

Community Spirit Event Demonstrates The Power of Partnerships

Forging strong partnerships with businesses is an essential component of our work to help low-income families. Two outstanding partners were honored at the 2005 Celebration of Community Spirit, a reception and dinner held April 13th.



Don Elsom, CEO, Providence Medical Center (center) with Dan Aberg, Board Chair, and Jerralynn Ness, Executive Director.

The event, hosted by Nike at the Tiger Woods Center, raised \$49,500 to support Community Action programs and services.

The Community Spirit Awards recognize one business and one individual each year for demonstrating exemplary commitment to helping low-income people in Washington County.

Providence St. Vincent Medical Center received the Outstanding Corporate Partner Award. Keith

Green received the Outstanding Business Leader Award.

Said Jerralynn Ness, Executive Director of Community Action, "Providence St. Vincent has always been there for Community Action to help sponsor our major events, support our programs or put together a team of volunteers to help carry out our work."

When the storm of January 2004 caused severe damage to Community Action's roof, Keith Green answered the call. His partnership with the agency proved instrumental to saving our building.

His commitment to the repairs lasted nearly a year and included a major donation to seed the fundraising campaign.

Bob Speltz, Nike Director of Global Community Affairs, in the keynote address described Community Action's assistance with homeless camps on the company's 75-acre wooded property.

"Our partnership gave Nike a greater understanding about homelessness and affordable housing here in Washington County," Speltz told the audience,

"To the entire team at Community Action: thank you for doing the right thing...for confronting the economics of poverty and helping over 14,000 families each year."



Becky Smith, Bob Speltz, and Pat Rogers

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A Letter to Our Friends—

Identity theft and fraud are increasing concerns for many people. At Community Action, we take several precautions to protect your personal information.



Jerralynn Ness
Executive Director



Dan Aberg
Board Chair

The agency undergoes an independent audit each year and for the past two years, has received the highest possible rating with no findings to report.

Several commonly accepted 'best practices' for accounting and gift stewardship are followed to ensure your added protection:

- We do not share donor information, sell or trade mailing lists with anyone.
- We never employ paid telephone solicitors or contractors to raise money on our behalf.
- Staff and volunteers who handle donor information sign a confidentiality contract.
- All contributions are reconciled monthly by both the Fiscal and Development departments, respectively, and then cross-checked for discrepancies.
- Checks are kept in a locked safe and deposited the day they arrive.
- Credit card numbers are blacked out after processing and are stored in locked files.
- Credit card charges of donors who request monthly or quarterly charges require written approval by the cardholder. The Development Director also approves each scheduled charge.

In forty years, Community Action has never experienced a breach in donor confidentiality. We invite you to contact us with any questions you have regarding the stewardship of your gift and we thank you for your trust and continued support.

Jerralynn Ness Daniel Aberg

A Message of Hope

*Dear Community Action,
Your help has made all the difference in providing us not just power, but hope.
Multiply the impact you had on us by all the people, the thousands you've helped. We appreciate you that much.
Thank you, God bless
The Gross Family*

(From a letter received by Community Action's Emergency Services Program.)

Partners for the Shelter

Friends of Community Action have a delicious new way to help homeless families. Thanks to a creative partnership with the **New Seasons Market** at Orenco Station in Hillsboro, shoppers can make a donation at the check-out stand to help residents of Community Action's Hillsboro Family Shelter. New Seasons Markets have a strong commitment to give back in local communities. Thank you to all our friends at New Seasons at Orenco Station!



Partnering With Local Heroes

As the population continues to grow in Washington County, so does poverty. Corporate partners help Community Action carry out our mission in a variety of ways.



Regan Leon, Vice President, US Bank, presents a grant to Jerralynn Ness and Jeri Alcock of Community Action.

Thanks to **Blooming Nursery, Clearwater Growers LTD, Farmington Gardens, Fisher Farms, Hines Nurseries, Hochstein Nursery LLC, Iwasaki Brothers, Max and Hildy's, and Thompson & Walters Nursery LLC.**

We appreciate John Harrison of **SRG Partnership Inc.** for consulting on our roof leak prior to repair. Thanks to **Integrated Management Resources** for their ongoing consulting services.

We appreciate **Reedville Café and Catering's** assistance with food for our Board of Directors' retreat.

Thanks to **AlphaGraphics** for donating posters for our Celebration of Community Spirit.

Stimson Lumber contributed to the Head Start Parent Fund. **Kiwanis Club of Cedar Hills** and **NW Quilters** are regular contributors to Community Action programs.

Thanks to the **Soroptomists International of Hillsboro** for their donation to Head Start. **Coors Tek** donated books for the Kinnaman Elementary Head Start.



Meridian Park Hospital Staff

The Opening Doors program received generous support from **Kaiser Permanente Northwest, Providence Health System, CareOregon, Tuality Health Care** and **Legacy Health System.**

Four Seasons Bowling Center donated gift certificates to the Family Shelter. **Navupak's** generous donation of paper is greatly appreciated.

Thanks to **Bank of the West, Wells Fargo Foundation** and **Henningsen Cold Storage** for generous cash donations.

These businesses matched their employees contribution: **Nike, Portland General Electric, US Bank** and **Verizon.**

Foundation Grants

Community Action received cash grants from the following foundations:

- **Ackley Foundation**
- **The Hollione Foundation**
- **Meyer Memorial Trust**
- **M. Lowell Foundation**
- **Oregon Community Foundation**
- **US Bank Foundation**

A special thanks to Meyer Memorial Trust for a grant of \$150,000 for our building repair, and to the Oregon Community Foundation for a grant of \$25,000.

A Bright New Space

Community Action's Hillsboro Family Shelter is the first shelter for homeless children in Oregon to have a special new play space, one of 73 **Bright Spaces** in 22 states. Bright Spaces provides children in shelters with warm, enriching areas for play and learning. A ribbon-cutting was held May 12, officially opening the renovated play space in the shelter basement.



Karen Valech, Lynndi Falotico and Vicki Rice of Bright Horizons



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**Community Action Awarded
Organization of the Year**

At the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce annual awards banquet on May 12th Community Action was honored as the Organization of the Year. Rick Roby, Chairman of the Chamber and President of Columbia Community Bank said, "The quality of life for many would be greatly diminished without the support of Community Action."

Former Hillsboro Mayor Shirley Huffman nominated Community Action for this award. Current Mayor Tom Hughes noted that this award is given to those who "not only fulfill their goals, but who consistently strive to expand and improve their services through the excellent leadership, skills and resources of their staff and volunteers."