

WCCAO

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1980-81

"We need to put it in perspective. The great moral lesson that we are our children's keepers. It is a great obligation as well as the responsibility of our constitutional form of self government."

Sen. Wayne Morse
U.S. Senate
1975



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A Letter to our Friends

In contrast to the program and budget cuts faced by most non-profits and units of government, WCCAO's 1981 programming and budget remained slightly above last year's levels. Highlights of last year's activities included: the establishment of a Housing Development Corporation and the preparation of a \$4.5 million application to construct farm labor housing; running the second year of a Solar Technician Training Project, training 18 persons, and; continuing the Fuel Assistance Program at its expanded level of serving 3,024 low-income families.

Even with our continued growth last year, WCCAO reacted to the trend toward smaller social service budgets, and will be reducing certain programs and budgets by up to 25% in 1982. Next year, WCCAO will no longer run its solar training project, will not have CETA labor available for its Weatherization and Wood Gleaning Programs, and will not have as many VISTA volunteers. The reaction to these and other possible cuts has been three fold. First, several efforts to increase volunteer participation were made. The Gleaning Project organized the gleaners into a separate non-profit corporation which has assumed most of the responsibility for that project. All the church sponsored food closets have been organized into the Tualatin Valley Food Center in an effort to increase the amount of food distributed by these volunteer organizations. Volunteers involvement through the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, Green Thumb, Community Corrections, B'nai B'irth Fraternity, Oregon Fair Share and the community was in-

creased in projects as diverse as a wood advocacy, and a self-help weatherization effort. Second, WCCAO has sought to increase the income generated through project operation by attempting to collect third party payment for some services and establishing a subsidiary corporation to do weatherization in the private sector. In a third reaction, WCCAO increased funding from United Way and the Community Block Grant, and sought to further diversify its funding base.

In anticipation of reduced federal spending over the coming years, WCCAO will continue to increase volunteer involvement, increase income generated by programs and seek other sources of funding. WCCAO will remain an integral part of human services in Washington County. WCCAO is looking forward to making these changes, meeting the new challenges, and continuing to be an integral part of human services in Washington County.

Sincerely,



Gordon J. Molitor
Executive Director



Larry Cole
Chairman of the Board

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WCCAO ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT
1980-81

WCCAO
CONTRIBUTED BETWEEN
SIX MILLION DOLLARS
TO WASHINGTON COUNTY'S ECONOMY*
7,715 LOW-INCOME FAMILIES SERVED
14,656 PEOPLE SERVED

*** MONEY SPENT IN WASHINGTON COUNTY'S ECONOMY HAS A MULTIPLYING EFFECT. ECONOMISTS ESTIMATE THE MULTIPLIER TO BE BETWEEN THREE AND SEVEN. THE MOST CONSERVATIVE FIGURE, THREE, INDICATES THAT WCCAO CONTRIBUTED OVER SIX MILLION DOLLARS TO THE COUNTY'S ECONOMY IN FISCAL YEAR 1980 - 81.**

WCCAO PROGRAMS

The needs of the poor can be broken down into three general areas: 1) Basic Needs — food, shelter, and clothing; 2) Health Needs — mental and physical, and; 3) Educational Needs. The following is a summary of WCCAO programs according to the types of need they are addressing.

BASIC NEEDS

MIGRANT FARMWORKER HOUSING
COMMUNITY FOOD & NUTRITION PROGRAM
ENERGY PROGRAM
WELFARE HOTLINE
RETIRED SENIOR CITIZEN VOLUNTEER PROGRAM
ENERGY CRISIS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
EMERGENCY SERVICES

HEALTH

HEAD START
EMERGENCY SERVICES
RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

