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Blanchet House to Honor Commissioner Nick Fish at Annual Lend a Helping Hand Brunch

Portland, Ore., Feb. 6, 2020—Beloved Portland City Commissioner Nick Fish will be posthumously honored with a Founders Award at Blanchet House’s sixth annual Lend a Helping Hand Brunch, taking place at Multnomah Athletic Club on Sunday, March 1, 2020. The event will bring together more than 300 supporters and community leaders to celebrate and raise funds for the critical work being done by Blanchet House.

“I could not be prouder of the city’s association with such a fine, worthy service organization,” Fish said of Blanchet House in 2011 at the groundbreaking for their new building. Fish was instrumental in securing a site for the historic organization and his efforts will be remembered.

Other event honorees will include **Stumptown Coffee Roasters** who will receive the Al Riley Award for donating hundreds of pounds of coffee beans each year allowing Blanchet House to serve coffee to people experiencing homelessness or food insecurity. **“Golden Girls”** Sally Follen, Sue Healy, Barbara Nidermeyer and Patty Stember will receive a Service Award for their nine years of spaghetti night dedication. Portland’s **Red Running Lizards** will be recognized for its meal volunteers who also regularly collect and distribute warm clothing to Blanchet House’s meal guests.

Blanchet House Board President **Emily Harrington** will be making a special appeal alongside her husband, former NFL player and noted Portland celebrity, **Joey Harrington**, while guests enjoy a delicious brunch. Proceeds from the event go to support Blanchet House’s mission to alleviate suffering by offering food, clothing and life-saving supportive housing to people in need with dignity and respect.

“We remain committed to our mission, even as the issue of homelessness becomes more expansive and complex,” Emily Harrington says. “I invite you to join me in our efforts to give others hope for a better life.”

EVENT INFORMATION:

WHEN: Sunday, March 1 at 11:00 a.m.

WHERE: Multnomah Athletic Club

TICKETS: Tickets and tables can be purchased at www.BlanchetHouse.org/Brunch2020.

ABOUT BLANCHET HOUSE: Blanchet House is a nonprofit organization serving the communities of Multnomah and Yamhill counties since 1952. They offer meals to people experiencing homelessness and food insecurity along with life-saving housing programs at two locations.

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