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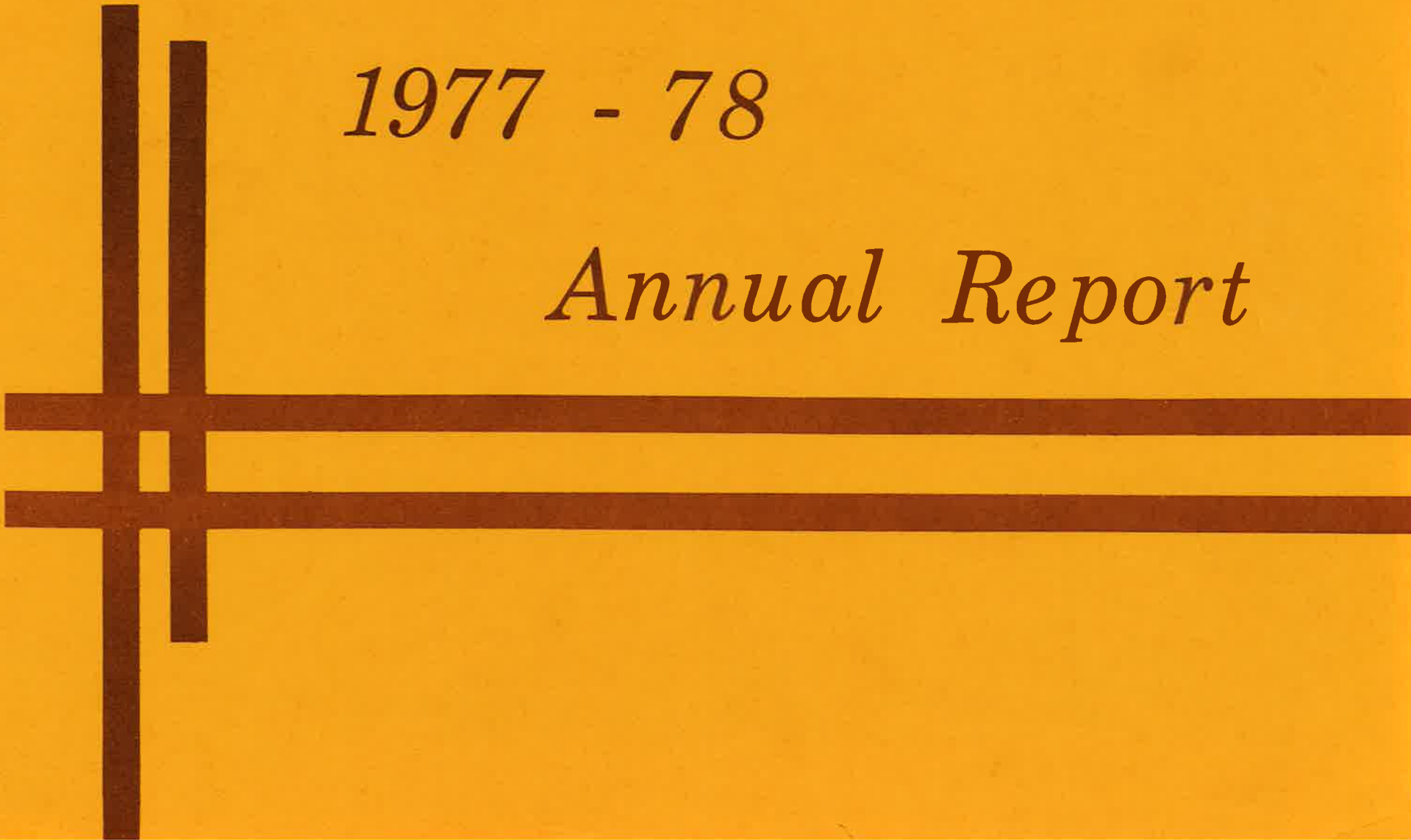




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Fiscal year 1978 was one of introspection and internal change for Washington County Community Action. During the previous two years, the agency more than doubled in size to an operating budget of over \$1,000,000, and employing nearly 90 persons during the peak employment season. The rapid growth in the past years necessitated that we take a closer look at the structure and processes of the agency.

Included among the changes which were made are: Hiring a new executive director; development of management by objective quarterly work programs for all projects; stratification of the administrative structure, and a clarification of the lines of authority; hiring a planning and program development specialist; initiation of a zero based budget process, and drafting an agency mission statement.

