

New Updates:

Off to a Running Start...



"Ankle Breaker"

Book by Margaret Brown

Did you know that the wife of Catalyst staff person Marty Brown is a published author? This is a novel based on the true story of Marty's coaching adventures many years ago, and it's great! Order your copy on Amazon: <https://a.co/d/hHM2JFD>

Citywide Church Multiplication Party with Multiply PDX Friday night, April 14

Catalyst NW is part of a growing movement of Kingdom leaders who are committed to raising-up multipliers here in Portland Metro. We'll be gathering on Friday night the 14th for dinner & live music, hearing from Rick McKinley, and more at Mosaic Church in NE Portland.

Follow this link for more info, and to register: <http://bit.ly/3ZvexWj>

"Calling Lab"

We're just about finished with the second round of the Calling Lab: A 6-Session Workshop that helps followers of Jesus explore how God has wired them, prepared them, and is calling them into ministry with Him. The Spring 2023 Cohort was hosted by our friends Bob & Stephanie Johnson at the The Bridge Church in Wilsonville.

Welcome Back, Martha Reeves!



Martha took a couple of years off from working on our volunteer staff, and we're glad to report that she will be rejoining the team to help Darrell with project management. Welcome back Martha!

Actually, "a running start" would be quite an understatement.

In fact, we're off to the strongest start we've ever seen in our 16+ year history! As I write this on the final day of March (and may I say how nice it is to have some dry weather!), we have already mobilized 140 volunteers, who have donated 670 hours of labor, to complete 16 projects to serve low-income neighbors...oh, and we've received over \$44k in resource donations too! These are all high-water marks by themselves. We owe all of this to our marvelous collection of paid & volunteer staff, the generosity of cash & resource donors, and mostly to God Himself who is blessing this ministry. But it's not all about the numbers...

A few weeks ago, we did a big project for Ms. Henderson - a disabled homeowner in Clackamas whose life was dramatically changed! The flooring in her home was in such bad shape that she had fallen several times, and her occupational therapist had discontinued her treatments due to the risks associated with the dilapidated conditions. Volunteers from River West and Eastridge Churches moved everything out of the home, made various types of repairs, and installed brand-new flooring donated by Paulson's Floor Coverings. Ms. Henderson says her "heart is bursting" with gratitude and pride. Now, as the dust has cleared from the project, we're working with people from Eastridge Church, just up the street, to provide lasting connection with Ms. Henderson. Stories like this are what Catalyst is all about!



"We affirm that active compassion was the primary social posture of Jesus' earthly ministry, the culture that described Early Christians, and the desperately-needed paradigm for the Church in our own day. As we dedicate ourselves to serving, befriending, and empowering those outside the margins of society and the Church; we re-present the Gospel of Jesus to those who need it most. As His redeemed people, we remember that we were once on the outside. We're called to sacrifice our comfort on behalf of others who feel excluded, unappreciated, judged, and unworthy. The demonstration of the Gospel begins with serving those in need; the proclamation of the Gospel follows. As we "love our neighbors as ourselves," Jesus' mission is accomplished as the natural byproduct of service."

Thank you to all of our leaders, volunteers, donors, and partners; for making this possible!

-Shawn



GOLF MARATHON FUNDRAISER 2023: Participants Needed!

As you know, all this takes a lot of money. We go to great lengths to keep our "administrative footprint" small (*only 16% of the Catalyst Partnerships budget...the rest goes to projects*); but that being said, we're still limited by funding. **This year, we're hoping to mobilize a team of 44 participants to help us raise \$200,000** to meet the increasing need for Catalyst's life-changing projects. We're putting together our team of fundraisers now, **would you consider joining us?** If that's not down your fairway (get it?), would you please sponsor our efforts?

>> Visit <https://bit.ly/3ZoKAqR> for more info

Day of Event: May 20

Prayer Requests

- **GOLF MARATHON GIVING:** We rely on generous Golf Marathon giving to keep this vital ministry moving forward, especially now that we have more paid staff. Please pray that ample funds come-in, and please also consider joining us in this. If you're interested in partnering with us in this way, please mail check to CATALYST NW: P.O. Box 1922, Beaverton OR 97075.... Or, you can also give online by visiting <https://bit.ly/3dAKuXD>
- **SHARING GOD'S LOVE, MAKING DISCIPLES:** We're passionate about providing ongoing emotional & spiritual support for clients, volunteers, and partners we have served with in the past. These efforts have ramped-up tremendously with the addition of Marty Brown to our staff. Please pray for Marty, the ministry volunteers he is training, and the local churches we partner with; as we work together to meet needs and share the Gospel with people we come into contact with.
- **GRANT WRITING HELP:** One of the areas we are hoping to develop in coming months/years is the capacity to pursue funding from corporate, foundation, and governmental grant sources. Grant writing is a very complex and time-consuming discipline, and we need some help. Please pray that God will bring someone out of the woodwork who can help with this. Also, if you (or someone you know) has experience and would be interested in helping Catalyst, please let us know.

CATALYST NW VISION

We envision a reality where followers of Jesus are valued for their character and generosity toward people in their communities; demonstrating God's presence in ways that transform neighborhoods, equip ordinary people to become His heroes, and draw new people into His family.