

“People You Should Know” Fall Campaign a Huge Success

Community Action is fortunate to have a committed circle of friends that grows wider with each passing year. The 2005 People You Should Know fall campaign was the strongest yet, raising approximately \$10,000 more than in 2004.

170 people participated, raising \$55,000 for programs for low-income children and families in Washington County. Children’s artwork and pictures lined the walls and stories of hope, help and change filled the room.

Our community’s commitment to our mission inspires us to continue to strive to be our very best. To learn how you can host your own circle of friends at the next People You Should Know event, contact Jeri Alcock, Director of Development, 503-693-3255.



*Leslea S. Smith,
Community Action Board Chair,
welcomes guests*



*Head Start children sing at
People You Should Know event*

Dear Community Action,

I've been on and off public assistance for years, but not any longer. It's been a long and very difficult road but I've learned to live gracefully and productively with my many disabilities and barriers. What has made the difference for me is having people who care, like those I've come to know at Community Action, who believe in my value and who value my humanity.

Cynthia Hanna

Thank You!

Washington County churches help Community Action to provide emergency services for working families.

- Calvary Lutheran Church
- Calvin Presbyterian Church
- Emanuel Lutheran Church
- Evergreen Christian Center
- Hillsboro Presbyterian Church
- Mt. Olive Lutheran Church
- St. Vincent dePaul of St. Anthony's Church, Forest Grove
- St. Vincent dePaul of St. Anthony's Church, Tigard
- Tigard Church of God
- Tigard Community Friends Church
- Tigard United Methodist Church
- Tigard United Methodist Women
- Unitarian Universalist Community Church of Washington County
- Visitation Altar Society

Community Action is especially grateful to:



Providence | Health System

and



Washington Mutual

**for sponsoring our fall
People You Should Know events**

A Letter to Our Friends—

For more than forty years, Community Action has been addressing the causes and conditions of poverty in Washington County. Fiscal year 2004-2005 was no exception, in spite of the challenge we faced to repair and rebuild our damaged Hillsboro center. This challenge pales next to the challenges faced daily by low-income families as they struggle just to keep food on the table and heat and lights in their home. Your support assured that Community Action was able to respond to more than 35,000 requests for help from more than 17,000 families last year.



Jerralynn Ness
Executive Director



Leslea S. Smith
Board Chair

Each day our staff receives hundreds of calls for help, and the need is increasing. Thanks to you, our staff is able to help families in many ways. Each day dozens of families are being served with energy assistance, bringing them comfort and hope. We are weatherizing more homes than ever to assure that families are warm and safe, with less costly energy bills. Our Shelter Home is always full, and each month there is a waiting list of over 200 homeless people hoping to find shelter space. Homeless children are receiving the support they need to stay in school. Working families are finding quality, affordable child care so that they can hold onto their jobs and know that their children are safe and secure. Pregnant women at risk give birth to healthy, thriving babies. New parents are learning the skills needed to prevent child abuse and neglect. Hundreds of pre-school children are being prepared to enter school ready to learn.

Community Action is a responsible steward of the funds we receive. During last fiscal year, we received an outstanding financial audit and program monitoring reports. We preserved our shelter home investment by making significant improvements to the facility. And when our before and after school child care program could not survive financially, we made the difficult but responsible choice to end the services. We provided leadership to "I Give Where I Live", a public education campaign to promote volunteerism and philanthropy. And it was a great honor to be presented with the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce's 2005 "Organization of the Year Award".

We will continue to provide the hope and help needed for families to achieve a better life and greater economic security. So thank you, once again, for being here for us.

Jerralynn Ness Leslea S. Smith

New Seasons Pitches In

Two days before Thanksgiving a kitchen fire broke out in Community Action's family shelter. With no working stove and limited counter surface, it became clear the five families staying in the shelter wouldn't be able to prepare a Thanksgiving feast that had been donated by the Hillsboro Unitarian Church.



