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BRIGHTER DAYS FOR HOPE

H.O.P.E. Drug Court Participant Turns Recovery into Community Action

ROSEBURG, Ore. — August 12. Jesse Barrett, a participant in the graduation phase of the H.O.P.E. Drug Court Program, is giving back to the community through his community project, Brighter Days for Hope, a clothing drive focused on helping low-income and unhoused individuals in Douglas County.

Jesse is collecting new and gently used men's pants, shirts, and socks through September 15, 2026. While clothing needs exist throughout the community, men's clothing can often be in especially short supply. Through Brighter Days for Hope, Jesse hopes to help fill that gap and make sure men experiencing hardship have access to clean, comfortable clothing when they need it most.

"Even the hardest day sober is better than the best day in active addiction." — Jesse Barrett

DONATIONS NEEDED

Community members are encouraged to donate:

- Pants
- Shirts
- Socks
- New or gently used items are welcome

DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

HIV Alliance

647 W. Luellen Drive, Suite 3

Painted Horse Recovery Center

1941 SE Stephens St.

Green Community Church

3777 Carnes Road

Donations will be collected **through September 15.**

Clothing, Community and a Hand Up

Brighter Days for Hope is intended to provide more than clothing. It is about offering a hand up to individuals who may be struggling with homelessness or limited income, while creating an opportunity for people to participate in caring for the community around them.

Jesse plans to distribute clothing during a **Connecting Point event on September 17.** Any remaining items will be provided to HIV Alliance to hand out at their discretion. As part of the project, individuals experiencing homelessness will be encouraged to bring in a bag of collected trash in exchange for new clothing.

The idea behind the exchange is not to create a barrier to receiving help, but to provide an opportunity for participation, contribution and community pride. Picking up trash can help improve shared public spaces while allowing participants to know that they, too, have something valuable to contribute. The simple exchange promotes dignity, responsibility and connection while reinforcing the message that everyone can play a role in making their community better.

It is also an opportunity to shift the conversation from simply receiving assistance to working together. A cleaner community benefits everyone, while clean clothing can provide comfort, confidence and a renewed sense of hope for someone facing difficult circumstances.

Recovery That Reaches Beyond the Courtroom

Community projects are an important part of the H.O.P.E. Drug Court experience because recovery is about more than completing treatment or meeting court requirements. It is also about rebuilding connections, recognizing personal strengths and finding meaningful ways to contribute to others.

Treatment courts bring together the justice system, treatment providers and community partners to help participants address substance use, establish stability and work toward long-term recovery. As participants progress through the program, community projects provide an opportunity to take what they have learned and turn it into positive action.

Projects such as Brighter Days for Hope allow participants to identify a need that matters to them and become part of the solution. They also give the community an opportunity to see recovery in action — through service, accountability, compassion and meaningful change.

For Jesse, reaching the graduation phase represents significant progress in his own journey. His project carries a message that extends beyond donated clothing: people can change, people can contribute, and brighter days are possible.

The H.O.P.E. Drug Court Program recognizes that when individuals in recovery are supported in becoming healthy, stable and connected members of their community, the positive impact reaches far beyond one person. Families become stronger, community connections grow and hope becomes something that can be shared with others.

HOW THE COMMUNITY CAN HELP

Residents, businesses, churches and community organizations are encouraged to support Brighter Days for Hope by donating new or gently used men's clothing before September 15, 2026.

A pair of pants, a clean shirt or a new pair of socks may seem simple, but for someone going through a difficult period, it can provide comfort, dignity and one less obstacle to overcome.

Together, small acts of service can help create brighter days and greater hope throughout our community.

Community members are also invited to attend the 114th H.O.P.E. Drug Court Graduation on Tuesday, October 13, 2026, at 5:15 p.m. The ceremony will be held at the Douglas County Fairgrounds in Cascade Hall.

For more information or to contribute, community members are encouraged to participate in the listed event. Graduate flyers and additional information about the H.O.P.E. Drug Court program are available through the Douglas County website via the Local Public Safety Coordinating Council (LPSCC) at: <https://douglascountyor.gov/851/HOPE-Drug-Court>

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