



Bethanie's Room Neighborhood Pledge by Blanchet House

This is our commitment to being thoughtful, responsible neighbors

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At Blanchet House, we believe a safe, healthy, and welcoming neighborhood benefits everyone including our shelter guests, neighbors, and nearby businesses. We are committed to fostering mutual respect and doing our part to ensure a positive experience for all.

To that end, Blanchet House will:

1. Help create a sense of safety, hospitality, and shared pride in our neighborhood.
2. Take responsibility to keep the area around our property clean and free of trash and litter.
3. Promptly report any livability concerns to the City of Portland and work with city partners and Portland Street Response to address them in a timely and effective way.
4. Employ private security personnel to help maintain a calm, safe, and respectful environment inside and around the shelter.
5. Report criminal or suspicious activity to the Portland Police Bureau as appropriate.
6. Connect our shelter guests, by name, to partner agencies that provide wraparound services and access to daytime resources.
7. Make it easy for neighbors to contact us by providing dedicated email and phone contact for shelter-related communication.
8. Take part in neighborhood meetings to listen, learn, and respond to concerns.
9. Set clear expectations for guests around respectful behavior, including understanding that surrounding properties are private and should not be accessed without permission.
10. Manage queuing and smoking within the shelter's fenced and gated parking lot to minimize sidewalk congestion.
11. Keep the shelter property closed to guests outside of operating hours, including in-take periods, to support neighborhood quiet and safety.
12. Be open to new ideas and practices to promote a healthy neighborhood experience.

We look forward to being a collaborative, respectful, and responsible member of the neighborhood, and we welcome your ideas, feedback, and partnership.