



Fall Newsletter

2026 By The Numbers

January - June

- Over **310,830** *thrift store items sold* totaling about **\$400,000** towards our mission.
- Over **20,000** *families served* by our food pantry.
- Over **1.2 million** *pounds* of food distributed.
- The total number of *volunteers* has *increased by 44%* since last year, from 965 to 1,362!
- Monthly volunteers continue to contribute on average about **12 hours** *per month* showing that our volunteer team is *not only growing, but incredibly dedicated.*

THANK YOU!

PACS Fall Fundraiser

You're Invited!

**October 18, 2026,
from 4:30–7:00 PM**

Dinner, Mocktails, and More

Details inside!





In the Words of Others...



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"The people here are so friendly, they treat me and everyone else like real people... Other stores are closing down around here, I'm glad PACS isn't going anywhere."

- Randy, local artist, retired engineer, and frequent PACS thrift store customer.

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"When I came here, I fell in love in love with it... because it was exactly the place I wanted to be. And we really help the community here, which is one of my favorite parts. It's amazing, because people need it. Without somewhere like this, how are they going to afford \$400 or \$600 for a teeth cleaning?"

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- Alex, Volunteer dental hygienist at PACS Dental Clinic. Also lives in the neighborhood.

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"After I retired. I didn't want to sit around, I wanted to help people. I enjoy helping people with this work... I have to think about how much is needed for each family, and prepare the truck."

- Mark, Mobile Pantry volunteer, Gresham community member, retired husband and father.

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Dear Friends,

On behalf of PACS, I warmly invite you to our Annual Fall Fundraiser on October 18th at Rossi Farms. The evening will feature a delicious dinner, handcrafted mocktails, and a program celebrating your impact on our community, including our annual awards ceremony honoring the partners who make our work possible. Every day, PACS is committed to treating everyone we serve with dignity; this event is a chance to witness that promise firsthand.

Rising costs have brought real challenges to many families this year, increasing the need in our community. Through it all, PACS remains steadfast in our commitment to serve. I am continually humbled by your generosity, which has sustained our work through uncertain times and reflects the depth of this community's compassion.

This year's event highlight will be a "Chaixperience" with Kevin Wilson, dubbed "the CEO of Chai" by Bon Appétit magazine. What I admire most about Pastor Kevin isn't the tea—it's his perspective on why building community is worth the effort, one as unique as each batch of chai I've watched him make. It's a perspective I hope you'll hear firsthand.

Whether this is your first or fifth time with us at Rossi Farms, I hope you'll connect with fellow supporters, hear inspiring stories, and see the hope your partnership brings.

Tickets are available now—please don't wait to secure your place at this special evening. Purchase yours today and join us in making a difference!

With deep gratitude,

*Laura Pascoe
Executive Director, PACS*

The Annual Fall Fundraiser is coming home to Rossi Farms on October 18, 2026, from 4:30–7:00 PM – for an evening of celebration and community, made possible because of you.

Tickets and Sponsorship opportunities are available now.

We can't wait to celebrate with you!

Rossi Farms
3839 NE 122nd Ave.
Portland, OR 97230



Scan code for tickets or visit
pacsonline.org

What is a "Chaixperience?"



A "Chaixperience" is part cooking demo, part keynote talk, and part shared ritual. Pastor Kevin Wilson — known to many as "Chaplain Chai" — brews chai live in front of the room while delivering a talk on meaningful living, and by the end, everyone in attendance has a cup of chai in hand that they watched come

together. What started as a one-time effort — making chai for 400 people the morning of his own pastoral ordination — has since grown into something he and his wife bring to audiences across the U.S. and, more recently, overseas, including a recent chaixperience for 300 people at a youth camp in Perth, Australia.

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