

FEATURED CATS Goldrush & Nugget

This sweet mother-and-son pair are looking for a home where they are allowed unlimited lap and cuddle time. They also appreciate comfy perches by the windows so they can observe and comment on the activities of all the small, fast-moving creatures flitting around outdoors.

Beautiful orange tabby Goldrush is about three years old and her flame-point baby boy Nugget is about one year old. They didn't have a lot of luxuries in their early life, and they weren't quite sure what to make of the accommodations at their foster home at first. But they soon figured out how to have lots of fun with the toys. They especially love playing in the crinkly tunnel, and Nugget is teaching his foster mom how to play fetch with a small blue mouse, while his real mom watches approvingly from her perch on the back of the couch.

Both Goldrush and Nugget are very affectionate, and they have worked out an arrangement where Nugget always gets to be front and center in the available lap, while Goldrush cuddles up nearby. Sometimes they

hold hands in this position and it's just as adorable as you would imagine.

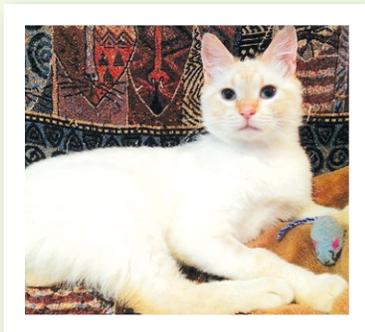
This little family went through some tough times together, and they are very dependent on each other for comfort and support.

Sometimes Nugget plays a little too rough and Goldie has to smack him down, but when they were separated briefly after surgery, they became very depressed and didn't want to eat until they were reunited. Because they are so bonded, they will be placed only as a pair. We have not tested them with dogs, but we think they could live with a mellow canine who respects feline boundaries.

Goldrush and Nugget have been spayed/neutered and microchipped, tested negative for FeLV/FIV, and are up to date on vaccines. The adoption fee is \$150 for both. To learn more about Goldrush and Nugget or any of our cats for adoption, please call 503-402-8692, email arcf@pdx-petadoption.org, or visit www.pdx-petadoption.org.



GOLDRUSH



NUGGET

FEATURED DOG Dudley



Meet Dudley, the adorable Shih Tzu! He was a bit bedraggled and sporting a broken foot when he arrived at My Way Home Dog Rescue,

but he cleaned up very nicely, don't you agree? His foot has been repaired and although he's taking it easy for a few more weeks to make sure it mends properly, he'll soon be back to a regular doggie routine, and ready for his forever home.

Dudley's best friend was a cat in his former life, and he gets along well with the other dogs and cats at his foster home. He also likes humans of all sizes, rides happily in the car, and is leash-, crate-, and house-trained. What's not to love?

Dudley is about five years old and weighs 16 pounds.

All dogs from My Way Home Dog Rescue are spayed or neutered, microchipped, and are current on vaccines. Dudley's adoption fee of \$220 includes: leash, collar, blanket, food sample, and a copy of *Love Has No Age Limit: Welcoming an Adopted Dog into Your Home*, by Patricia McConnell.

If you are interested in meeting Dudley, contact Cheryl at cayoshioka@aol.com or 503-974-4944.

From the President's Desk

Spring came on slowly, but by the middle of May, kittens started popping up their little heads in backyards, sheds, and haylofts all over our beautiful state. Our efforts to fix every cat we get our hands on may finally start to pay off: it's mid-June and we are only up to the "L" litter! In fact the whole litter consists of one little gray fellow we're calling **Lorenzo**. He's currently enlisted in kitten boot camp with one of our excellent drill instructors, soon to be available for adoption.

The "E" litter is bigger—the lovely **Elvira** has five little ones: Ella, Elvis, Elmer, Ebert, and Eno. No boot camp for this bunch, they just need a few more weeks to grow. The "K" litter includes six kittens: Kenji, Kinkajou, Krakatoa, Kaz, Kraken, and Kalamity. They had a rough start in life, but are getting top-notch care in a foster home and will soon be ready for the next chapter in their young lives.

