

Delivered by Cathy Wise, Child Development Director

It is my pleasure on behalf of the staff of Community Action to express our heartfelt thanks to all the businesses and individuals who have contributed money, materials and time in support of this project. You have validated the importance of the work that we all do through your generous gifts. There is one very special person that we as staff want to acknowledge.

This building was her dream. She has had unwavering faith in the individuals and businesses of Washington County to make a commitment to help their less fortunate neighbors. This building is a symbol of her belief in the community and her belief in the work of the agency.

Her vision, optimism, and determination have made her dream reality. When others said it couldn't happen, she never expressed a doubt that it would happen. When others asked why such a project was necessary she never doubted that it was the right thing to do. When others said the money wasn't there she never doubted that the people of Washington County would support this project.

Jerralynn Ness has been the "LITTLE ENGINE THAT COULD".

On behalf of your staff, I am privileged to present you with this gift which is a small token of our sincere appreciation to you.