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3rd Annual Chicken Coop Tour Seeking Participants and Sponsors, Proceeds To Benefit NeighborImpact Food Bank

Bend, OR – February 13, 2012 – Bend's 3rd Annual Chicken Coop Tour is searching for hens and chicks who will cluck and bawk and flock together, along with their owners, for the 2012 Tour held on Saturday, May 12, from 10 am to 4 pm.

This community event offers enjoyable, neighborly interaction while raising funds and food for three local non-profits: NeighborImpact Food Bank, Together For Children and Healing Reins Therapeutic Riding Center. Since it began, Bend's Chicken Coop Tour has raised over \$11,500 in cash and in-kind donations and more than 900 pounds of food through the generous support of 50 sponsors and 2,700 people touring the 61 featured coops.

Whether you have a coop extraordinaire or one cobbled together with recycled materials, consider showing off your feathered friends and their homes to folks interested in learning more about poultry. Coop owners from Bend and surrounding areas including Tumalo and Alfalfa are encouraged to participate. Deadline to sign up for the Tour is March 9th.

Sponsors for the event are also sought at \$50, \$100, \$150 and \$250 levels.

Each tour booklet, with map, directions and coop descriptions is the ticket for a carload of people, and will be available in early April for \$10 or six items of nonperishable food. For information on where to purchase booklets, or to participate or become a sponsor, contact: www.bendchickens.com, **541-241-2040** or bendcooptour@gmail.com.

About NeighborImpact: Since 1985, NeighborImpact has been a leader in developing solutions and bringing resources to Crook, Jefferson and Deschutes County. It offers a diversity of services meeting basic human needs for food and shelter, while enriching people's lives by providing access to increased education, skills, and hope for the future. NeighborImpact is a private nonprofit organization that receives federal, state and local funding; foundation grants; and donations from individuals and businesses in our community. To learn more about NeighborImpact please visit www.neighborimpact.org.
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