

Servants of Shelter

# Weekly Newsletter #373

August 20, 2023

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Precious Oyokomon, Angel of Death, Angel of Light

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## News:

This week's artist is Precious Oyokomon poet, multimedia artist, and chef whose work above is a meditation on migration, otherness and ongoing change. Titled after Octavia Butler's apocryphal novel Earthseed; this exhibit featuring soil, kudzu seeds and dolls made of wool and the artist's hair underwent quite the transformation as the Covid pandemic forced the museum to lock it down in March 2020. See more of this artist's work and the story of this particular exhibit here: <https://www.artforum.com/print/reviews/202009/precious-okoyomon-84422> and <https://www.cornell.edu/video/precious-okoyomon-migrations>

**SOS Website-** Please check out our newly revamped SOS website at [servantsofshelter.org](http://servantsofshelter.org). Thank you to Ted Saxton for all of the work he put into this website redesign. It's really a fantastic place to access info about all of the work we are doing.

**SOS August Board Meeting and Northern Lights Anniversary Pizza Party-** This coming Tuesday is our August Board meeting at 10:30 am followed by our Northern Lights One Year Celebration Pizza Party. Hooray!! We will also be hosting the Koochiching County HRA Board for a tour that day as well. What a fun chance to celebrate with all of our guests, tenants, and team!

**SOS Treasure Sale-** It's time to start digging in your closets and basements for the SOS Treasure Sale. We are looking for unique, interesting, funky, treasures for our annual Treasure Sale booth at the International Falls Bass Tournament. Think flea market more than rummage sale. We will be accepting donations on **Thursday Aug. 24 from 12-3pm** at our booth across from Smokey Bear. Come and donate old treasures and bring home a new one. All treasures are free will donation and help provide emergency shelter, housing and support service to people experiencing homelessness in our community.

**VOLUNTEER NEEDS:** We are looking for volunteers for the SOS Treasure Sale for the following times **Thursday 12-2pm** and **Sat. 10-12** and **2-6pm**

**We are also looking for volunteers who are able to help paint, wash walls and help refresh an apt. at Bluehaven Shelter between Sat., August 26 and Tuesday, August 29.**

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**Saturday:** 2-3 volunteers to wash walls, ceiling lights, windows and appliances.

**Monday:** 2-3 volunteers to paint the living room, bedroom, kitchen and bathroom.

**Tuesday:** 2-3 volunteers to finish painting and odds and ends tasks.

Please contact Cynthia Warren if you are interested in this volunteer opportunity (218)290-5476

**Lastly, we are looking for volunteers to fill our Greeter shifts for Sept.** If you can commit to a certain day or shift each week please respond to this email. We can put you into the schedule before we release the schedule next week. Shifts are as below:

**Mon-Sat. 10-2pm   Mon. and Sat 2-4pm   Tues.-Fri. 2-6pm**

**Thanks for your willingness to be part of the SOS team!**

**Thank you to everyone who volunteered as a Greeter at Northern Lights this week.** Thank you to Pat Bjorum, Susan Savard, Nancy Johnson, Julie Jaks, DeeDee Thompson, Gavia Yount, lone Boyd, Chenoa Black and Stacy Sather for welcoming our guests, tenants, visitors to Northern Lights. Your warmth and generosity of spirit kept our doors open during a very busy week!

## Schedule:

Monday, August 21, 2023: 8-9am NL, 9-11am BH Ashlee Keeney 12-2pm NL

Monday, August 21, 2023: 8-11am NL Amanda Keeney 11-3pm BH

**Monday, August 21, 2023: 10-2pm- Deb Arnold Greeter NL**

Monday, August 21, 2023: 10-4pm Ariana Daniel, NL

Monday, August 21, 2023: 12-4pm Gary Olson NL

**Monday, August 21, 2023: 2-4pm Sandy Orgas- Greeter NL**

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Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2023: 8-9am NL, 9-11am BH Ashlee Keeney 12-2pm NL

Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2023: 8-11 NL Amanda Keeney 11-3pm BH

**Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2023: 9:30am- Housing and Hunger Mtg.**

**Tuesday, August 22, 2023: 10-2pm Deb Arnold- Greeter NL**

Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2023: 10-2pm Ariana Daniel, NL

**Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2023: 10:30-12pm SOS Board Mtg.**

**Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2023: 12- Pizza Party Celebration of Northern Lights 1 year anniversary**

Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2023: 2-7pm Gary Olson-NL

**Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2023: 2-6pm - Sandy Orgas Greeter-NL**

**Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2023: 5 pm- Community Cafe meal delivery- Gary Olson**

Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2023: 8-9am NL, 9-11am BH Ashlee Keeney 12-2pm NL

Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2023: 8-11am Amanda Keeney NL 11-3pm BH

**Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2023: 10-2pm Deb Arnold Greeter NL**

Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2023: 10-2pm Ariana Daniel, NL

**Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2023: 2-6pm Gavia Yount- Greeter NL**

Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2023: 2-7pm Gary Olson NL

Thursday, Aug. 24, 2023: 8-11am Amanda Keeney NL 12-3pm BH

Thursday, Aug. 24, 2023: 8-11am BH Ashlee Keeney 11-2pm NL

**Thursday, Aug. 24, 2023: 10-2pm - Ione Boyd Greeter NL**

**Thursday, Aug. 24, 2023: Case Management Mtg. at Northern Lights**

**Thursday, Aug. 17, 2023: 2-6pm Gavia Yount- Greeter NL**

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Thursday Aug. 24, 2023: 2-7pm Gary Olson NL

**Thursday, Aug. 24, 2023: 5pm- Community Cafe meal delivery- Gary Olson**

Friday, Aug. 25, 2023: 8-11am Amanda Keeney NL 11-3pm BH

Friday, Aug. 25, 2023: 8-12pm Etta Millard NL

Friday, Aug. 25, 2023: 8-9am NL, 9-11am BH Ashlee Keeney 11-3pm NL

Friday, Aug. 25, 2023: 10-4pm Ariana Daniel NL

**Friday, Aug. 25, 2023: 10-2pm Ione Boyd Greeter**

**Friday, Aug. 25, 2023: 2-6pm Cynthia Jaksa Greeter NL**

Friday, Aug. 25, 2023: 2-7pm Gary Olson NL

**Friday, Aug. 25, 2023 7pm-Mon. Aug. 21, 7am- Ashley LaFrance on call**

**Saturday, Aug. 26, 2023: 10-4pm- Northern Lights Drop in Center- Ashley LaFrance**

**Saturday, Aug. 26, 2023: 10-2pm- Cynthia Jaksa Greeter NL**

**Saturday, Aug. 26, 2023: 2-4pm- Gavia Yount Greeter NL**

## Lodging and Apartment Availability:

### SOS Bluehaven Shelter

- Apt.#1 is occupied until further notice
- Apt.#2 is occupied until further notice
- Apt. #3 is occupied until further notice
- Rm. #4 is occupied until further notice
- Rm. #5 is occupied until further notice

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### **SOS Northern Lights Shelter**

- We have six households currently

### **SOS Permanent Supportive Housing- 420 5th Ave.**

- Apt #1 is occupied
- Apt. #2 is occupied
- Apt #3 is occupied
- Apt #4 is occupied

### **SOS Northern Lights Supportive Housing**

- We have **10** households leased currently
- We currently have a waitlist of **12** households awaiting shelter