Although the year was one primarily of introspection, the agency continued its strong advocacy role for the socially and economically deprived segments of Washington County, and provided a wide variety of services to that clientele.

The rest of this Annual Report details the program accomplishments, only several of which can be highlighted here. The Translators' Bureau translated the Oregon Driver's Manual into Spanish. The Emergency Shelter House housed over 500 persons. Over 58,182 pounds of crops were gleaned. Over 90 families participated in Head Start. Ten issues of the Rural Tribune were published. 200 homes were weatherized, etc.

We are looking forward to FY79 with great optimism. We hope to purchase an office building. Our Head Start program will be increasing to 110 families. Our Emergency Shelter House will be expanding due to financial contributions from Washington County and the City of Hillsboro. Our core funding from the Community Services Administration will increase for the first time in eight years. Additionally, we plan to initiate program evaluations, a three-year planning process, and other programs addressing housing issues.

We are proud of our program accomplishments over the past year, and confident in their continued growth and development during the next year. We hope that we can continue to count on your cooperation and support.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

Self Help

Head Start
Pyramid Skills Exchange
Self Assistance
Translators Bureau

HEAD START

Involves parents, siblings and 4 and 5 year old children from low-income families or handicapped children in a pre-school learning experience:

—served 93 families (no more than 55 at a time) in a complete program of education, social service, parent involvement and health.

—children attended a center based program four days a week for two weeks and the teachers did home visits or arranged field trips during the third week.

—a social service directory was compiled and distributed to parents and community, assistance and referral were given for housing, food, medical, legal and mental health problems, and a monthly newsletter was published.

—parents were involved by helping in classroom, fund raising, helping the health coordinator, and sitting on the Policy Council.

—Parents were assisted in arranging physicals and immunization of their children. Children were given eye, hearing, blood, urine, and dental screening.

—a supplemental grant to develop another center and double the program to 110 families was implemented.

PYRAMID SKILLS EXCHANGE

Promotes a non-monetary system of exchange allowing participants to exchange skills and goods they have for services and goods they need:

—obtained funding, developed an Advisory Board and opened an office in March, 1978.

—enrolled 136 persons and organized 76 exchanges in the first six months of operation.



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SELF ASSISTANCE

Helped people to better provide for themselves:

—during the 1977 harvest, 58,182 lbs. of fresh produce and 9,984 ears of corn were donated by 39 growers and picked by 197 families totaling 505 individuals.

—306 ricks of wood were cut, picked up, and delivered to 156 senior citizens or disabled persons who heated with wood.

—40 persons received instruction on how to maintain and make minor repairs on their car. A number of persons were also assisted in repairing their cars.

—101 persons were instructed in basic sewing, mending and alterations.