EDUCATION

HEAD START
EMERGENCY SERVICES
COMMUNITY FOOD & NUTRITION PROGRAM
WELFARE HOTLINE
ENERGY PROGRAM

COMMUNITY FOOD AND NUTRITION PROGRAM

The Community Food and Nutrition Program consists of a number of activities that improve nutrition and reduce hunger among Washington County's poor. Through a Crop Gleaning Project, people harvest fresh fruits and vegetables donated by local growers and distribute the produce to low-income families, seniors and the disabled. This past year, the program helped organize the Tualatin Valley Food Center, a county wide volunteer food bank, to coordinate the solicitation, storage and distribution of food needed by the county's emergency food centers. Salvageable foods donated by distributors and gathered in food drives reach low-income households through these projects. This program has also surveyed Hillsboro elementary schools in an effort to determine the nature and extent of hunger in the classrooms.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Involved over 200 gleaners in harvesting 80,680 pounds of fruits and vegetables worth \$24,194 donated by 105 growers. This food was distributed to 500 households and 1250 individuals.
- Distributed 20,163 pounds of donated food, worth \$12,500 to 1,000 households.
- In cooperation with the Tualatin Valley Food Center distributed 9,404 pounds of donated food to 14 emergency food centers around the county worth \$5,820. An additional \$3,800 in donations was distributed to the food centers.
- Established Washington County Gleaning Incorporated as an independent mechanism for conducting crop gleaning in the county.
- Formed a citizens committee to address the problem of inadequate nutrition among low-income school children.

ENERGY CRISIS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Energy Crisis Assistance assists low-income people with the high cost of home heating. Residents who have income equal to or less than 125% of Federal Poverty guidelines are given monetary assistance toward paying their home heating bills. In addition, clients are given information on how to conserve energy and are referred to our Energy Program for home weatherization.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- 3,024 low-income households in Washington County were provided a total of \$575,000 to help pay their home heating bills.
- 84 workshops on energy conservation were conducted for low-income families.
- Helped low-income persons organize a Washington County Energy Coalition that will monitor energy legislation and policies with regard to their impact on low-income households.

ENERGY PROGRAM

Low-income persons are provided energy related services through this program. Services provided include weatherization, wood gleaning and the installation of solar hot water heaters and attached green houses.

Weatherization includes weather-stripping, installing vapor barriers, insulation and storm windows.

Wood Gleaning is a project that stockpiles donated wood for use by low-income households. Priority is given to the elderly and handicapped.

For the second year the program installed solar hot-water heaters and attached green houses in low-income households. Low-income residents were employed through CETA and trained in solar installation and weatherization.



ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Weatherized 175 low-income homes.
- Installed 8 solar hot-water heaters in low-income homes.
- Designed and constructed Solar Greenhouses for 3 low-income households.
- Delivered 510 cords of wood to 250 low-income families.
- Trained 16 low-income persons in the installation of energy conservation measures including solar hot-water heaters and attached green houses.
- Organized and conducted a "Legislators Weatherization Day" where state officials participated in a hands-on weatherization workshop.
- A Self-help Weatherization Program was developed to expedite energy conservation among the county's 7,000 low and moderate income households which have no weatherization.
- Co-hosted the 6th Annual National Passive Solar Energy Conference in Portland.

EMERGENCY SHELTER & SERVICES

The Emergency Shelter House provides temporary housing for indigent persons without a place to stay. It is the only shelter facility in the Tri-county area that will provide shelter to an entire family. Assistance is provided to help residents find permanent housing and employment. The Emergency Services Program, housed in the WCCAO Shelter House, assists both resident and non-resident low-income people having questions or emergency needs related to food, clothing, housing, finances, utilities, transportation, medical problems, etc. If unable to help through small loans, food, vouchers, food supplies, etc. a counselor will seek help through other resources. Information and support is also given to help people deal with and solve problems themselves.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Provided emergency housing to 345 families and 598 individuals.
- Provided emergency services i.e., food, loans, clothes, furniture to 1,495 families.
- Maintained an active involvement in the Washington County Food Bank, Oregon Human Rights Coalition and the Citizens for Equal Health Care Coalition.

