



Community IN ACTION

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DIRECTOR'S CORNER



Jerralynn Ness
Executive Director

I hope that everyone is enjoying our wonderful Oregon summer. Usually it feels like things slow down a bit at Community Action, but not this year. There is a lot of hustle going on in all of our program areas, and in particular around recruitment and hiring. While we are doing a lot of hiring for Head Start expansion, we are also filling positions in many areas. As many of you know, our Director of Development and Community Relations position has been vacant since January. There has been a lot of interest in the position, but a real shortage of qualified applicants with the experience and skills we need.

In June, we tried out a new recruitment strategy that allowed us to market our organization, our mission and the position, and to do some direct outreach to key people in the community. As a result, I am pleased to announce that we have found a candidate that we believe is an excellent match for the position and our organization. Her name is **Lisa Brown** and she is currently the Interim Executive Director of the Tacoma Symphony Orchestra, where she had been working as their Director of Marketing and Development. She has accepted our job offer and will begin on November 5th.

Lisa has 20 years of professional fund development and community relations experience in a variety of non-profit organizations. She has the depth of experience and professional expertise to successfully direct the fundraising and community relations activities of a complex organization. Lisa is thrilled to be able to join us and apply her knowledge and expertise to support our mission.

Director's Corner, Cont.

I know that I speak for our Development staff when I say that we are all anxiously awaiting Lisa's arrival to complete our team. We will have carried out our fundraising and community relations activities for ten months without a director because of our committed staff team and strong leadership from **Mary Jones**. As a result, we have continued to achieve our goals and engage in activities that increase our visibility and private support. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to **Mary, Scott and Leanna** for going the extra mile during this challenging time.

We will be introducing Lisa to our Board, leadership staff and key supporters at our annual "Friends of Community Action" picnic in September at the home of Vi and Bob Metzler. Soon after Lisa starts she will make the rounds to get to know our programs and staff. Please give her a warm Community Action welcome.



UPCOMING EVENTS!

Building Meeting	8/21
Ice Cream Social	8/29
Labor Day	9/03
"Friends" Picnic	9/09
Safety Meeting	9/10
Building Meeting	9/18
Board Meeting	9/20

COMINGS & GOINGS

Welcome to the following:

- Janene Alvarez – CCR&R Referral Specialist
- Mary Louise Brennan – H.S. PAC
- Helen Fern – Beaverton CDC PAC
- Jim Frank – Auditor/Inspector Weatherization
- Elaine Parsons – Childhood Specialist

Program Assistant's Corner

LABOR DAY ICE CREAM SOCIAL is planned for August 29th from 3 – 4 PM. We hope you will all come.

September 2007 BIRTHDAYS



Joslyn Edmonson	2 nd
Vicki Ware	2 nd
Bill Urban	3 rd
Maria Rodriguez	5 th
Jerralynn Ness	6 th
Rex Britton, Jr	10 th
Debra Palmer	15 th
Christina Summers	15 th
Diana Lu	16 th
Katherine Galian	20 th
Milagros Cortes-Ruiz	26 th
Laura Linda Negri-Pool	27 th

(If you want your birthday acknowledged, be sure to complete an authorization form – contact HR)

September 2007 ANNIVERSARIES



	Years
Sharon Bolmeier	30
Nancy Alderman	27
Elaine Burrell	25
Judy Nagy	21
Renee Bruce	17
Lori Balch	15
Sunni Brasseur	14
Mary Davila	13
Rosanna Ferguson	13
Martha Knapp	13
Christian Summers	13
Maria Infante	12
Lolis Martyniuk	12
Victoria Dominguez	11
Lorena Jimenez	11
Olga Hopkins	10

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September is

Children's Eye Health & Safety Month
Biscuit Month (I wonder when Gravy Month is!)
National Little League Month
National Hispanic Heritage Month is 9/15-10/15
Constitution Week is 9/17-23/07

September Dates and Holidays

Labor Day 9/3
Patriot Day 9/11
Ramadam begins 9/13 at sundown
Rosh Hashanah begins 9/13 at sundown
Yom Kippur begins 9/22 at sundown
Elephant Appreciation Day 9/22 (Never forget!)
First Day of Autumn 9/23
Native American Day 9/28



Corn & Tomato Sauté

Makes 4 servings, about 2/3 cup each

Ingredients

2 teaspoons canola oil
1 cup fresh corn kernels (about 2 ears)
1/2 cup diced shallots
1 pound tomatoes, diced
1 tablespoon chopped fresh tarragon or basil
(or other herb of your choosing)
1/4 teaspoon salt

Instructions

Heat oil in a medium skillet over medium heat. Add corn and shallots and cook, stirring occasionally, until lightly browned, about 5 minutes. Remove from the heat and let stand for 5 minutes. Stir in tomatoes, tarragon (or herb of choice) and salt. Serve warm.



WHAT'S DEVELOPING?

All staff, as well as friends and supporters of Community Action are invited to join the 2007 Washington County *Walk for Unity* starting at Beaverton City Park, 4950 SW Watson Ave., at 2 p.m. on Sunday, September 30th. The free celebration of community diversity is being organized by Vision Action Network. In addition to the 3-mile walk there will be a festival featuring music and information about community organizations from 1 – 5 p.m. RSVP not required, just show up! More information at www.visionactionnetwork.org.



CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Our full day program is winding down for this year and will end August 24th. The new classes will start in the CDC's on September 4th. Susan Sager has moved on from the Beaverton CDC to other pursuits. We have hired a new Coordinator for the Beaverton CDC. Welcome to Helen Fern. Many thanks to Kris Long from the Part Day program for stepping in to help for the summer.

It has been a busy summer at the office with the expansion that added recruitment and hiring to our planning agendas. We have hired a new Health Coordinator, Shauna Hanson and Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Coordinator, Val Laws. Congratulations to Nancy Alderman, Genie Guisinger and Bruce Horne for moving into Program Area Coordinator positions. Our leadership team is working very hard to ensure that our start-up is organized, effective, and meaningful to children, staff, and parents. We will be serving 162 additional children in Pre-K, Part-Day program by converting nine of our mid-day classrooms to AM and PM sessions. We will be adding nine teaching teams, two Program Area Coordinators, and two Program Assistants to our existing staff group. There are two new sites this year - Sexton Mountain (one classroom) and Jacob Wismer (two classrooms) replacing Vose and International School of Beaverton.

CHECKS & BALANCES



Fiscal – It is with regret that we let you know that Val Laws is leaving the Fiscal Department to take a new position with Head Start. If you have any payroll questions, please contact Cilia Burrell at (503) 693-3283 Ext 283.

Just a reminder: We should have already received any invoices and travel reimbursements that are dated June 30th or before. If you have not turned them in yet, please do so IMMEDIATELY!

FAMILY & COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Opening Doors Evaluation Completed



After five years and lots of effort the Opening Doors program evaluation has been completed by the consulting firm Evaluation Specialists and was submitted by Anna Foucek, MPH of that company. The main findings of the Report on Cost Benefit of Opening Doors Program to Provider Partners are as follows:

Data was collected from 403 women who fit the qualifying demographics to participate in Opening Doors. Half of the women were involved in the Opening Doors program during their pregnancy and half were not (the control group). The Opening Doors mean difference is \$8,962.21 and the control group is \$12,004.05. The difference for a hospital bill of an Opening Doors participant is \$3,041.84 less than the hospital bill for control group individuals!! Participating hospitals included Legacy Meridian Park Hospital, Providence St. Vincent Hospital and Tuality Community Hospital.

The report goes on to answer this question: "Does the existence of the Opening Doors program save participating hospitals money on birthing costs of low-income women?" The answer is: Yes, to a statically significant degree!!

Congratulations to Opening Doors' staff for their hard work and commitment!

HR - Ask Winnie



Open Enrollment Dates:

Thurs., Aug. 30 th	12:30 – 2:30	CAO
Thurs., Sept. 6 th	2:00 – 4:00	CAO
Wed., Sept. 12 th	9:30 – 11:30	CAO
Fri., Sept. 14 th	All Day HS All Staff Beaverton	
Mon., Sept. 17 th	9:30 – 11:30	CAO
Wed., Sept. 19 th	1:30 – 3:30	CAO
Thurs., Sept. 27 th	2:00 – 4:00	CAO

Save a Life!

A stroke victim may suffer severe brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke. Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a **s-t-r-o-k-e** by asking 3 simple questions:

S * Ask the individual to **SMILE**.

T * Ask the person to **TALK**, to speak a simple sentence coherently, i.e. "it is sunny out today".

R * Ask him or her to **RAISE BOTH ARMS**.

NOTE: Another 'sign' of a stroke is this:
Ask the person to 'stick' out their tongue. If the tongue is 'crooked', if it goes to one side or the other that is also an indication of a stroke. If he or she has trouble with ANY ONE of these tasks, call 911 immediately!! And describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

Anniversaries continued

	Years
Joan Brown	9
Bill Urban	9
Michele Walker	9
Betty Chung	8
Linda Johnson	8
Sandra Dunlap	7
Ruth Iliaifar	7
Irma Perez	7
Charlotte Salgado-Zerber	7
Silvia Campuzano	6
Claudia Gutierrez-Garcia	6
Josefina Moran	6
Karla Trujillo	5
Maria de Lourdes Regino	4
Jenifer Allen	3
Ariana Chandler	3
Alicia Orozco	3
Eliaz Piza	3
Margaret Rodriguez-Springer	3
Janina Tabor	3
Yangchin Topgyal	3
Rex Britton, Jr	2
Gloria Enciso	2
Julia Perez	2
Wendy Polanco	2
Jennifer Scheib	2
Joyce Suchoski	2
Rachel Agnesse	1
Lorena Carrillo	1
Dany Chhy	1
Joslyn Edmonson	1
Laura Geraci	1
Genie Guisinger	1
Victoria Harriman	1
Rebecca Lahti	1
Veronica Miglavs	1
Karen Murray	1
Vianey Nunez-Quevedo	1
Marlene Rodriguez	1
Stefanie Scovill	1
Willy Silva-Cruz	1
Deborah Smith	1
Leah Solomon	1
Erica Tafoya	1

THE END