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LOCAL ARTIST OPENS THE WINDOWS OF WALLA WALLA

Joe Drazan, an amateur photographer with an expert eye for beauty in unexpected places, has created a splendid series of images entitled "Windows of Walla Walla" (WOWW). The project consists of over 450 color photographs of unique and interesting windows belonging to businesses, schools, churches, government buildings, and agencies within the city of Walla Walla, plus a few from privately owned homes.

Project To Benefit Helpline

The WOWW collection is available exclusively through Helpline. Mr. Drazan, a longtime resident of the Walla Walla Valley, is a volunteer at Helpline and believes in its mission. Thus he has given the "Windows of Walla Walla" project to Helpline to make available as a "thank you" gift to every donor who contributes \$50 or more to the agency in 2006.

All Donations Will Directly Assist People in Need

One hundred percent of these donations will be used to help members of our community with emergency needs and assist Helpline with its overall operations. Expenses for duplicating Drazan's collection are being covered by a donor who has generously supported Helpline for over thirty years.

A Unique Historical Record of Our Community

"Windows of Walla Walla" Version 2.0 is presented on a professionally-produced CD-ROM that contains background information about the project and a screensaver/slideshow of 467 select photos taken between March and June, 2005.

According to Drazan, "All of the scenes, except one, were easily accessible for public view at the time they were captured. Most still are. A few of the windows have already been removed or altered since being photographed, most notably the public library front, the old Ma's Video store on Alder Street, and the old service station remodel at the corner of Colville and Alder." The artist's entire collection is a work-in-progress and readily becomes an historic document of Walla Walla's built environment.

Having Fun With WOWW

Donors who receive this premium gift will enjoy installing the WOWW images as exclusive wallpapers and screensavers on their computers, making slide shows of them on their electronic devices, and seeing how many windows in our community they can identify.

Perhaps the greatest satisfaction one may receive with this collection, however, is the knowledge that the contributions given will make a difference in the lives of individuals and families right here in our own community. Last year, Helpline assisted 15,497 people with emergency needs such as food, shelter, prescriptions, transportation, utilities expenses, advocacy, education, and help in stabilizing and transforming their lives through greater self-sufficiency.

Helpline is honored to make this fine collection available to all who partner with the agency in its work for our community in this way. To receive your "Thank You" copy of "Windows of Walla Walla" Version 2.0, send your tax-deductible contribution of \$50 or more to Helpline, 16 S. Colville, Walla Walla, Washington, 99362.



Veteran, Librarian, Artist, Citizen, Humanitarian

Joe Drazan became interested in photography while serving in the United States Army in Europe in the mid-1960s. "I became intrigued with this creative medium because the Army had good darkroom facilities and it was something fun and



Joe Drazan

rewarding to do in my spare time," he reflects. "In one form or another," Drazan adds, "I've been taking pictures ever since." Mr. Drazan moved with his family from Alaska to Walla Walla in 1972 and worked, until his retirement last year, as the Acquisitions and Collections Development Librarian at Whitman College. His children grew up here and his wife, Deanna recently retired from her work as

a nurse at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Walla Walla.

In retirement, Joe finds time to do the things he enjoys most, photography and volunteering for Helpline and Meals on Wheels. Although he still considers himself an "amateur photographer," his creative work has all of the quality marks of the seasoned professional.

"Why windows?" he muses. "Last Spring, it occurred to me that even though they're all made of the same basic substance—glass—every window in the collection is different. Often it's the surrounds that make them different, sometimes it's the way the glass itself is put together. I like looking at them and capturing them so that I can enjoy them over a longer period of time."

Helpline is proud of its volunteer, Joe Drazan, and his longstanding commitment to our community. We are delighted to be the exclusive outlet for this outstanding collection of photographs.

Volunteer Spotlight

Helpline serves our community through the tireless efforts of our volunteers. Helpline is very fortunate to have over 30 volunteers who help us fulfill our mission as an emergency social service agency.