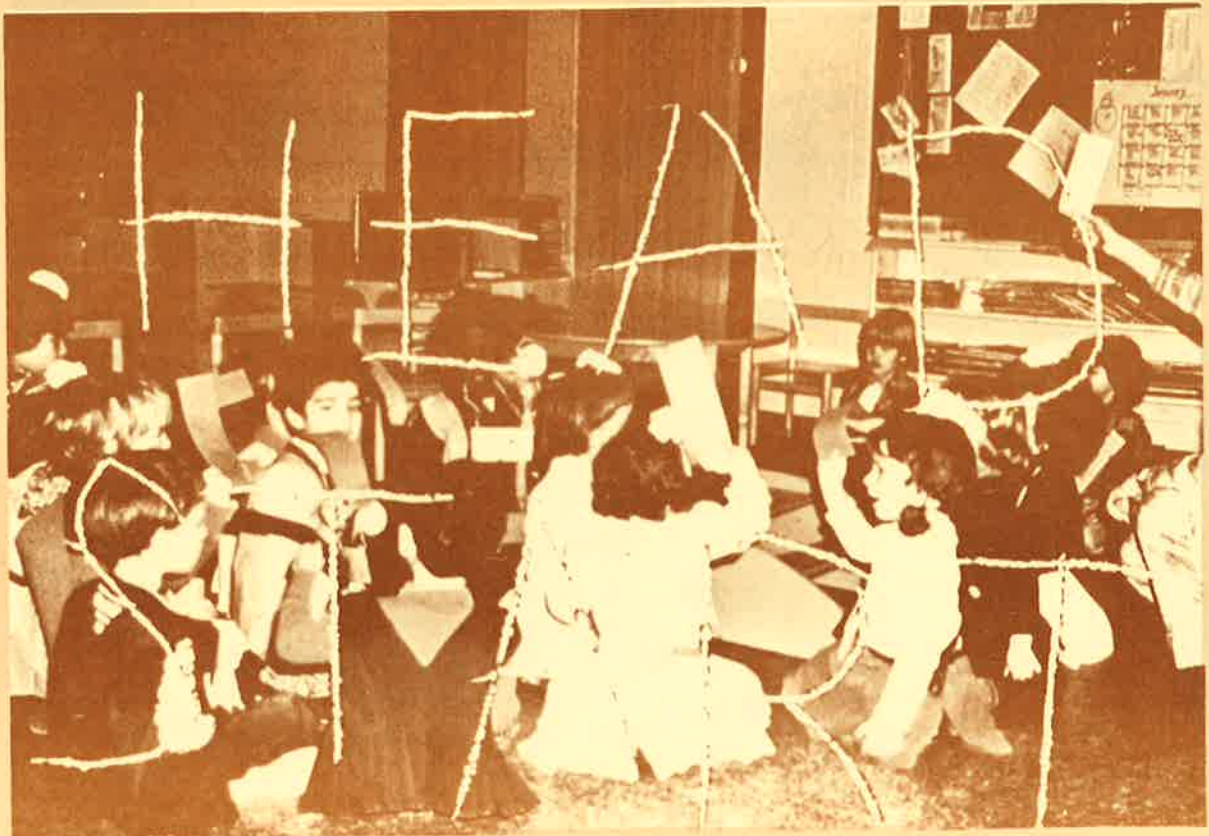


HEAD START

Head Start involves four and five year old low-income children in a pre-school learning experience that includes health care and social services to families. A major emphasis is placed on parental involvement throughout the program. Parents serve as aides in the classrooms, help to plan center curriculum and activities, and are responsible for administrative decision making. Children attend a center-based or home-based program three days per week with teachers making monthly home visits.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- 155 low-income children were provided a Head Start Education.
- 108 children received physical exams.
- 123 children received dental exams.
- 39 children received speech therapy.
- 1022 home visitations were conducted.
- Participated in Oregon Human Rights Coalition.
- 92 Parent meetings and workshops were held.



