

Dear Homeless Alliance Board Members-

My name is Jessica Steed and I am a resident of rural Polk Co. near Monmouth. I am a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and currently serve as the Communications Director for the area between West Salem and Lincoln City. In this capacity, I have had the opportunity to work with Church @ the Park at their young adult shelter site. Members of our church in that area have taken turns serving a family-style Sunday dinner there since the shelter opened. It has been a great opportunity for members of our congregations to provide service and create relationships. I have been to several of these dinners and enjoyed it very much. Members of our church have also worked with the C@P Family Site to provide back-to-school haircuts and mid-week activities for kids.

Although I cannot speak officially for all of our congregations and their local leaders in this area, I can say that working with C@P has been a rewarding experience for me and I look forward to discovering ways our congregations can serve our brothers and sisters in rural Polk Co. I plan on creating a relationship with the local C@P Chaplains to help our local congregations best know how to serve as needs arise.

Thank you for your consideration-

Jessica Steed