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## **Community Spirit Shines at The Great Powell Cleanup: Over 1,200 Pounds of Trash Removed**

**Portland, Ore., November 13, 2024** – This past Saturday, the Great Powell Cleanup brought together **over 100 dedicated volunteers** who took action along Powell Boulevard in Southeast Portland. In a **collective effort** across **10 locations**, participants successfully **removed 1,200 pounds of litter**, making a significant impact on the local environment.

The event, spanning **neighborhoods such as South Tabor, Richmond, Hosford Abernathy, Creston, and three Brooklyn locations**, exemplified the community's commitment to keeping Portland clean and vibrant. The cleanup effort emerged from the community itself, involving engaged event leaders and neighborhood associations. It stands as a testament to how SOLVE supports community members wherever they feel their work is needed most.

"Our community's commitment to Powell Boulevard demonstrates the power of local action in keeping our neighborhoods safe and beautiful," said Kris Carico, CEO of SOLVE. "We are immensely grateful to the event leaders and volunteers who organized and participated in this impactful day of service."

Adding to the event's significance, Portland's mayor-elect, Keith Wilson, made an appearance at the Hosford Abernathy cleanup site, lending his support alongside his wife. The mayor's presence underscored the importance of community-led initiatives in creating a positive environmental impact.

For more information about SOLVE and upcoming volunteer opportunities, visit <https://volunteer.solveoregon.org/>

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### **About SOLVE**

SOLVE brings communities together to take care of our environment and enhance our waterways. Since 1969, the organization has grown from a small, grassroots initiative to a national model of volunteer action. Today, SOLVE mobilizes and trains thousands of volunteers of all ages across Oregon, and SW

Washington, to clean and restore our neighborhoods and natural areas, while empowering a community of environmental stewards for our state. Visit [solveoregon.org](http://solveoregon.org) for more information.

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