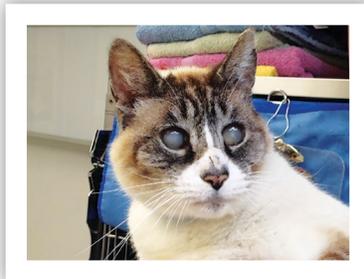
Who doesn't love kittens and puppies? So it's pretty easy to go around scooping up kittens and placing them in new homes. But what we love even more is helping people spay and neuter their pets so unwanted litters are not born in the first place. We have recently completed TNR (trap-neuter-return) projects for community cats at two large apartment complexes in Clackamas County, and another one in North Portland. In all, more than 45 adult cats were trapped, neutered, and returned. We also trapped 15 kittens, all quickly adopted soon after they graduated from boot camp.

It's not so easy to find homes for adult cats, especially those who are past the bloom of youth. Because we don't have a shelter, we have to work harder to reach potential adopters. So we're directing more of our resources to prevent pets from being abandoned or further overloading the public shelter system.

We also lend a hand to our local shelter by taking animals that aren't doing well or have special needs, such as handsome **Helium**. This senior gent was taken to the shelter as an unwanted stray. He is blind and has some other health issues needing attention, but is as sweet as cotton candy. We have a friend and supporter who has a special knack with blind cats and we knew that Helium could thrive under Mary's care. We are sharing the costs of his extra medical care with the shelter.

Helium probably doesn't have a long life ahead, but his final years will be free of pain and filled with love.

Derek is another cat who badly needed our help. Although only eight months old, he was suffering from stomatitis, an autoimmune disorder that causes severe dental disease as the cat essentially becomes allergic to its own tooth enamel. The only solution for such a severe case is removal of all the teeth, which is an extensive (and expensive!) operation, but it does solve the problem. Derek is now a very healthy, energetic, and affectionate cat, but he would never have been adoptable in the condition he came to us.



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: ELVIRA AND THE E KITTENS; THE K KITTENS; LORENZO; HELIUM.

We learned about a little dog named Dudley who had suffered a broken leg, but whose owners weren't able to pay for the care to repair it. He also hadn't been neutered yet at the age of five years, and his skin was very inflamed from flea bites. We don't usually accept owner-surrendered animals, and we don't have a dog foster program, but we felt this situation warranted an exception to our policy. We contacted our friends at My Way Home Dog Rescue to see if they had a place for Dudley, if we agreed to pay for his medical care, which we knew would be considerable. A place was

found, we got Dudley to the vet, and he soon was in surgery to repair his broken leg. Check our cover page for more details on this little charmer!

As always, we support the efforts of the PAW Team by providing funds for procedures they aren't able to do in their monthly clinics for pets of people living outdoors or in extreme poverty. The most common need is for dental procedures, which require anesthesia and skilled care. Sometimes a simple cleaning and a few extractions can make a world of difference in quality of life for a cat or dog, and we are pleased to support the PAW Team mission.

We are grateful to all our supporters who make it possible for our volunteers to keep doing good work. Please spay and neuter your pets and never leave them in a parked car in the heat!

Happy Summer!

— **Carma Crimins**
PRESIDENT

Since ARCF does not currently have a dog adoption program, we are working with other local dog rescue groups who share our goals and philosophies of animal welfare and rescue.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
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MY WAY HOME DOG RESCUE

Oliver

Sometimes an almost-perfect dog ends up in a public shelter, where space and resources are limited. With just a little help, the “almost” can be made perfect, but that usually requires a private rescue organization to make a commitment. All that sweet little Oliver needed was a simple eye surgery to make him look and feel much better, and My Way Home Dog Rescue was able to make that happen, and then commit to finding him the perfect forever home.

Jessie Ryan volunteered to foster Oliver until his new family was found. It didn't take long, once she introduced him to her friends Andrea and Rob. Andrea sent this update:

I can't really take any credit for finding Oliver. That credit goes to my dear friend, Jessie Ryan. Jessie's passion in life is rescuing animals, and helping them find loving homes. She fosters cats and dogs for multiple rescues, and was raving to me about her newest foster, a two-year-old Chihuahua mix. He had been in a high-kill public shelter, and wasn't getting adopted because he needed eye surgery.

My partner Rob and I had been looking for a family dog for quite some time. We looked at several shelters and met some great dogs, but none of them gave me “that feeling,” the



ROB, OLIVER AND ANDREA



A DAY AT THE BEACH

all over Portland and on day trips with us to Sauvie Island. We feel so lucky to have him, and are so grateful for Cheryl and everyone at My Way Home for bringing him to us!

