



"In here there are no strangers..."

# Sisters Of The Road

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

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### ***SISTERS OF THE ROAD'S ANNUAL MLK MARCH AND CELEBRATION FEATURES SPEAKERS RANDY LEONARD AND JO ANN BOWMAN***

**Portland, Oregon (January 15, 2009)** – This Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, Sisters Of The Road in partnership with Oregon Action invites everyone to join them for a Martin Luther King Jr. Day march and celebration. The event kicks off Sisters' 30<sup>th</sup> year of service to Portland, and their coming work in 2009 to restore civil liberties to the community by repealing the Sit/Lie ordinance.

The theme of this year's march is Martin Luther King Jr.'s Poor People's Campaign, which he launched in 1968 to address issues of economic justice and demand economic aid to the poorest communities of the United States. This MLK Day will also be on the eve of the inauguration of a new US President, a fitting time to remember Dr. King's work for Economic Human Rights.

This is a permitted march and family-friendly event. Details are as follows:

**2pm - Monday January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008** - Gather at Sisters Of The Road (133 NW 6<sup>th</sup> Ave); enjoy some snacks.

**3pm** - The march begins and heads toward St. Mary's Academy at 1615 SW 5th Ave.

**3:30pm** - Program begins at St. Mary's, featuring speakers Portland City Commissioner Randy Leonard; Oregon Action's Executive Director Jo Ann Bowman; and Sisters Of The Road's Civic Action Group's Arthur Rios. Those unable to march should feel free to meet at the venue.

Sisters is seeking event volunteers to help out at this event; please contact Devin DiBernardo at 503.222.5694 ext. 16, or at [devin@sistersoftheroad.org](mailto:devin@sistersoftheroad.org).

Sisters thanks Oregon Action, St. Mary's Academy, and Portland's Chapter of the Social Welfare Action Alliance (SWAA) for their assistance.

*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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