VOLUNTEERS IN SERVICE TO AMERICA (VISTA)

VISTA Programs place volunteers in a number of agencies that serve low-income persons. VISTA volunteers are involved in community organizing activities intended to assist low-income people in gaining more power over their lives. This past year, twenty VISTAs were placed with a number of programs throughout the county.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Helped establish a Wood Gleaning Cooperative that will provide wood to elderly and handicapped persons as well as other low-income persons.
- Developed a Self-help Weatherization Program aimed at low-income renters.
- Helped establish Washington County Gleaners Inc., a Corporation consisting of low-income volunteers that harvest and distribute surplus crops to the needy.
- Helped establish a Women's Resource Center for female headed, low-income households.
- Established a Food-buying Cooperative at Centro Cultural in Cornelius.
- Developed a plan for providing technical assistance to Hispanic Small business.
- Helped organize a neighborhood association to improve living conditions in a low-income area of Hillsboro.

WELFARE HOTLINE

This program responds to low-income persons who have questions, concerns, or complaints about welfare assistance programs, in addition Hotline staff act as advocates for needed public policies, providing input at the State and National level, and represents low-income clients at Welfare negotiations and hearings.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Responded to 1,541 client calls regarding basic needs e.g. Social Security, Aid to Dependent Children, Food Stamps.
- Conducted 30 Welfare Rights & Myths workshops for agencies, low-income groups and civic groups.
- Helped organize the Oregon Human Rights Coalition thereby giving low-income persons a mechanism for influencing state and local policies that impact their lives.

MIGRANT FARMWORKER HOUSING

Efforts to improve migrant farmworker housing conditions in the county focused on establishing a Housing Development Corporation that would sponsor and manage farmworker housing projects.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Established a Housing Development Corporation with broad based representation from public officials, business, migrant farmworkers, farmers, and citizens at large.
- Obtained Farmers Home Administration approval of a pre-application to construct 108 units of seasonal housing for migrant farmworkers.
- Obtained options on two housing construction sites, one in Hillsboro and one in Forest Grove.
- Submitted a final application to the Farmers Home Administration for funds to construct 76 units of migrant farmworker housing.

RETIRED SENIOR CITIZEN VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

RS.V.P.'s purpose is to create meaningful opportunities for persons of retirement age to participate in the life of their communities through volunteer service. The focus of the program is that of matching the interests of senior volunteers with community needs. Volunteers work at public and private non-profit agencies and organizations.