— Andrea Vial

Please join us at STRUT YOUR MUTT on Saturday, September 13 at Sellwood Riverfront Park in Portland!

Sponsored by Best Friends Animal Society, this event raises money for local rescue groups who participate. Only 12 cities nationwide are chosen to

participate. We invite you to join the My Way Home pack. This year our goal is \$15,000—please help us reach it, so we can continue our focus on saving senior dogs.

Sign up to walk your dog, volunteer to walk a rescue dog, or just walk on your own. After the walk at beautiful Sellwood

Riverfront Park, enjoy the festival, featuring contests, photos, refreshments, vendor booths, and more. If you're not in Portland, you can still support us by signing up for the Virtual Walk. To register go to strutyournutt.org and click on the link for Portland. We hope to see you there!

SUCCESS STORIES

George & Luci (formerly Arnie & Harriet)

One cold December day a sweet tuxedo kitten showed up at the doorstep of a kind person who suspected that a neighbor in her apartment building had moved away and left him. We contacted the property manager and tried to track down the missing tenant, but the trail was cold—no forwarding address and the phone number was disconnected. We posted information at all the official venues, but after a month no one had responded, so we started looking for a new home for George.

In the meantime, we had trapped a litter of five kittens and their feral mom, and one kitten was left still looking for a home. We decided to introduce Luci to George and see if they wanted to be friends. It was love at first sight. (Well, Luci was instantly smitten—it took George another day or so to make the feeling mutual.)

When we got an application from Bev Gallagher looking for a bonded pair of young cats, we suspected there was a good match in the making. Bev brought some family members with her to meet the kittens, and by the time they left, the family had grown by two!

Bev sent us this update:



GEORGE (LEFT) & LUCI

Things are going great! Luci and George are growing so fast. They have a lot of fun chasing each other all through the house especially in the middle of the night. Luci has been a little spitfire, going a hundred miles an hour, afraid of nothing. George is more reserved, but so loves to sit on our laps. He warmed up to my husband and grandson right away. Both are very interested in looking outside the many windows in our house from their perch in the cat tree. We have lots of birds and squirrels in our yard and they are curious about them.

Thanks again for everything.

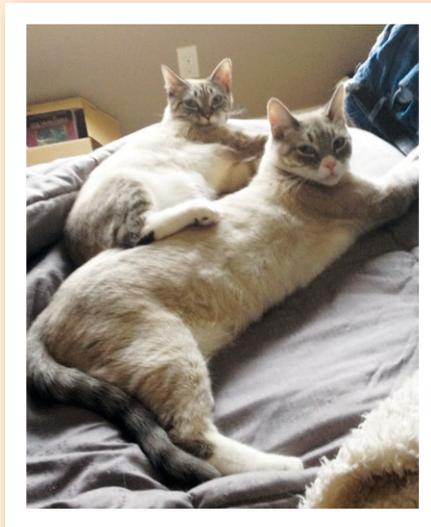
— Bev Gallagher

Akamai & Kolohe

(formerly Beatrice & Benedict)

Last fall we rescued a litter of four teenage kittens that had been left behind when their kind caregiver passed away. They became our third “B” litter of the year, two girls and two boys. The family was very close-knit, so we looked for homes that could adopt a pair. Any combination would be ok, but we wanted each kitten to have a sibling with them forever.

Liz and Kelsey were looking for a pair of sweet and friendly young cats and we decided a pair of Bs might be a good fit. We set up a meeting and Liz and Kelsey knew right away the best way to make friends with a cat is to get down to their level. After a leisurely get-to-know-you session on the floor, two lucky kittens went to their new home. Here is an update, including the story of their new names:



AKAMAI (LEFT) & KOLOHE

We spent hours trying to come up with the right names but really feel like we got them right. Her name is Akamai which is Hawaiian for smart or wise. His name is Kolohe which means mischievous or rascal.

They are doing splendidly. They are hilarious and sweet all at the same time. Kolohe greets us at the door every time we come home by lying on his side and stretching out his whole body until you come and pet his belly. He continues to adore his yellow sheep and will fetch it whenever he can.

