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COCC Students Plan “Castle of Cans” to benefit NeighborImpact

December 2, 2011 Bend Oregon - On Friday December 2nd between 5:30pm and 8:00pm students of a COCC event planning class will be hosting a charity event called “**Castle of Cans**” at The Tower Theatre. Their goal is to create a work of art-in-progress; a castle, made of donated canned food, which will be displayed in the foyer of the Tower Theatre. Donations of canned food items have already come in from generous businesses and several participating Bend schools. All proceeds will be donated to NeighborImpact’s Food Bank.

This event coincides with First Friday Gallery Walk and the free Tower Theatre Holiday Movie extravaganza. Light refreshments will be offered to the participating patrons courtesy of COCC and the new Cascade Culinary Institute.

The students also hope to involve the public on the night of the event, as they showcase their masterpiece, by giving the community the opportunity to help them finish the “**Castle of Cans.**” During the course of the evening people can bring a can or two and add to the structure. Monetary donations will also be welcome during the event.

The students have high hopes of what their event will represent: lending a helping hand to the community as they enjoy an opportunity to learn and grow in the process. With 17,000 people accessing emergency food throughout Central Oregon each month, food drives and raising awareness of hunger issues are important to the NeighborImpact Food Bank’s success in meeting the rising need.

For more information on the “**Castle of Cans**” event visit <http://castleofcans.org/> or contact Sandy Klein at sandyk@neighborimpact.org.

About NeighborImpact: Since 1985, NeighborImpact has been a leader in developing solutions and bringing resources to Crook, Jefferson and Deschutes County. It offers a diversity of services meeting basic human needs for food and shelter, while enriching people’s lives by providing access to increased education, skills, and hope for the future. NeighborImpact is a private nonprofit organization that receives federal, state and local funding; foundation grants; and donations from individuals and businesses in our community. To learn more about NeighborImpact please visit www.neighborimpact.org.
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