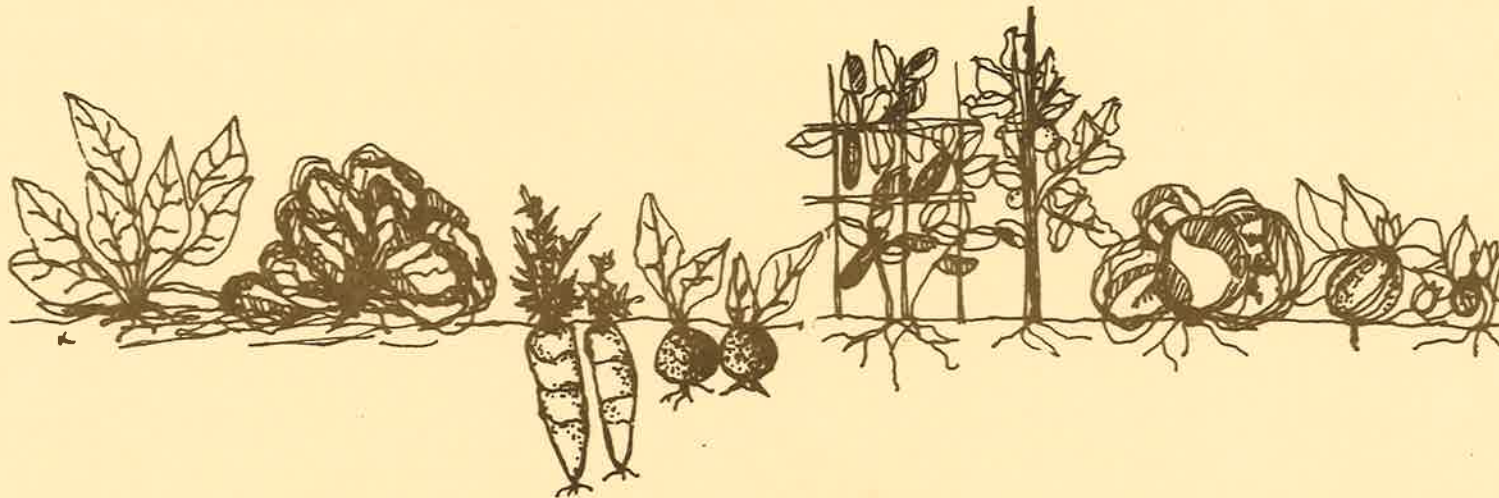
TRANSLATORS BUREAU

Provides written and oral Spanish/English translation and is involved with bi-lingual education, and migrant farm worker issues:

—the Oregon Drivers Manual was translated into Spanish under contract with the Department of Motor Vehicles.

—the food stamp application form was translated.

—420 written and oral translations were provided agencies including the Public Defenders Office, courts, Housing Authority, Welfare, and a variety of individuals.



Advocacy

RAP

Welfare Hot Line

Emergency Services

VISTA

RURAL AWARENESS PROJECT

A media oriented advocacy program addressing issues, problems and concerns of low-income persons:

—10 issues of the Rural Tribune, a Spanish and English newsletter were published with a circulation of 10,000 copies.

—assistance such as typesetting, lay out design, photography, editing, etc. was provided on 72 occasions to low-income and minority groups.

—a state-wide Chicano Literary Arts Board was formed and incorporated in an effort to offer Chicano writers and poets a means to show their work and express their ideas.

—information for a book on herbs used in the Chicano/Mexican culture was collected and translated.

—a writers pool concerned with low-income issues was organized and the Coleigo Cesar Chavez was assisted in publishing its own newspaper.

WELFARE HOTLINE

Helps persons resolve problems concerning Public Welfare, Food Stamps, and Social Security by interpreting regulations, negotiating with agencies and representing persons at hearings:

—responded to 1,433 client problems.

—represented clients at eight Welfare and two Social Security hearings.

—testified at three federal hearings on Welfare Reform and Food Stamp regulations.

—active with State Welfare Review Commission, Washington County Welfare Advisory Board, Inter-Agency Welfare Crisis Committee State and Regional offices of Oregon Legal Services, Farmworkers Low-Income Project and the Farmworkers Emergency Committee.

—implemented a CETA special project of Food Stamp outreach and advocacy which reached an agreement with the local food stamp office whereby a Spanish translation of the food stamp application form was made available.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Assists low-income people having difficulties, questions, or needs related to food, clothing housing, finances, utilities, transportation and medical problems:

—responded to 2,451 client problems, serving 8,298 individuals.

—granted 528 families emergency loans totaling \$19,572 for food, fuel, utility shut-offs and general emergencies.

—153 families were able to repay their loans totaling \$3,291 and 45 local donations totaling \$12,051 were received.



VOLUNTEERS IN SERVICE TO AMERICA

VISTA helps to develop needed resources for low-income and minority persons:

—assisted the Washington County cooperative library develop a library service for the blind and nearly blind.

—helped re-establish an emergency shelter home and encouraged the Housing Authority to apply for additional housing funds.

—developed a pool of writers, coordinated three media training workshops, and assisted the Colegio Cesar Chavez in developing a bilingual newspaper.

—assembling a book of Chicano herbal remedies in an attempt to help preserve an important part of that culture.

—organized a child care cooperative and volunteer program associated with the Head Start program.

Community Service

Community Food & Nutrition

Energy

RSVP

Emergency Shelter

COMMUNITY FOOD & NUTRITION

A variety of activities designed to improve the nutritional status of low-income people, to ease food crises and to strengthen community planning and coordination around nutrition issues:

—until September of the 1978 harvest 12,650 pounds of fresh produce and 7,500 ears of corn were donated by 47 farmers and picked by 227 families totaling 545 persons.

—five local food closets were given funds to provide protein supplement foods in emergency food boxes serving 1,071 individuals.

—worked closely with the Washington County Food Task Force on school breakfast programs, state and national crop gleaning legislation, the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) and the Second Wind Food Drive.

ENERGY

Energy saving home improvements are provided to elderly and low-income home owners free of cost:

—199 homes were weatherized.

—CETA labors were trained in weatherization techniques.

—needed trucks, tools and equipment were purchased.

—six person citizen Advisory Board was formed.

