

# street roots

Celebrating 10 years of real news from the streets

Dear Friends,

Street Roots is celebrating its 10th year of empowering hundreds of individuals to survive on Portland's streets and move into stable housing. We have changed the face of homelessness and poverty in the Portland region. We are here to tell you that it's working and together we can continue to make this happen.



"Street Roots is the only income I have. Selling the newspaper has helped my self-esteem," says Ted Jack. "Believe it or not, it's helped me stay clean and sober. It gives me a routine every day and helps me stay focused. I now feel like I have a purpose in life."

We do this with your gracious and caring support. Nearly 40% of the income generated for the organization comes from supporters like you. This is truly a grassroots effort.

With a donation this fall, you will:

- Provide a way for more than 200 homeless and low-income individuals to secure immediate and basic needs
- Offer a path to self-sufficiency, including skills development and resume-building
- Foster self-respect and a sense of personal worth
- Create a safe avenue to build cross-class relationships and facilitate dialogue
- Expand opportunities for people experiencing homelessness and poverty to sell the newspaper in outlying areas of Portland



But Street Roots does more than help individuals. It's also a unique and alternative voice in Portland. Street Roots publishes the newspaper 26 times a year. We deliver Portlanders a professional publication, reporting on important subjects that otherwise would go uncovered.

Combining professional journalism with street commentary, featured interviews with artists and poets, powerful testimonies and vendor stories, the newspaper has become a go-to for the community at-large. This wouldn't be possible without your support. When you donate to Street Roots, you help make our neighborhoods stronger. With your donation, Street Roots will commit to:

- **Bring Portlanders alternative news you can't find anywhere else**
- **Foster dialogue about important issues facing neighborhoods and communities throughout the region**
- **Advocate for change on issues that affect people experiencing homelessness and poverty**
- **Report on a broad range of issues, including civil liberties, immigration, the environment, economic development, the war on drugs and much more**
- **Deliver in-depth journalism and opinions from an international movement made up of more than 90 street newspapers worldwide**

Street Roots is proud to celebrate its 10th year with you. This has been a grassroots effort we've made together. It's working, and we sincerely thank you.

Sincerely,

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*Mission: Street Roots is a non-profit grassroots newspaper, assisting people experiencing homelessness and poverty by creating flexible income opportunities. Through education, advocacy and personal expression, we are a catalyst for individual and social change.*