This month we want to take a moment to recognize Gwendell Handcox who has been volunteering at Helpline since early 2004. She contributes to Helpline by doing client intake, needs assessment and referrals. In coming to Helpline, it was Gwen's hope that the life experiences she has endured would benefit others. She grew up on the Southside of Chicago and moved to Walla Walla in 1986. Gwen was a single parent for fifteen years, raising two children on her own. Today she enjoys her six lovely grandchildren. Gwen loves to work

with people and has a joyful spirit expressed through her laugh and her smile. Her upbeat spirit puts a smile on all of our faces and makes our



Gwen Handcox

clients feel at home. Gwen's great sense of humor allows her to take some ribbing from Helpline staff and volunteers about her favorite color, purple.

Thank you Gwen for all you give to our clients as a Helpline volunteer.

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Reflections Past, Present and Future

It is hard to believe that we are already a few months into 2006. While that may be the case, I find myself still reflecting on the activity of December and early January. As Thanksgiving approached and Christmas neared, donations to Helpline increased and we saw an outpouring of concern for those most in need within our community. Why? One reason might be that we all can empathize with those who are without during that time of year in a way that our busy lives lead us to forget at other moments. Poverty is very real year round for those who experience its effects. Yet, during the holiday season, we can somehow better imagine what it must feel like not to have enough resources to keep loved ones



Melinda Townsend
Helpline Director

fed, clothed, or housed. I give thanks for each person who contributed to Helpline during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays whether your contribution was financial, clothing, toys, blankets, food or time. Thank you for extending a spirit of goodwill to us and to our clients. As is always true at Helpline, we could not succeed in our mission without the generosity of our community.

While I find myself looking back to the holiday season with gratitude, I am eagerly awaiting the Spring. There is an excitement in the air at Helpline as the Board of Directors prepares to launch "Soup-port Helpline," a fundraising event. Plans are rapidly evolving and enthusiasm is growing. We are all delighted that this soup luncheon is so congruent with our mission – a simple soup luncheon. You can read more in the newsletter about this event and in the Union Bulletin. I hope to see you there.

Soup-port Helpline in April

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS AND PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS NOW

- ◆ Savor great tastes and wonderful aromas of hearty soups and specialty breads prepared by some of the Valley's best chefs!
- ◆ Take home your own, hand-made, one-of-a-kind, commemorative soup bowl, crafted by a local artist.
- ◆ Enjoy a rich visual tour of Walla Walla through the lens of one of the area's best amateur photographers.
- ◆ Hear some of our region's outstanding musicians perform music carefully selected for a leisurely Spring lunch.
- ◆ Chat with neighbors, friends, colleagues, and some wonderful people you won't have met until that very moment.

Did we leave out any of your senses?

- ◆ We've even got your senses of altruism and community service covered. Soup-port Helpline will provide you with a unique opportunity to enjoy all of the above and support a terrific agency that helps lots of people in our community, all at the same time.

Soup-port Helpline will take place on Wednesday, April 19, 2006, from 11:00 a.m.–1:30 p.m. in Blanchet Hall at St. Patrick Church on the corner of 6th and Poplar in Walla Walla. It's a come-and-go benefit luncheon.

How many bowls are we planning to send home with our well-satisfied guests? 250 or more! Call and reserve yours now.

Thanks to our generous business and individual sponsors who have covered the cost of the lunch, the event, and all of

the publicity and because members of the artistic community are donating their hand-crafted soup bowls, one hundred per-cent



Soup-port Helpline 2006

of the proceeds from ticket sales will go to Helpline to help individuals and families in need.

Where else can you have this much fun and do this much good for \$25? Only at Soup-port Helpline on April 19th.

You are cordially invited! Tickets are now available.

Order your tickets or make a reservation by calling Helpline at 529-3377. Let them know you don't want to miss Soup-port Helpline and how many tickets you'd like to have.

In 2005, Helpline assisted individuals and families in 15,497 cases involving at least one of the following emergency needs: food, shelter, prescription medications, heat, electricity, water, transportation, clothing, home furnishings, advocacy, payee services, referrals, and homelessness prevention. Soup-port Helpline will enable the agency to assist even more people this year.

So plan to take a friend or two to Soup-port Helpline. Make a date with your family. Sponsor a table for 8 of your friends or colleagues. They'll be glad you did. They won't forget Soup-port Helpline and neither will you!