



7 Dees owner donates golf tournament to Human Solutions

Fundraiser will help homeless people in East County

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David Snodgrass, CEO of Dennis' 7 Dees Landscaping and Garden Centers, has given his 20th annual golf tournament to Human Solutions, an organization helping low-income and homeless families in East Multnomah County.

The tournament has donated money to charitable organizations in the past, but this is the first year the entire tournament will be a fundraiser.

"This is a huge step forward," said Jean DeMaster, executive director of Human Solutions, about the donation from Snodgrass.

Snodgrass said he enjoys helping the local community and Human Solutions is helping people that, at one point, had jobs and security and before the economic recession.

"This can happen to anybody at anytime," Snodgrass said.

Snodgrass has provided the course, prizes and fees while Human Solutions is helping recruit golfers to the event.

DeMaster said she hopes 100 people show up to the fundraiser to play golf in foursomes.

Snodgrass' expectations are even higher, aiming for 144 people, which is the maximum capacity of the golf course.

"We're definitely making a difference," Snodgrass said.

Human Solutions hopes to raise \$10,000 at the tournament, money that will pay for 500 nights of shelter and help about 15 homeless families.

It costs \$20 per person, per night to stay at the shelter and most families stay in the shelter for about 45 days, DeMaster said.

"Human Solutions has a focus on East County," Snodgrass said. "This is helping the local community."

Human Solutions helps 150 homeless families every night and provides about 9,000 people with energy assistance each year.

"Overall we help about 70,000 people a year," DeMaster said.

The rent assistance program, which prevents homelessness, gets between 200 and 400 applications every month from people who have received eviction notices, but Human Solutions is only able to help 40 families each month.

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WHAT: Golf fundraiser for Human Solutions

WHEN: 1 p.m. Friday, July 23

WHERE: Oregon City Golf Club, 20124 S. Beaver Creek Road, Oregon City

COST: \$75

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