

“And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.” John 14:13

## “Out of the Blue” Funds for Crisis Response Center



*Pray for a Mental Health Crisis Center to be established (a necessity according to first responders & civic leaders). Police & Fire 3/19 – 1/20*

*Pray for God to guide the implementation & leadership selection of the TAC Report (Technical Assistance Collaborative), a comprehensive city/county strategic plan to house the unhoused. Government 2/19 - 1/20*

*Pray for Community Safety: the harmony and increased capacity of our police, fire department & courts. Government 5/19 - 7/19*

Lane County was awarded nearly 7 million to create a crisis response center in 2021. This community need was identified by the TAC Report and is a direct answer to the ways we prayed pre-pandemic. The future Crisis Response Center will serve people suffering a mental health crisis where the hospital/jail is not warranted, provide care for the individual, and alleviate pressure from our emergency response systems.

The future Crisis Response Center was the most funded item from federal relief dollars ([Register Guard Article](#)). One praying elected official rejoiced at the answer to prayer, saying the funds “came out of the blue.”

## Poverty & Homelessness Board: Civic & Business Collaboration



*Pray for business & government leaders to find effective ways to increase the local housing supply. Business 6/21 – 2/22*

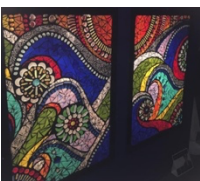
*Pray for God to direct government, church, businesses, and non-profits to effectively shepherd people who are homeless. Government 5/21 – 2/22*

Pat Farr (County Commissioner and Strategic Team Member) and Brittany Quick-Warner (Eugene Chamber of Commerce) are among the new Co-Chairs for the Poverty and Homelessness Board ([View board members here](#)). This is another example of how God is cultivating synergy and collaboration between the business, non-profit, church and civic sectors to address the homelessness crisis and care for the poor.

## Art bringing healing and connection at EveryOne Village

*Pray for God to give artists wisdom and focus to bring healing to our community. Arts 11/21*

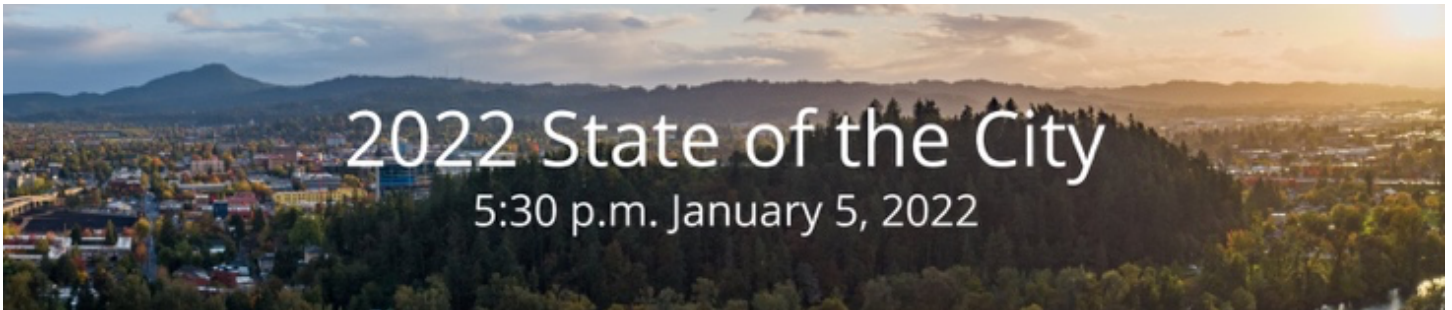
*Pray for people who are struggling with mental health to express their emotions and find healing through art. Arts 11/21 - 12/21*



Everyone Village continues to be an example of new solutions and cross-sector collaboration to house the unhoused. Recently, a Jesus-following high school student started a collaborative mosaic art project with the residents to create mosaic table tops for the village’s shared community spaces. Plus, her parents are both trained therapists and they are a core members of the church next door to EveryOne Village.

## State of the City

*“Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.” Jeremiah 29:7*



The Eugene Mayor set a positive tone in her State of the City address, saying, “As we move into 2022, we are not just recovering from a series of crises. Our city is using the tools available to us to find pathways, perspectives and ideas that will transform us.”

May your faith be encouraged by this quote, as we continue to pray and seek the peace, flourishing and transformation of the community God has entrusted us.

Other 2021 accomplishments that are adding Shalom to our community (and answers to prayer) include:

- A permanent home for City Hall through a collaborative agreement with the New LCC Downtown building; a major solution, as the city wouldn't have been able to build a new building. **2019 Prayer Guide**
- More collaborative affordable housing units developed, updates to Accessory Dwelling rules, and pre-approved ADU plans to increase the local housing supply.
- Farmers Market progress, Community Safety progress, Livable Streets Program creating more cross walks, and more businesses leaders in dialogue with the mayor.

As God's people, we agree in prayer for God to bring community-wide transformation, and with the mayor's words that “in 2022, Eugene is moving from recovery to transformation” [Register Guard Article](#).