

My name is Crystal Morris and I wanted to write a letter in support of the funding request for Osborne aquatic center. Osborn aquatic center has been a center of foundation for my family and I. Myself and my two daughters age 16 and age 8 have been blessed by the Osborne aquatic center and the City of Corvallis. We lost our home in June of 2024 and we're living in our car sleeping in the municipal or City center parking lots. We found out about the Osborn aquatic center scholarship and membership from the City of Corvallis when we lived here in 2016 and 2017. We use the scholarship then and again in 2024 while we were homeless. The membership to the aquatic center gave us a place to shower and the girls a place to swim and have fun. They had just signed up for swim lessons with their scholarship when the issues with the roof were discovered so they didn't get their lessons this time around. My daughters did take swim lessons on their scholarships at the Osborne aquatic center in 2017 and 2018 and it was just an amazing place for them to be. Osborne aquatic center has been more than just fun or lessons for us it has been life-changing basic necessity. Though we now have a home we still long for the facility. The girls miss swimming every week. I can only speak for myself and my family but I bet Osborne has also impacted many others in this community in a positive way. I feel like it's a resource that we absolutely need. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.