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## Youth at MaClaren YCF give back during the holidays



*At left, Gustavo weaves a hat; at right, other hats made by youth at MaClaren YCF*

At-risk youth at MaClaren Youth Correctional Facility (YCF) in Woodburn are helping the homeless this holiday season by weaving hats and scarves.

The youth are members of the facility's Hope Partnership Macramé Group. Their handmade creations will be delivered during the holidays to St. Paul's Place at St. Paul's Episcopal Church and The Father's Heart Street Ministry. The organizations, based in Oregon City, serve the homeless and others in need in Clackamas County.

"This type of activity helps teach troubled youth empathy and compassion for others," said Dan Berger, superintendent of MaClaren YCF. "It helps them understand and appreciate needs beyond their own. And it supports the community by providing clothing that's both creative and functional, especially at this time of year."

The Macramé Group will meet again in January after getting new supplies of yarn and looms, and will continue making scarves and hats for those in need throughout the winter months.

Donations of yarn and knitting materials are welcome. To arrange a donation, contact Kathleen Fullerton at 503-982-4454 or at [kathleen.fullerton@oya.state.or.us](mailto:kathleen.fullerton@oya.state.or.us)

Service projects by youth in close-custody facilities support OYA's mission to protect the public by holding youth offenders accountable and providing reformation in safe environments. Youth also benefit from year-round support of volunteers, who during the holidays host parties, lead religious services and ensure youth receive gifts.

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