For Immediate Release: Extreme Makeover for Foster Kids in Clackamas County

Story: The Clackamas DHS (Department of Human Services) office at 16440 SE 82nd Drive in Clackamas, will receive an "extreme makeover" as a result of a unique community partnership of businesses, artists, non-profits, and local faith communities.

The Makeover: The building is currently in need of updating in order to communicate dignity, worth and value to our most vulnerable families in our community. Through this community makeover, we also desire to encourage the staff and boost morale of those who work for DHS.

When: The Makeover begins on February 14th at 5pm when the staff leaves the office for the presidents day weekend. Work will occur over 4 days (February 14-17). Fifteen of the building's rooms that see the heaviest use will receive new paint and new furniture. This includes five visitation rooms where parents and children involved in foster care have supervised visits. Each room will each receive a new theme with art and murals (themes are Blazers, Timbers, Children's Museum, Oregon Zoo, and Mt. Hood) and new toys. The outside play area will get fresh paint, new storage, and sports equipment. Landscaping will receive an overhaul, the lobby will get a mural, and numerous storage and electronics will be upgraded. On Tuesday February 18th at 9am we will have a reveal party for the staff where they are able to see the transformation for the first time. From 9-10am there will be an open house where they can tour the facility and see the changes.

Who: The current partnership includes the following:

Local businesses:
NWC Office Furniture
Tiffany Home Design
Miller Paint
Goodnight Room
Howard S. Wright Co.
JHC Construction
Oregon Landscape Maintenance
Powell Paints
Adidas
Macadam Carpet Warehouse
Hollywood Signs
Red Robin
Shari's
His Bakery
Denny's
Think Action Wear
TNT Homes & Electric
Alpha Print and Design
Hannah Signs
KPDQ
Fish 104.1

Local artists

Non-profits:
Portland Leadership Foundation, which is leading Embrace Oregon www.embraceoregon.org

Local faith communities in Clackamas County:
A Jesus Church: Westside
New Hope
Renew
Milwaukie Christian Church
New Life Christian Center
Hillside Christian Fellowship
Thompson Road Bible Fellowship
Life Journey Community Church
Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church
Good Shepherd Church
Damascus Community Church
The Source
Gospel Fellowship Community
Sunnyside Community Church

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