Akamai has really come out of her shell and is incredibly funny. She is definitely just as mischievous as her older brother but much better at placing the blame on him for her escapades. She learns by watching her older brother and quickly began fetching her own favorite toy.

We are so grateful that they are in our lives and definitely feel like they were meant to be our furry monsters!

Thanks again.

— Liz Vaughan and Kelsey Dupree

SUCCESS STORIES

Patrick

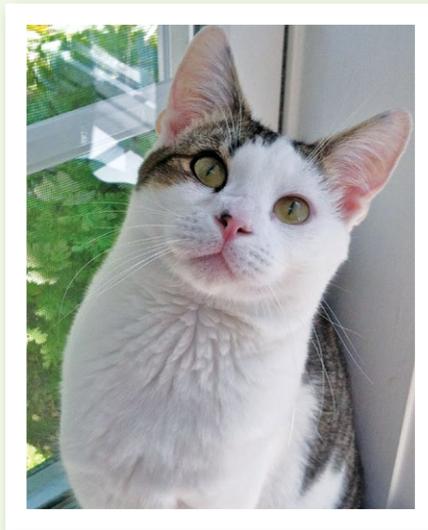
In early May we got a call from the same kind person who had rescued George. Yet another kitten had made his way to her doorstep. We started the vet work on this friendly young fellow, and went through the same process trying to locate his owner. Once again after several weeks we had no response, so we started looking for a new home for Patrick. We knew it wasn't going to take long—Patrick is one of those cats who never met a person or a cat he didn't instantly want to cuddle up with.

Constance Harvey happened to see a copy of Animal Talk at her local library and sent us an application looking for a friendly young male cat to be a companion for her eight-year-old feline, Lucas, who had recently lost his tuxedo pal, Oliver and was feeling down in the dumps. Constance came to meet Patrick and he crawled into her arms and started purring before she had even settled herself into a chair. Done deal!

Constance knew the routine for introducing cats to each other: keep them separated for a few days, letting them sniff each other under the door, spend time with each one separately and proceed gradually with face to face introductions, etc. The first update from Constance came shortly after getting Patrick home—he and Lucas were chirping at each other within minutes and playing together within an hour.

Recently we received another update:

Patrick is settling in. He and Lucas rip and race through the house which is good exercise for Lucas, then Patrick needs time in my lap where he purrs and purrs. Patrick's new favorite toy is the bird-on-a-string; so much so that I need to buy another one because there are only two feathers left! I decided to try to tire him out so am tossing toys that he repeatedly fetches back to me to toss again.



PATRICK



LUCAS AND PATRICK

He is a very smart kitty—he knows how to open a door that opens towards him, and he is very quick to figure out what noise means that I'm getting a toy ready.

Patrick is thrilled with the sun room, I feed squirrels and birds but he is focused on those squirrels! I just had a 40 ft. tree taken down in my backyard and Patrick totally ignored the noise, and in fact, raced around the house playing with this toys. Such a brave boy!

Thank you again for Patrick, I think he is a happy boy.

— Constance Harvey

ANIMAL PLACEMENTS

March-April-May: we placed 2 cats in loving, responsible homes. Major expenses were:

Veterinary Fees: \$8,188.96*
Advertising/Outreach: \$72.50
Food/supplies: \$777.58
Newsletter: \$1,482.00

* These expenses include veterinary care for the pets of Portland's homeless. We also had expenses for injured and sick pets and emergency vet visits.

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Sandy

Whenever possible, we like to help our friends at Multnomah County Animal Services by taking a cat from the shelter that needs some extra help finding a new family. Most often our help is requested for feral kittens who need some time with our kitten boot camp volunteers to learn good people skills. Occasionally we are able to help with an adult cat, such as Sandy.

She was brought to the shelter as a “stray” by a family who explained that Sandy wasn’t coping well with the new baby in the house. She appeared to be about 10 years old and had a few issues needing attention, including some painful teeth that needed to come out. We had that work done and discovered that Sandy was the happiest, most easygoing cat we had seen in a long time. She loved meeting new people, but she especially liked men. She was not so crazy about sharing space with other cats.

