



Gladstone Senior Center

Monthly Report

March 2020

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To: City Administrator, Jacque Betz

From: Senior Center Manager, Colin Black

This month has been a challenge, to say the least. Due to the COVID-19 situation, we have been directed by the State of Oregon to close, effectively ceasing operations at the Senior Center. However, staff, in coordination with City leadership, has provided a means to continue the work we do here even on a limited basis.

As of March 23, we have transitioned from daily hot meal delivery to 3 times a week frozen meal delivery. We have asked all volunteers to stay home for their safety and the safety of our staff and clients. This transition has been smooth and all of our clients are really grateful for the continued service. With the guidance from our Mayor, we have provided food boxes from the Gladstone Food Pantry to all of our clients and served as a drive through distribution point for the Food Pantry. We have added an additional upright freezer in order to store, onsite, more frozen meals as we continue to take on new clients weekly.

Staff continues to provide information and referral services to those that call and reach out to our clients almost daily to make certain that everyone has what they need. The good news, everyone in Gladstone appears to be weathering the storm so far. As a reminder, please let anyone over age 60 residing in Gladstone that they are eligible to receive meals during this time.

We are really grateful that you, our elected officials, have stepped up to help us out during this time, it means more than you will ever know.

Take care, be safe.

As always, the Senior Center staff is ready to take on whatever is asked of us! Thank you for your hard work!

Respectfully,

Colin Black

Senior Center Manager