

“But truly God has listened; he has attended to the voice of my prayer.” Psalm 66:19

**NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR EUGENE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND CAHOOTS**



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In our July prayer guide, we prayed for our community to have accurate knowledge, confidence and peace about how local law enforcement operates with higher standards and different policies compared to many other cities.

On July 5<sup>th</sup>, CNN posted an article highlighting the positive partnership between CAHOOTS and the Eugene police department. CAHOOTS stands for Crisis Assistance Helping Out on the Streets. It’s a non-profit organization that responds to mental health crises, homelessness,

substance abuse, and threats of suicide. CAHOOTS has worked in partnership with our local law enforcement for over 30 years, responding to crisis situations and allowing police to respond to criminal situations.

Now other cities are looking to Eugene as a model and are asking CAHOOTS to help them build their own crisis intervention programs to work in partnership with law enforcement.

Over the years, we have prayed for both our local law enforcement and for CAHOOTS. We pray for wisdom and growth in communication between agencies. We pray for safety and support for our first responders. Not only is God answering our prayers, but He is raising up this collaborative model as a positive example for change in other communities. We are thankful that God is shining light on the way our local law enforcement operates with a higher standard. Let’s continue to pray in agreement with law enforcement leaders for God to raise up righteous practices and officers in all departments.

**FAMILIES FEEDING FAMILIES THROUGH THE SUMMER**

In May we prayed:

- for all barriers to be removed that isolate vulnerable students and families.
- for great synergy & effectiveness as groups and churches provide support to educators in this season, that new partnerships develop and remain in place after this time.

We already shared the ways churches responded to food insecurity this spring, but the testimony continued through the summer! (continued on next page)





As summer approached, 4J school counselors saw a need looming over some of their most barriered families: with summer break just around the corner and school counselors scheduled to go on vacation, who would step in to fill the gap? Who would deliver meal boxes to families who could not access food services for lack of transportation?

That's when they turned to One Hope... to the churches. Could churches pick up where school counselors left off? Thanks to the relationships churches already had through School Partnerships, the answer was 'YES.'

Volunteers from eight churches committed to deliver weekly meal boxes to 51 families on behalf of 4J through the summer. In addition, volunteers from three churches committed to serving hot Food for Lane County meals daily in the Glenwood neighborhood. Beyond churches, this was made possible through the efforts of 4J and Springfield food services, Eugene

Mobile Village and Food for Lane County. We see God's hand opening the doors for God's people to work side by side with these organizations to feed kids, and many organizations are partnering together to accomplish this mission!

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## HEALTHCARE COLLABORATION

**We prayed for local health care leaders to collaborate with each other and have God's wisdom in their decisions.** Since then we have received reports that healthcare agencies in our community have greatly improved collaboration and communication in this current season. Beyond that, the CEO of Peacehealth has openly communicated that she is looking to God in this time!

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## PROGRESS TOWARD A LOW BARRIER SHELTER

Over the years, we have prayed for God to lead the development of a mental health crisis center for unhoused individuals. Our government strategic team was encouraged by new progress toward this goal in two ways: 1. There is greater coordination among the city, county and stake holders around this area. 2. Part of a \$2.1 million grant for Lane County will be applied to these efforts.

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## HOPE-FILLED MEDIA

**We continuously pray for hope-filled stories to be highlighted in all local media.** On July 4<sup>th</sup>, *The Register Guard* posted an article highlighting the life of a 101-year-old WWII vet and his life well lived despite many obstacles in his lifetime, including the Spanish flu pandemic, the Great Depression, and WWII.

These are the stories we're praying to be highlighted: those that remind us to remain positive, to serve others, and that seasons of hardship come and go...and even make us more resilient!

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