

Salem-Keizer Community Connect serves those in need on March 28

Amy Schroeder, Arlene Janssens and **Clare Columbus** wanted to let everyone know about Salem-Keizer Community Connect, an event designed to connect individuals and families to free community resources and health services. It takes place 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, March 28 at First Baptist Church of Salem, 395 Marion St. NE.

"It's a one-day resource fair," Amy said.

Dental services, health screenings, pet care, hair cuts and bike repair will be among the services provided. There will also be resources available for housing, veterans' benefits, employment, family services and benefit sign-ups.

"We have 55 to 60 providers," Arlene added.

While it started a resource for the homeless, and still serves that community, said Arlene, the event hopes to broaden its reach to assist anyone who is at risk.

"We need them to know there are services for couples, individuals and families," Arlene said.

Breakfast and lunch will be served and there will be some bus passes available.

The event is still seeking volunteers to help out. Minimum age to volunteer is 12 and youth 12 to 15 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian for their shift. Learn more about volunteering, or how else you can help, at mycommunityaction.org/connect.html.

The event is organized by Community Action, Salem Leadership Foundation, Salem First Baptist Church, Cherriots and United Way of the Mid-Willamette Valley.

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