TRASH TALK







Community Assistance for Neighbors with Cancer

In partnership with the Pacific Communities Health District (PCHD) Foundation, Thompson's Sanitary is helping local patients in their fight against cancer through the CAN Cancer program. This program helps cover non-medical living expenses for local residents fighting all forms of cancer. Donation envelopes







support associate made the payment over the phone so that the electricity would be kept on and arranged for the patient to make ongoing payments as able. Another patient received an eviction notice because she was unable to work while receiving cancer treatments, and the CAN Cancer fund

made it possible for us to help her avoid eviction."

Patients can receive up to \$250 for non-medical expenses related to their care and treatment, such as fuel, travel, utilities and nutrition costs. Since the program's inception in 2011, 235 patients have received \$55,482 in financial assistance, thanks to contributors to the CAN Cancer program.

"CAN Cancer was started in Bend, Oregon," said Rob Thompson, of Thompson's Sanitary, and a driving force behind the local CAN Cancer program. "If everyone donates just a little, we would have enough funding to significantly ease the financial burden of those battling cancer."

Donations can also be made at Oregon Coast Bank and Columbia Bank, as well as online via www.samhealth.org/PCHDF.

For more information, contact PCHD Foundation at <u>kclem@samhealth.org</u> or 541-574-4912.

In the Know

New IOS/Android App

Be a Waste Wizard, never miss a collection day, schedule a bulky item pickup, or pay your bill!



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haven't downloaded the new Thompson's Sanitary App, don't wait any longer. Upon entering your address, you can choose to receive service alerts, schedule a bulky item pickup, pay your bill, or access our handy Waste Wizard tool to help you properly dispose of your waste. This app is designed for residential customers.

Holiday Schedule

Thompson's Sanitary observes three holidays: Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's

If your regular service day falls on one of our observed holidays, you will receive service the following day. Subsequently, all pickup days after the holiday will be oneday late ending on Saturday. Download the TSS app, available in IOS or Android, to receive service alerts including holiday reminders.



Pictured are (I-r) Aimee and Rob Thompson from Thompson's Sanitary, Ursula Marinelli from PCHDF, and Ken Riley from Thompson's Sanitary.

for the CAN Cancer program will be in the Thompson's Sanitary November statements; the main lobby of Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital (SPCH); Oregon Coast Bank Waldport, Toledo and Newport branches; and Columbia Bank.

"The CAN Cancer program provides incredible comfort to our patients," said Tanis Hernandez, social worker in the Samaritan Pacific Health Services Oncology Department. "Recently, a patient from Newport in the late stages of cancer came to our clinic with a notice that her electricity and heat were going to be disconnected within 24 hours, due to lack of payment. The foundation's patient



Employee Spotlight:



Meet our newest team member, Brian Behner, having moved to Newport six months ago and starting work with Thompson's in January as a driver. Brian brings a lot of experience in the waste industry, previously



BRIAN

BEHNER

Brian, in Fiji, with his Fijian street-dog Skippa

working several years with a large collection company in the Portland area. We are thrilled to have him join our team! Behner makes his home in Newport with his wife Kelly Perry, a Newport High School science teacher, as well as three dogs Marley, Roxy, and Skippa (whom they brought back from a recent trip to Fiji).

Brian enjoys surfing and scuba-diving, and this Summer traveled with Kelly on a science research expedition, Operation Wallacea, of which they took 13 high-schoolers from Newport. A unexpected memento came back with them, a Fijian street-dog named Skippa, who also happened to be pregnant. Skippa recently gave birth to three healthy puppies and Brian's wife Kelly makes them a part of her class as students study genetics. Brian hopes to be more involved in the

community participating in SOLVE beach cleanups and as an Aquarium volunteer.

I think we speak for our whole community when we say we're delighted Brian and his wife have made Newport their home!



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