



Dear 4-H Volunteers and Community Partners;

Saturday, February 12, 2011 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, OSU Extension 4-H in Washington County will be hosting a day long community service event at the Washington County Fairgrounds for “**Matt’s Chemo Bags**”.

“Matt’s Chemo Bags” was created in the fall of 2008 by 4-H member Matt Ferguson. Matt’s mom was diagnosed with breast cancer and he wanted to do something to provide comfort and support to others experiencing this devastating disease. One in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime. In Oregon, nearly 260 women are diagnosed with breast cancer each month.

“Matt’s Chemo Bags” are attractive pink bags filled with items to help make breast cancer patients more comfortable during their chemotherapy sessions. The bags contain a large variety of donated items that Matt and other 4-H youth, parents and volunteers donate and help collect. With the help of 4-H youth and families, volunteers, and individuals from throughout the county, Matt hopes to assemble 500 chemo bags to give to future cancer patients.

How can you help?

There are many ways to lend a hand with this rewarding program. You may volunteer the day of the event to help assemble “Matt’s Chemo Bags”, acquire donations needed for the Chemo Bags, or help secure additional funds. Every effort makes a difference!

What is needed to make 500 Chemo Bags on February 12th:

- Cash donations from individuals, local businesses, service clubs or groups
- The comfort items listed below
- Pink ribbon fleece fabric to assemble the bags for day of the event
- Soft batting material for making pillows at the event
- Bring your sewing machine to the event and help make pillows for the bags
- Make pillows in advance of the event.

Attend all or part of February 12th to help create the bags.

Items needed to go in each of the Chemo-Bags

lip balm	small packages of moisture wipes
hand lotion	silk scarves
calendars	custom made pillows
writing journals	teddy bears
pens, pencils	knitted caps
prayer angel	quilts
small packages of Kleenex	lap blankets

Donations of cash, items or materials may be taken to the OSU Washington County Extension Office, 18640 NW Walker Rd., #1400 Beaverton, OR 97006 between 8:00am and 5:00pm Monday-Friday prior to the event. Donations are tax deductible. For more information, please call the Extension Office at (503) 821-1119

Thank you in advance for your participation.

Sincerely,



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