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### **Enjoy Portland's amazing restaurant scene while helping local HIV/AIDS service organizations**

On Thursday, April 29, Portlanders can enjoy some of the city's finest restaurants while supporting two vital AIDS-related nonprofits, as part of the national "Dining Out for Life" evening. Participating restaurants will donate between 20 to 30 percent of that night's profits to the Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO) HIV Day Center and OHSU Partnership Project.

"Dining Out is important for two reasons: to raise needed funds for both agencies and to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS," says OHSU Partnership Project director, Julia Lager-Mesulam. "We are thrilled to put this event on for the Portland metropolitan area."

The HIV Day Center, run through EMO, is a drop-in center for low income people living with HIV and AIDS. In addition to providing hot meals, they provide counseling, clothing, phones, internet access, showers and acupuncture.

OHSU Partnership Project was founded in 1995 to provide services to people living with HIV/AIDS, their families and those at high-risk. They provide HIV case management and prevention counseling to those living with HIV/AIDS and those at high-risk of acquiring HIV/AIDS.

More information about "Dining Out for Life" in Portland on April 29 can be found at [www.diningoutforlife.com/Portland](http://www.diningoutforlife.com/Portland). For more information about the Partnership Project, please visit [www.ohsu.edu/partnership](http://www.ohsu.edu/partnership), and for the EMO HIV Day Center, visit [www.emoregon.org/HIV-day\\_center.php](http://www.emoregon.org/HIV-day_center.php). For additional questions, please contact Julia Lager-Mesulam at (503) 230-1202, ext. 235.

*Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon is a statewide association of Christian denominations—including Protestant, Roman Catholic and Orthodox bodies—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.*

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