Tom Badrick had recently lost his big bad cat Jackson, and he and his dog Lucy were missing some feline companionship. We didn’t know how Sandy would feel about a canine roommate, but we had a hunch it might



work out fine. Tom took Sandy home and before the day was over, Sandy and Lucy were hanging out together. The family also includes bunnies, ducks, and guinea pigs. Tom’s recent update:

Sandy seems to have adapted well. She loves looking out the windows. She got her first look at the ducks a bit ago, did that get her attention!

We have much lap time, or more accurately chest time. She is one of the sweetest cats I’ve met—one of a kind. If I had gone “shopping” for a cat I would have probably gone another direction but Sandy is the perfect fit here.

I still miss my boy but there is no cat that is a better fit than her after losing him. Much like Lucy, J-man owned the hood. Sandy has less ambition—she just wants to own me. We are quite happy.

Thanks much.

— Tom Badrick



Simon

Regular readers of Animal Talk will recognize Simon as our “cover boy” from the spring issue. About a year ago, he appeared as a young adult at a feral cat colony cared for by one of our volunteers. At first Simon was quite skittish, but after his TNR (trap-neuter-return) he quickly warmed up and made it clear he would prefer life as an indoor cat with full time access to soft beds and a warm lap. Simon was so affectionate, we knew whoever met him would fall in love.

We got a message from our supporter Kendra Schuett asking if we might have a suitable cat for her friend who had been catless long enough and was looking for a true companion of the feline variety. Lisa started the application process and Simon seemed like a good match for her, so we set up a meeting. He was a bit shy at first, but Lisa knew how to win him over. She recently sent us an update, including this classic cat-in-sink photo.

Simon is doing very well. We’ve been snuggling; he loves to give kisses and he starts the night off in bed with me. He also loves watching the birds from the various windows in the house. We have play time in the evening; I run him around, he jumps and has a good time. He’s eating well and behaving like a typical spoiled cat!

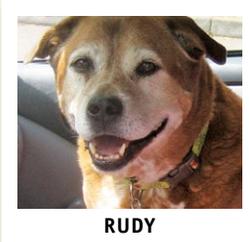
Simon is a great cat, I couldn’t be happier. Thank you!

— Lisa Allen

IN MEMORIAM

Ruth and Matt Page lost two members of their furry family recently to the maladies of old age. **Oscar Peterson** was a jumbo-sized tuxedo cat with curly white whiskers. He was adopted from a local public shelter, where he was passed over by many others but found a loving home with the Pages. **Daisy Mae** was a sweet gray-muzzled beagle, who moved with the family from Texas and became the matriarch of the Page tribe. Both are deeply missed.

Gerry Taylor lost her dear companion and co-pilot **Rudy** to complications from Cushing's disease. Rudy's road to rescue had lots of bumps and u-turns, but once he met Gerry, the road smoothed out and he cruised happily to the end. He loved riding in the car and was very patient with all his kitty roommates. Rudy was adored by all who met him and will never be forgotten.



RUDY



BUN

Shari Roberts said goodbye to **Bun**, aka Mittens, a sweet little rabbit she rescued seven years ago from a city park in Portland the day after Easter. Bun was treasured by Shari and had a special connection with the feline members of her family.

Donna Lusthoff lost **Sam**, a big fluffy boy who may or may not have been a Norwegian Forest Cat. He certainly looked the part, but in any case, he had been in and out of five adoptive homes before reaching the age of three, and was very lucky to meet Donna, with whom he spent the next eight years of his life in comfort and joy.

Jessie Ryan lost her adored **Iggy** to cancer. He was an Italian Greyhound who loved cuddling more than any other dog in the world. Iggy Pop was the center of love and light in Jessie's household and leaves a huge empty space. He will especially be missed by his buddy Sherman Meow.



IGGY

Our friends at My Way Home Dog Rescue lost **Norman**, a precious foster dog, to complications of a stroke. Like most of their rescued dogs, Norman was a senior gent, given up to a public shelter by his former family. His gentle, goofy manner charmed everyone who met him, and Norman was always willing to get dressed up and greet the public as spokesdog for the rescue. His rescuers are grateful they were able to fill the last year of his life with soft beds, sunshine, and loving companionship.



NORMAN

Mary Sewall made a donation in memory of her dog **Charlie**, a Golden Retriever/Collie mix. Charlie enjoyed a pampered life including twice daily walks to the nearby nature preserve.

