



Helping Hands Reentry Outreach Centers Receives \$1 Million Dollar Grant from the Maybelle Clark Macdonald Fund

Funds are earmarked for the Bybee Lakes Hope Center facility opening Fall 2020

Portland, OR – July 20, 2020 – Helping Hands Reentry Outreach Centers, an Oregon-based non-profit that provides trauma-informed, data-driven services for community members experiencing homelessness, announced today that the Maybelle Clark Macdonald Fund has awarded a one million dollar grant to support the opening and on-going operations of the Bybee Lakes Hope Center.

“We’re so grateful to Warner Munro for believing that ending homelessness is a priority for our community, and for introducing us to the Clark Macdonald family,” said Alan Evans, CEO of Helping Hands Reentry Outreach Centers. “We’re thrilled that the Maybelle Clark Macdonald Fund Board of Directors sees the vision for the Hope Center and wants to be part of ensuring long-term sustainability of the facility.”

Among Oregon's largest foundations, the Maybelle Clark Macdonald Fund supports the good works of Oregonians by making grants to community based, not-for-profit organizations in five core areas: the cultural arts, education, human services, medicine, and public service. The private grant-making foundation was formed in 1970 by the late Maybelle Clark Macdonald and her husband, Fred Macdonald. Her Clark relatives first settled in Linnton, Oregon in 1902, and developed a timber empire that became Willamette Industries.

“On behalf of the Board of Directors, we are honored to support the coordinated efforts of Helping Hands as they embrace a community-wide approach to delivering much needed services, housing and programs to those experiencing homelessness,” said Monique McCleary, President of the Maybelle Clark Macdonald Fund. “Our founder, who I am also fortunate to call my grandmother, would have been proud to support such a worthy project with so many other wonderful supporters.”

This grant from the Maybelle Clark Macdonald Fund will bring Helping Hands one step closer to achieving the major milestone of the \$7.5 million dollars needed to prepare the facility to serve hundreds of vulnerable community members and operate for two years. With more than \$4 million already committed to help with start-up and operating expenses, Helping Hands is still seeking capital donations to fill the gap. With the total funding secured, renovations will include adding additional windows and doors, client laundry areas, playgrounds, community gardens, pet enclosures, and more.

About Helping Hands Reentry Outreach Centers

Originally called Thugz Off Drugz, [Helping Hands Reentry Outreach Centers](#) is an Oregon-based, 501(c)(3) non-profit founded in 2004 by Alan Evans. Helping Hands currently provides trauma-informed, data-driven services in 11 facilities in Clatsop,

Bybee Lakes HOPE CENTER

Tillamook, Yamhill, and Lincoln counties. Join us on Friday, August 28, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. via Zoom for our virtual fundraiser event featuring presentations from Helping Hands' Executive Director Alan Evans, Director of Data and Major Projects Raven Russell, and Board President Jay Barber, as well as personal stories of transformation from Helping Hands program graduates. More information is available at www.bybeelakeshopecenter.com/ibelieveinhope.

About Bybee Lakes Hope Center

[Bybee Lakes Hope Center](#) will transform the never-occupied Wapato Corrections Facility, owned by Jordan Schnitzer, into a place where people who are experiencing homelessness can get the help they need to overcome the obstacles they face reentering society. At the Hope Center, support services will be co-located with two categories of housing: emergency shelter and program-based transitional housing. Helping Hands will open Bybee Lakes with the ability to house over 200 individuals before the end of the year.

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