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EMO to honor Jericho Road with “Ecumenical Service Award”

Jericho Road will receive the “Ecumenical Service Award” at *Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon’s (EMO) Annual Community Awards & Celebration Dinner* on May 7, 2015. The award is presented in recognition of special achievements in hope-inspiring, life-enhancing, ecumenical community ministry.

Dedicated to ending the cycle of homelessness, Jericho Road was established in 2007 by several congregations in the Redmond, Ore., area. The congregations realized that individually they simply did not have the resources to meet the needs that confronted them, but that by working together they could significantly increase their impact. Jericho Road offers tangible support to those who are homeless in their community. Jericho Road Housing provides transitional housing and mentoring to homeless families, which may include funds for rent assistance, deposit costs support, utilities, moving expenses, application fees and other housing needs. The Jericho Student Food weekend backpack program serves all Redmond schools, providing 1,823 backpacks of food to schoolchildren last school year, and Jericho Table served over 7,000 free hot meals in 2014.

The *EMO Annual Community Awards & Celebration Dinner* has become the premier ecumenical event in Oregon, bringing together diverse communities of faith and community partners in celebration of ecumenism and the spirit of hope across Oregon. This year, the event will be held on May 7 at the Hilton Hotel, 921 SW Sixth Ave., Portland. A reception and silent auction to benefit EMO’s ministries will be held from 5 to 6:30 p.m. and the dinner and award presentations will begin at 6:30 p.m. Reservations are available at www.emoregon.org for \$100 per person and tables for 10 are available for \$1,000. For more information, call Carla Starrett-Bigg at (503) 221-1054, ext. 275, or csbigg@emoregon.org.

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon is a statewide association of Christian denominations, congregations, ecumenical organizations and interfaith partners working together to improve the lives of Oregonians through community ministry programs, ecumenical and interreligious dialogue, environmental ministry and public policy advocacy.