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## FAMILY KITCHEN WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Juan Knutson and Leticia Lees Add Experience, Energy to Existing Board Roster

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Leticia “Letty” Lees and Juan Knutson joined the Board of Trustees for Family Kitchen at their last meeting in October. Lees brings years of operations experience and a passion for teamwork and Knutson brings sales experience and a passion for community engagement. Both are currently serving as volunteers for regular meals. Recently, two existing Board members reluctantly resigned due to personal obligations. We thank Barbara Scott and Jillian Cole-Jobert very much for their dedication to Family Kitchen.



Juan Knutson has already made a name for himself locally – after just 2.5 years as a Central Oregonian – for having achieved 4<sup>th</sup> place statewide in Oregon’s Last Comedian Standing competition (2014). He can be seen performing locally with improv groups and as a stand-up comedian. He is the Chairman of the Old Bend Neighborhood Association and a District Leader in the Buddhist community. Professionally he is a medical device salesperson with St. Jude Medical. He and his wife, Alice, moved to Bend from Eugene with their four cats and a horse. Juan intends to apply his skills to the Marketing and Development Team at Family Kitchen.

Letty Lees has lead varied and fulfilling career spanning retail, technology and business operations. Letty is leader with effective teambuilding and motivational skills, utilizing a friendly and effective teamwork approach. Throughout her career, Letty has always made work a fun place to be ensuring that those around her enjoy their time while getting things done and meeting the desired goals. She intends to apply her skills to optimizing the Kitchen Operations Team at Family Kitchen.



The volunteers and staff at Family Kitchen are on course for serving 60,000 meals this year. Higher food costs, higher rents, lack of available housing – all have had a negative effect on individuals and families in Central Oregon. As always, anyone who walks in our doors during mealtimes will be fed a nutritious meal. No questions. No hassles.

Founded in 1986, Family Kitchen continues to be a safe, welcoming refuge for those who need a meal. Our mission: to serve anyone who needs a nutritious meal in a safe and caring environment. Meals are served Monday through Saturday at “the Red Door” at Trinity Episcopal Church, 231 NW Idaho Avenue, Bend. Donations are accepted online at [www.FamilyKitchen.org](http://www.FamilyKitchen.org) or via mail to Family Kitchen, 469 NW Wall Street, Bend, OR 97701.

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