

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! John 14:13

## Collaboration for More Affordable Housing: 51 New Units!

For years we have prayed in harmony with government initiatives to add more affordable housing units to our community. This month, Homes for Good added 51 trauma-informed apartments with the grand opening of the Commons on MLK.



*"We found a solution,"* community partners celebrated during the zoom grand opening. Lane County Administrator, Steve Mokrohisky highlighted another cause for celebration, *"This is a true public/private partnership!"* (Cross-sector collaboration is regular focus on the prayer guide).

The trauma-informed apartments create a stable place for individuals to live while they pursue their personal goals, while having access to 24/7 onsite mental health services.

Additionally, the Commons on MLK will benefit the whole community. According to FUSE data, (a system that tracks the biggest users of emergency services), when these individuals have stable housing, their use of community funds significantly decreases (their law enforcement arrests decreased by 82%, jail time decreased by 50%, court appearances by 75%, and their health care costs went down by 53%). **Praise the Lord for another step toward a thriving, community flourishing (also known as Shalom)!**

## Provision for Local Students of the Arts

In February we prayed for students to remain engaged in the arts, even as performances are canceled. We also prayed for God's provision for theaters & galleries. A few days after the prayer requests were released, the Register Guard announced that **7 Lane County nonprofit arts groups received new grant funding.**

The funding is an answer to prayer in and as itself, but how the funds will impact the Eugene-Springfield Youth Orchestra is an even more specific answer: *the grant will "provide free and minimal-cost online beginning strings instruction to Eugene third, fourth and fifth graders."*

The director was thrilled to announce that they could serve the same number of students as a regular (pre-pandemic) year. Plus, they can reach every school because of the virtual platform!

## Grateful Doctors: "It looks as though we've turned a corner."

The four doctors who serve on our health care strategic team are grateful to God for His answers to our prayers. From their perspective, they believe we've "turned a corner with the virus," though it's not over. They give glory to God that it looks as though our community will make it through that pandemic without ever having an overwhelming flood hit our local health care system (locally, there was never a shortage of beds, ventilators or PPE). Thanks be to God for His continued protection over our community.