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Fresh Start Project Supports Oxford Housing through a H.O.P.E. Drug Court Participant's Community Carwash and Can and Bottle Drive

Roseburg, OR – February 3, 2026– A H.O.P.E. Drug Court graduate phase participant is giving back through the Fresh Start Project, hosting a community carwash to raise funds for local Oxford Housing, a vital resource for individuals rebuilding their lives in recovery.

The carwash will take place on Sunday, February 8, from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Abby's Legendary Pizza, located at 1661 NE Stephens Street in Roseburg. The event is open to the public and is donation-based, with no set fee.

Funds raised will be used to purchase essential household and personal items for individuals newly accepted into Oxford Houses, including bathroom towels, shower supplies, shower caddies, house slippers, and other basic necessities needed for day-to-day living.

Oxford Housing plays a critical role in the recovery process and works closely with the H.O.P.E. Drug Court program. It is often the first stable housing option available to participants transitioning out of treatment or custody. Oxford Houses provide a structured, substance-free living environment where residents are held accountable, supported by peers, and guided by clear rules that promote long-term sobriety and personal responsibility.

The peer-driven model of Oxford Housing fosters independence while emphasizing community, making it a strong partner for Drug Court participants working toward successful reintegration. Stable housing is a key factor in reducing relapses and recidivism, and access to basic essentials helps residents focus on recovery, employment, and rebuilding their lives.

Community members are encouraged to attend the carwash, support the Fresh Start Project, and help strengthen local recovery efforts through their donations. Another option is to donate your cans and bottles. You can contact Jack at 541-817-7494 or drop off at the Oxford House Nebo at 203 SE Mosher Avenue. He is accepting can and bottles until March 4 and will take the items to Bottle Drop for funds to use for project items only.

The Douglas County H.O.P.E. Drug Court program is preparing to celebrate its 112th graduation on Tuesday, March 31, 2026, at 5:15 p.m. The ceremony will be held at the Douglas County Fairgrounds in the Cascade Hall building.

Presided over by the Honorable Judge Robert B. Johnson, H.O.P.E. Drug Court operates under the Douglas County Circuit Court. The program is designed to reduce recidivism, address substance use disorders and encourage participants to reflect on their lives beyond their criminal actions. The court emphasizes personal transformation, responsibility, and a focus on future potential. A hallmark of the program is the Graduate Community Project, completed during the final phase. These projects allow participants to demonstrate their personal growth, social development, and the internal motivation that drives them toward meaningful, lasting change. Posterboards highlighting their project accomplishments will be displayed in the lobby before graduation.

Graduate flyers and additional information can be found on the Douglas County website through the Local Public Safety Coordinating Council (LPSCC) at:

<https://douglascountyor.gov/851/HOPE-Drug-Court>.

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