



"In here there are no strangers..."

Sisters Of The Road

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

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MATCHING GRANT CHALLENGE HALF-WAY OVER; \$145,000 TO GO NEW DONORS MATCHED TWO AND A HALF TIMES THIS MONTH

Portland, Oregon (December 6, 2007) - Sisters' Holiday Matching Grant Challenge is underway, and until December 31, all donations to Sisters are matched 50 cents per dollar through the help of a generous group of individuals and businesses, and new donors will have a special extra match. The Rose E. Tucker Charitable Trust and Collins Foundation will additionally match all new donors to Sisters one-to-one. This means that a \$100 donation to Sisters by a returning donor will become \$150, and the same donation from a new donor will become \$250.

There is one catch: to receive the new donor match, Sisters *must* receive at least \$30,000 in gifts from people who have never donated to Sisters, by midnight on December 31.

The support Sisters receives during November and December is crucial to their work helping low-income families and individuals throughout the whole year. This year's goal is to raise \$270,000 by December 31.

This challenge is offered by the Rose E. Tucker Charitable Trust and the Collins Foundation, which have supported Sisters' work for a remarkable 32 years combined. Their gifts will match all new donations up to \$30,000, and new donors will be matched again by the Holiday Matching Grant Challenge Pool, created through the generosity of a special group of individuals and businesses to match all gifts.

To donate, go online at www.sistersoftheroad.org; call (503) 222-5694 ext.12; mail a check attention "Matching Grant Challenge" to 133 NW Sixth Ave., Portland OR 97209; or bring donations to Sisters' office at 618 NW Davis Street.

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 Of The Road's café is open to everyone, serving low cost, hot, nutritious meals that can be purchased in a variety of ways, including with cash, food stamps, or in exchange for work. 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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