



"In here there are no strangers...

Sisters Of The Road

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

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OPERATION CORNBREAD: SUMMER GIFTS TO SISTERS OF THE ROAD MATCHED 2 TO 1

Portland, Oregon (May 5, 2009) – To offset low summer giving to its programs helping very low-income families and individuals, Sisters Of The Road is holding a special Operation Cornbread fundraising campaign in May, June and July. To *keep the cornbread comin'*, Sisters' goal is to raise \$25,000 in individual, business and faith community donations that will be matched 2 to 1, and will provide 300-350 meals a day over the summer to very low income individuals and families.

The summer months are filled with family fun and vacations for many people, while our community at Sisters continues to yearn for nutritious, low-cost meals; free feminine hygiene items and infant supplies, including diapers; a clean and safe restroom; and a place to perform dignified barter work. Summer time is typically a time of low giving, and Sisters is asking its committed partners to support our community during these months.

The community can help in the following ways:

- **Make a donation to Sisters and it will triple.** All donations from May 1st, 2009 to July 31st, 2009 will be matched by 2 to 1 by our Operation Cornbread Matching Grants.
- **Become a Sustaining Member** - Sisters currently has over 300 monthly donors who give monthly as Sustaining Members. Please join this pool of generous donors by signing up for a monthly deduction from your bank account or credit card. Our goal is to add 30 new sustaining members to our program this summer. For more information contact Kelly at 503.222-5694 ext.12 or Kelly@sistersoftheroad.org.

Donations can be made at Sisters Of The Road's office: 618 NW Davis, Portland, OR 97209, or online at www.sistersoftheroad.org. Sisters' Cafe is located at 133 NW 6th Avenue, Portland, OR 97209.

Here's an idea of what your donation to Operation Cornbread can support:

\$30 — Dried mixed beans for one week	\$60 — Salsa for two weeks
\$100 — Cornbread for one week	\$250 — Coffee for two weeks
\$525 — Fresh fruit side for six weeks	\$865 — All Cafe groceries for one week

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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