# The RockwoodCenter NEWSLETTER



The Rockwood Center is excited to share that we have made significant progress in the first half of the year, with a jam-packed schedule of activities and events that have kept our organization bustling with activity.

One of the highlights of the past few months was the successful hosting of our inaugural Open House fundraiser in April, where we were able to raise an impressive \$9,000. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all our supporters for their unwavering dedication and commitment to the Rockwood Center's mission and vision.

Our fundraising efforts were targeted towards several crucial areas, including funding for much-needed roof repairs, providing microgrants to startups and new businesses in the community, enhancing the lighting and sound systems, and ensuring that we have the necessary budget for our operations in 2024.

We are immensely grateful to our partners and friends who generously contributed to the success of the event. Their hard work, as well as their ongoing support and dedication to the Rockwood Community, are truly invaluable. A special thank you goes out to La Catrina Arte Y Cultura USA, Centro De Milagros, Snow Cap, Chris Rorrer, Sewing Instructors Leticia, Janice, and Shelby, and the esteemed members of the GUMM Board. Your support makes a world of difference to our community.

-Avi de Tesus

Director



# Mark your Calender



**ACTIVITIES** 

OPEN SEWING STUDIO
1ST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH
12 PM-2 PM
\*REGISTRATION REQUIRED

**BEGINNERS SEWING CLASSES** 

6WK COURSE JULY 20TH - AUGUST 24TH 9AM - 11AM \*FILLED UP

ALIEBRIJES FAMILY ART CLASS JULY 25 & 26/JULIO 25 Y 26 6PM-8PM \*FILLED UP

> SCULPTING CLASS COMING SOON MED AUGUST \*REGISTRATION REQUIRED

ALIEBRIJES ART CLASS AGES 11-17

AUGUST 15TH & 16TH 6PM-8PM \*REGISTRATION REQUIRED BACK TO SCHOOL BACKPACK GIVAWAY AUGUST 31, 2024 \*REGISTRATION REQUIRED

COME AND SEE US @ THE TEDDY BEAR PARADE SEPTEMBER 28TH @10AM

KIDS ACRYLIC T-SHIRT PAINTING COMING IN OCTOBER 2024 STAY TUNED FOR THE DATE AND TIME.
\*REGISTRATION REQUIRED

> KIDS FALL MUSIC CLASSES TBD LATE OCTOBER \*REGISTRATION REQUIRED

#### THEATER CLASSES

TBD LATE AUGUST - NOVEMBER STAY TUNED FOR THE DATE AND TIME

Reach out for more information:

•) (503)661-8632 Txt (971)808-1030

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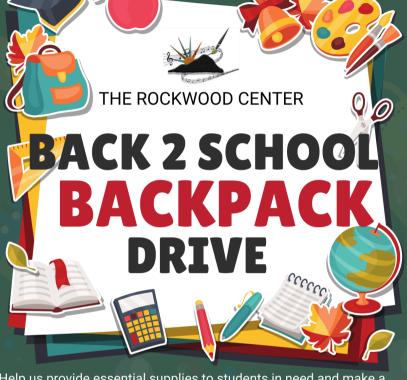
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## 2024 Back to School Backpack Drive

### Drop off...

Starting July 15th, 2024 -August 24th, 2024 Join our Back2School Backpack Drive and Contribute to a brighter future for these young minds.



<u>Giveaway</u> August 31, 2024 11am-3pm

### Want to Volunteer

Call 503-661-8632 or Email us at programs @therockwoodcenter.com Help us provide essential supplies to students in need and make a positive impact on their education. Join our Back2School Backpack Drive, supply, and contribute to a brighter future for these young minds.









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Janice Sellers Sewing Instructor Beginners & Intro to mending and alterations

Janice Sellers is a professional genealogist and editor, but she has also been sewing since she was 7 years old. Her first formal sewing instruction was when she was 10 and living in Australia. After learning to make clothes for her barbie dolls, she began making her own clothing in high school, then moved on to recreations of historical clothing, ranging from English Elizabethan period to the 1920's. She took tailoring classes for waistbands and pockets at Los Angeles Trade Technical college and recently began learning to draft custom patterns from scratch. In her spare time, she spoils five grandchildren and is the proud pet parent of three macaws and two cats.



Chris Rorrer Music Instructor Guitar 101 & Songwriting

Chris Rorrer (pronounced "roar") is committed to creating unity through music, the arts, and across cultures. He is a seasoned singersongwriter, cellist, multi-instrumentalist, session musician, multi-genre composer & arranger, and music producer based in Oregon. Chris holds a M.M. degree in Cello Performance from California State University, Long Beach. His proficiency in numerous styles has garnered him success in the classical, pop-rock, and improvisational/ experimental music worlds.

Equally skilled as a bandleader as well as a sideman, Chris has recorded in countless studios and performed on stages throughout the world. "Enraptured," his debut pop/rock solo album, was released in 2017. No matter the project, a strong faith is the foundation from which Chris creates. Inspiring others, stylistic diversity, and integrity are what motivate him. Aside from making music, Chris enjoys speaking Japanese, improv comedy, hiking, drawing, and road trips.



#### Centro De Milagros Harvest Time Ministries

Centro De Milagros Church has been with us for 17 years; Pastor Rolando Valdez and his congregation have helped the Rockwood Center tremendously.



Head Start

Head Start has been at the Rockwood Center 6yrs; they have been working hard with kids and families.



**DOULAS** LATINAS transformando vidas

This organization has started holding vaccine clinics and handing out food boxes at the Rockwood Center.



OPEN HEARTS, OPEN HANDS

Snow Cap is located on the backside of the Rockwood building. They have helped the RC by picking up the garbage and mowing the front lawn of the RC. Snow Cap's Food Pantry is OPEN and Ready to Serve!

#### Jorge Mendez

Jorge has become a long-time friend of the Rockwood Center. Jorge has been assisting in maintaining the landscape and the roof and gutters of the Rockwood building.

## Donors

There is much work ahead. Your donations have made it possible for us to offer a variety of programs. We thank you for your continued support and desire to see us succeed. We are updating our donor policies and requesting donors indicate if they want to be publicly recognized or remain anonymous. Because of this new policy, we are not publicly recognizing any 2023 supporters.



# **Friends of the Rockwood Center**

The Rockwood Center is a place where a number of things happen to enhance the life of the community. We always seek volunteers who want to serve the community through our programs, assist around the building, or provide financial support. Please get in touch with us for more information about how you can share.



## **The Rockwood Center Venues**



Our event space is ideal for a variety of occasions, including conferences, retreats, weddings, private parties, and more! Contact us today to book your next event!





Greetings readers, supporters, volunteers, donors of the The Rockwood Center,

I'd like to say thank you to all for tuning in, showing up, supporting the community, and making dreams become realities for folks in our Rockwoood neighborhood. We are blessed by your presence and support of programs as well as your commitment to create and build a better Rockwood together.

The first half of the year has been a whirlwind of events and activities. The venue has been used to celebrate all sorts of occasions and music classes have started up again thanks to the efforts of our long time friend, Chris Rorer. He has begun offering advanced level classes, incorporating song writing and recording into music lessons. Many sewers have been blessed with new skills and new equipment to pursue their passions and perhaps their businesses. And soon, we will be offering various experiential learning opportunities in sculpting.

Stay tuned for more exciting things happening at TRC. We hope to see you around soon.

- Adam Jenkins