—publicity effort was made through senior centers, radio stations, newspapers, schools and T.V. stations.



workbook/cpf

RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Retired senior volunteers develop personally satisfying roles in the community through volunteer service:

—512 volunteers donated 73,463 hours to 42 volunteer stations.

—a denture program which provided dentures to 10 seniors who otherwise would have gone without was developed in cooperation with the Washington County Dental Society and the Dental School.



EMERGENCY SHELTER

Provides temporary shelter for indigent persons without a place to stay while they are seeking other housing and employment:

—maintained an average daily population of 16 persons:

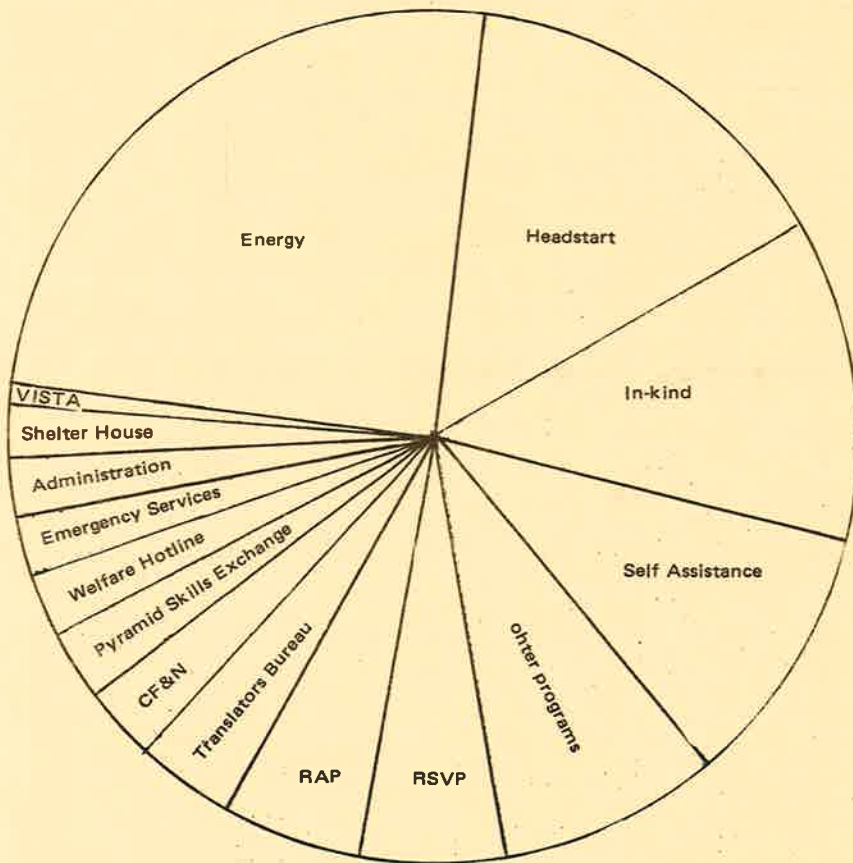
—housed 537 individuals from 263 low-income families. 562 persons from 179 families had to be referred elsewhere due to lack of space:

—a community base screening committee was formed to provide input and recommendations on residents' terms of stay.

—Washington County and the City of Hillsboro granted \$19,200 to allow the Shelter House to move to larger and safer facilities next year.

Budget

Washington County Community Action Programs FY 78



Program

Dollar Amount

Percentage

1.) Energy	\$270,757.00	23
2.) Headstart	\$175,576.00	15
3.) In-kind donations	\$158,159.00	13
4.) Self Assistance	\$110,279.00	10
5.) Other programs	\$108,911.00	9
6.) RSVP	\$72,242.00	6
7.) RAP	\$68,272.00	5
8.) Translators Bureau	\$45,828.00	4
9.) Community Food & Nutrition	\$31,059.00	3
10.) Pyramid Service Exchange	\$31,680.00	3
11.) Welfare Hotline	\$29,040.00	2
12.) Emergency Services	\$24,621.00	2
13.) Administration	\$21,400.00	2
14.) Shelter House	\$19,156.00	2
15.) VISTA	\$4,615.00	0.5
Total	\$1,171,595.00	100

Source

Funding Source	Dollar Amount	Percentage
Community Services Administration	\$342,020.00	29.2
Department Health Education & Welfare	\$198,010.00	16.9
ACTION	\$76,857.00	6.6
State Community Services Program	\$108,651.00	9.3
Comprehensive Employment & Training Act	\$419,508.00	35.8
Other	\$26,519.00	2.2
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