



January / February 2012

Sign up to volunteer for all of these PGE-sponsored events and more on PGE Volunteer Power Tool at EasyMatch.com/PGEVP.

Support our Oregon Food Bank collection drive

A record number of food boxes were distributed to needy families this past Christmas by the Oregon Food Bank and its affiliates. But as one OFB staffer says, "People tend to be very generous during the holidays, but families are hungry all year long."

That's why, throughout the month of January (Jan. 3-31), you will find food collection barrels located around the company and at our community offices where you can drop off nonperishable food items for Oregon Food Bank. Items needed especially include canned meat, canned or boxed meals, canned beans or vegetables, peanut butter and powdered milk.

Barrels are located in 1WTC on the third, sixth, 13th, and 17th floors, 3WTC elevator lobby, Beaverton Line, CCC/Wils, Tualatin (at CSS, ERC and TCC), Faraday, Gresham Line, Oregon City, Portland Service Center, Salem Line, Wilsonville Line and the community offices. Visit OregonFoodBank.org for information about hunger in Oregon.

Pack & Stack at Oregon Food Bank -- Feb. 7

Following our January food drive, plan to enjoy an evening of fun, rewarding work between 6 and 8:30 p.m. at Oregon Food Bank in Northeast Portland. PGE volunteers will repack donated food items into family-sized quantities for ease of distribution. There's a job for everyone (ages 6 and older) and all abilities.

Dig in with Friends of Trees on Jan. 21



PGE is proud to sponsor four Friends of Trees plantings this season to celebrate Plant it Portland and support the Green Space initiative, which strives to plant natives trees and shrubs in urban natural areas and along public right-of-ways. Bill Nicholson, senior vice president of Customer Service, Transmission & Distribution, will join PGE volunteers in the Laurelhurst,

Sunnyside, Kerns and Mount Tabor neighborhoods in Southeast Portland on Jan. 21.

Additional PGE-sponsored tree plantings are set for Feb. 4 and March 3. The Feb. 4 date will see volunteers planting native trees and shrubs at Pinebrook Creek in Tigard.

Record your volunteer hours and apply for a Community Service Grant by Jan. 31!

Recording your individual or team community service hours just might qualify you to receive a Community Service Grant of up to \$500 for the organization or school where you volunteer.

Grants of \$250 for youth sports teams and clubs and team day projects of 50 hours or more; \$400 for general operations; and \$500 for education-related organizations and schools are available for individuals and teams of employees.

The process for requesting a grant is all online now, so the first step to getting a grant is to enter your hours. Once you do, your organization will be screened for eligibility. Then, all you have to do is apply with a few clicks of your mouse. If you have questions, don't have access to a computer, or need help completing the online application, call [Terry Clelen](mailto:Terry.Clelen@pge.com), 503-464-2428.

Join the “Future Connect Speaker’s Bureau”

Share career insights with students and brush up on your public speaking skills at the same time! The Mayor’s office is seeking business employees with diverse backgrounds and perspectives to provide career presentations in area high schools.

PGE employees willing to provide brief career presentations to diverse high school students are invited to participate in the City of Portland’s “Future Connect Speaker’s Bureau.” You’ll be asked to present to area high schools once or twice during the 2012/13 school year to provide career information and inspire young people!

If you’re interested in joining the list of interested speakers, e-mail Maggie Williams at maggie.williams@portlandoregon.gov. To learn more about the Future Connect initiative, visit pdx.be/SpeakersBureau.

Volunteer Power gets a sleek new look!

And, once our new T-shirts arrive in January you’ll receive your new shirt at your first PGE-sponsored volunteer project of 2012! So stand up, sign up and volunteer to receive your new Volunteer Power T-shirt, now in men and women’s sizes!