to build literacy skills through shared reading, play, and fun language activities. All of these skills help prepare children for school.

Story time is on Thursdays from 4:15 to 5 p.m. at the Gladstone Center, located at 18905 SE Portland Avenue in Gladstone. For more information, call 503-496-3939.

Themes include:

Oct. 3: Back to School

Oct. 17: Safety

Nov. 7: Fall

Nov. 21: Giving & Thankfulness

Dec. 5: The Snowman

Jan. 16: Stories by Jan Brett

Feb. 6: Friendship & Love

Feb. 20: Community Members

March 6: Stories by Dr. Seuss

March 20: Stories by Eric Carle

April 3: Pets

April 17: Earth Day