Blanchet House

Blanchet House Reopens Cafe to Indoor Dining

Portland, Oregon (April 29, 2022)—After more than two years of to-go meal services due to the COVID pandemic Blanchet House will re-open its cafe to indoor dining on May 2. Blanchet House will welcome anyone in need of a free hot meal to sit down and be served in its Founders Cafe by compassionate volunteers. All staff and volunteers will wear protective masks.

Most Blanchet House diners are experiencing homelessness, food insecurity, poverty, or physical and mental health challenges that make accessing hot meals difficult. Blanchet House fills the gap in the social safety net by reliably offering low-barrier access to prepared food.

Professional chefs prepare nutritious well-balanced dishes using donated ingredients from local grocery stores and wholesalers. Diners are welcome to enjoy unlimited servings of food including coffee and water within the hour.

Daily meal services are Monday to Saturday. Blanchet House is closed on Sundays.
- Breakfast 6:30 - 7:30 a.m.
- Lunch 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- Dinner 5-6 p.m.

Eating at Blanchet House is many people's only opportunity to be welcomed indoors. Peer Support Specialists will be available at meal services to give out clothing, hygiene kits, and direct diners to resources.

Staff look forward to serving guests indoors where they can find relief from the rain, sit, relax, and enjoy conversation and a meal in a communal setting.

"We know that reopening the cafe to indoor dining isn't a total remedy to the problems our guests face. But we know being welcome indoors will bring some relief. And an opportunity to feel "more human" again," says Scott Kerman, Blanchet House Executive Director.

Please Note: Scott Kerman Executive Director is available for in-person or Zoom interviews. To respect our guests' privacy we will not allow video photographers indoors at this time. B roll video of indoor meal services is available upon request.