



"In here there are no strangers..."

Sisters Of The Road

...just friends we've never met."

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ACTIONS HIGHLIGHT NUMBERS OF HOMELESS, LACK OF BATHROOMS

Portland, Oregon (April 21, 2008) -- Thursday, May 1, Sisters Of The Road's Civic Action Group (CAG) will hold a Flag Action to dramatize the number of people without housing in Portland. Held in conjunction with the annual May Day march, flags and socks will be posted in a field to represent the 1,438 people that the City of Portland says are sleeping outside each night. Sisters believes that number to be higher.

The action begins at noon and will go until the May Day march begins, at 5pm. It will be held at the starting point of the march, in the South Park Blocks between Ninth and Park and between cross streets Main and Salmon.

Sisters is requesting donations of new socks for the event. Afterwards the socks will be used by Sisters' customers: individuals and families suffering from extreme poverty. Socks can be dropped at Sisters' cafe at 133 NW Sixth Ave. in Portland, with a note that they are for the event.

RACE FOR YOUR BLADDER

Friday, June 6 at 3pm, CAG is holding a 'restroom orienteering event' called the "Race for Your Bladder." The race will call attention to Portland's lack of available public restrooms and the distances that must be traveled in order to use one.

Together with other volunteers including *Portland Mercury* reporter Matt Davis, CAG will navigate between Portland's downtown restrooms. The event will end at the Portland City Hall restroom, one of Portland's only overnight restrooms for public use. More details will be forthcoming.

ABOUT SISTERS OF THE ROAD: Founded in 1979, Sisters Of The Road uses non-violence to support community driven solutions to the calamities of homelessness and poverty. Sisters' cafe is open to everyone, serving low cost, hot, nutritious meals. Sisters also provides job training, support to parents and children, and innovative solutions to the issues surrounding poverty and homelessness through self and community advocacy.

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