Thanks to Jeff Philbaum, Kim Jackson, Roger Gamino, and Annette Chipman,

As is often the case, Community Action called on our circle of friends to help us out and they didn't let us down. Thanks to the generosity of New Seasons Market at Orenco Station, the families enjoyed a delicious Thanksgiving dinner provided in convenient ready-to-heat containers which they were able to prepare in the shelter kitchen's microwave oven.

When the agency's insurance claim to repair the damage took longer than expected, New Seasons again stepped up with food for a Christmas day feast along with other items for the shelter. To our relief, the damage in the shelter was repaired shortly after the holidays and life at the shelter is back to normal.

Save the Date!

**Community Action's
Celebration
of Community Spirit**

**Friday, April 14th, 2006
Tiger Woods Center
Nike Campus
5:30-8:30 pm**

**For sponsorship opportunities,
please contact
Jeri Alcock, 503.693.3255**

Partnering With Local Heroes

Even during times of unprecedented concern for disaster survivors in other parts of the world, a growing number of individuals, businesses and organizations are supporting Community Action's mission to help Washington County residents in crisis.

These Washington County businesses support Community Action with donations that can be used for emergency services, or wherever the need is greatest: **Camille Miller Insurance, Doherty Ford, Henningsen Cold Storage, Tualatin Valley Firefighters Union, New Thought Ministries, Nike employees, Northwest Natural, Peet's Coffee and Tea, Synopsys, and Whole Brain Creative.**



Rama Trapman presents Providence gift to Corrie Jensen at Family Shelter

With support from **Intel, Verizon, and The Intercultural Communications Institute**, Child Care Resource and Referral is expanding childcare capacity in Washington County.

Community Action's Hillsboro Family Shelter helps families become ready to rent with support from: **Highland Park Middle School, New Seasons Market, Papa Murphy's Pizza, Portland Community College, Share the Spirit, Inc., and Unitarian Universalist Community Church of Washington County.**



Andrew Smith, MBank Vice President, visits Head Start classroom

These schools, organizations, and businesses sponsored Community Action Head Start classrooms with holiday gifts to children through the Adopt-A-Class program:

- Abernethy Elementary School
- Camelot Care Center
- Cedar Park Middle School
- Clarity Visual Systems
- Columbia Community Bank
- FEI
- Glenn Walters Nursery
- J.D. Fulwiler & Co.
- Kiwanis Club of Cedar Hills
- Intel employees
- Masonic and Eastern Star Home
- MBank
- Nike Global Footwear Testing employees
- Northwest Regional E.S.D.
- Pinnacle Exhibits
- St. Pius X Church
- SweetPeas Preschool
- Umpqua Bank



Nike employees have lunch with Head Start children

Exquisite handmade baby quilts and other gifts from **Beaverton Christian Church Women's Ministry, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Cedar Mill Stake, and Northwest Quilters**, show great concern for blossoming families.

Kiwanis Club of Cedar Hills, Nike, Opus NW, Oregon Head Start Association, and the Oregon International Air Show support Community Action Head Start.

Integrated Management Resources and West Coast Coffee provide support that reduces administrative costs.

Nike, MBank, and West Coast Bank matched employee contributions to Community Action.



John Bartell, OPUS Northwest Vice President, cleans up Head Start playground

Foundation Grants

We gratefully acknowledge grants made by **The O.L. Moore Foundation** and **The Joseph E. Weston Public Foundation**. These grants provide assistance for families at Community Action's Family Shelter.

Verizon Northwest supports Community Action's early childhood literacy program.



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One of the most popular methods to protect assets from the estate tax is to take advantage of the unlimited marital deduction. When a spouse leaves the entire estate to a surviving spouse, the estate tax is not imposed. The surviving spouse's estate then grows in value and could potentially be heavily taxed at the time of the spouse's subsequent death.

Fortunately, tax laws favor those who are charitably inclined. A charitable bequest to a qualified non-profit agency, such as Community Action, allows additional savings on federal estate taxes. A bequest in your will is fully deductible for federal estate tax purposes. For more information, contact Jeri Alcock at (503) 693-3255.

Lomas Financial works closely with Community Action and is also available to assist you in your estate planning. Contact Ellen Greenwald at (503) 681-2464.