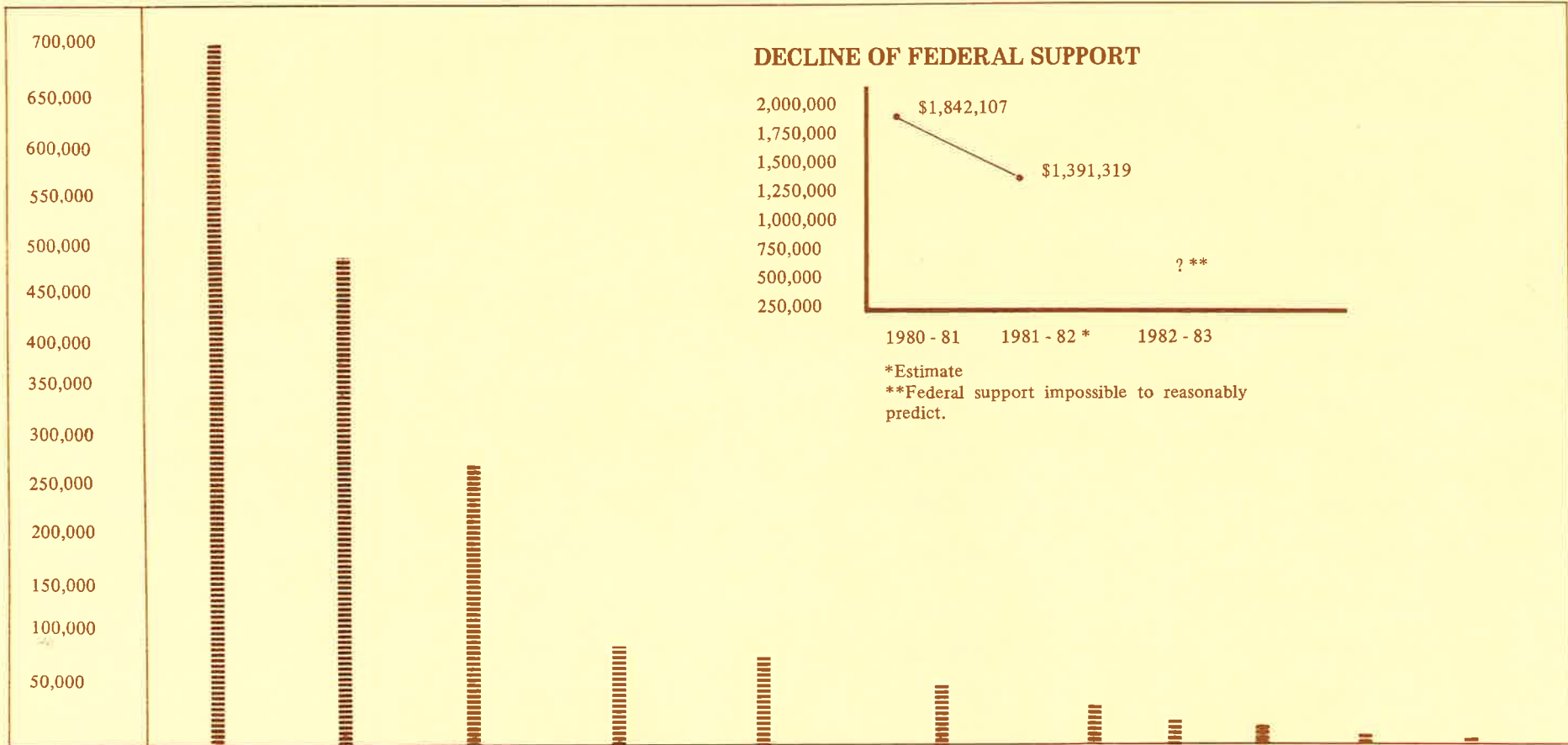
ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- 579 Volunteers donated 237,418 hours of volunteer time to Senior Centers, schools, hospitals, community corrections, Red Cross and other civic groups. Using the minimum wage, this translates into \$795,351 of service to Washington County.
- An insurance counseling program for Washington County was established in conjunction with the Oregon Insurance Division of the State of Oregon. This program will provide all the seniors of Washington County with basic help on any questions pertaining to the insurance they now have. Nine volunteers work out of the Senior Centers and private homes.

SUB-GRANTS

During the past year WCCAO provided Sub-grants to Centro Cultural and A Childs' Place. The Sub-grant to Centro was instrumental in leveraging a \$500,000 HUD grant to construct a Community Center. The Sub-grant to a Childs' Place helped it to survive budget cuts and find a more stable source of funding.

WCCAO BUDGET 1980-81



Energy Crisis Assistance Energy Program Head Start Emergency Services Administration Sub Grants Migrant Farmworker Housing RSVP CF&NP Welfare Hotline VISTA

Actual program budgets were; Energy Crisis Assistance \$674,071, Energy Program \$495,510, Head Start \$271,633, Emergency Services \$132,337, Administration \$119,787, Sub Grants \$77,941, Migrant Farmworkers Housing \$42,186, RSVP \$38,068, CF&NP \$32,920, Welfare Hotline \$25,367, VISTA \$11,612, Other Programs \$126,662, In-Kind \$183,421.

WCCAO BUDGET SOURCE 1980-81

SOURCE	FEDERAL SHARE	LOCAL SHARE	TOTAL
SCSP	\$799,598		\$799,598
CSA	\$310,211	\$105,462	\$415,673
H.H.S.	\$259,299	\$83,421	\$342,720
CETA	\$429,788		\$429,788
ACTION	\$43,211	\$16,125	\$59,336
WASHINGTON CO.		\$96,954	\$96,954
CITY OF HILLSBORO		\$11,310	\$11,310
UNITED WAY		\$54,277	\$54,277
CITY OF BEAVERTON		\$18,195	\$18,196
CITY OF FOREST GROVE		\$2,664	\$2,664
OTHER		\$1,000	\$1,000
	\$1,842,107	\$389,408	\$2,231,515

1) All Figures Unaudited