Chevy, chief greeter at ARCF World HQ, recently succumbed to cancer at the age of eight years. He was rescued as a very tiny, sick kitten who was not expected to survive his first night at our volunteer's home. He not only survived, he thrived, and soon his smart and spunky personality blossomed. Chevy was adopted and returned twice, through no fault of his own. His first adopter decided she wasn't a cat person after all, and the second home included a dog that Chevy never learned to trust, although the dog was very kind, and the whole family loved Chevy and desperately wanted to make it work. But we agreed it was best for all concerned for Chevy to come back to ARCF again. His foster mom decided to adopt him and put an end to the shuffling around. Chevy loved to snuggle and he was an excellent coach and trainer for all the foster cats and kittens he met over the years. We miss his sweet little face and the ecstatic song and dance he performed whenever he saw the bag of ever-so-delicious dried bonito flakes come out of the cupboard.



CHEVY

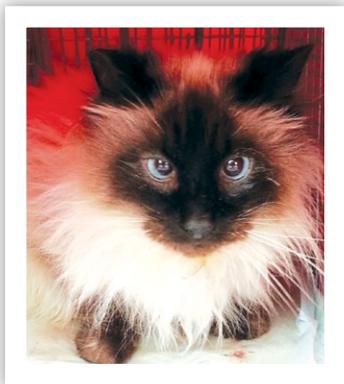
We received a donation in memory of another **Rudy**, a beloved yellow lab belonging to Julie and David. He was remembered with love and will always be missed by his friends at Welch Bruun & Green.

ABOUT OUR MISSION

What is TNR?

We frequently mention TNR (trap-neuter-return) in our rescue stories. Most people understand the trap-neuter part, but we are often asked, "Why are you returning cats to the wild outdoors? Can't you find them homes after they are fixed?" Our dream is for every cat to have a loving, indoor-only home, but there are just too many cats and not enough homes. And in the case of outdoor-living cats, they have often been on their own too long to adapt to the indoor life, and many have become too wary of humans to allow any contact.

Most of those cats are the offspring of unaltered house cats who were allowed to roam and breed, and each generation born outdoors away from humans becomes less socialized. These cats tend to gather in colonies around resources, including food, water, and shelter. Sometimes the resources are unintentional, such as garbage cans around restaurants and apartment buildings. But it's also very common for compassionate neighbors to provide resources for the cats. Unfortunately, fertile cats can begin to reproduce at a very young age and at an astonishing rate, so it's absolutely critical that every outdoor-living cat be altered. In



ALPHONSE, RETURNED TO COLONY

addition to cutting down on undesirable behaviors associated with mating, the cats will be healthier overall, and eventually the colony will dwindle and disappear. At that point, resources are removed or controlled so no more cats are attracted to the area.

Why not just take the cats to a shelter?

Because cats that aren't comfortable being handled by humans are not adoptable by most standards, and can't easily be cared for in a shelter environment. Private shelters will not accept such cats, and open intake shelters that are required to accept them (usually the local animal control authority) have no option but to destroy the cats.

We believe that these cats deserve a chance to live their lives, even if that's not the ideal we might have chosen for them.

When we begin a TNR project, we always remove and find a home for the friendly adult cats and all kittens under about 12 weeks, because they can be socialized and placed as indoor pets, or in



"G" KITTENS, TAMED AND ADOPTED

some cases, returned to the owner. Any cats suffering with painful or life-threatening illnesses are humanely euthanized, so the only cats returned to the colony are healthy adults who are not socialized to people.

After returning cats, we continue to monitor the colony. If any new cats show up, they are

quickly trapped and assessed, and either taken for adoption or returned to the colony. We also help with cat comfort, sometimes providing small shelters that keep cats warm and dry when no other structure is available for them to shelter in.

In our home base of Portland, we are very lucky to have the Feral Cat Coalition of Oregon available to provide low-cost spay and neuter services. The cats who go through the FCCO clinic also receive vaccines, pain medication, antibiotics, and treatment for parasites. They also get their right ears snipped straight across the very top, which lets us know which cats have already been fixed so we don't risk re-trapping an altered cat and wasting precious clinic resources.

If you are feeding stray, abandoned, feral, or barn cats and need help with TNR, please contact the Feral Cat Coalition of Oregon at 503-797-2606 or call us at 503-402-8692.

YES! I want to help

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