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Representative Ken Strobeck
State Capitol H472
Salem, Oregon 97310

Dear Ken,

I spoke with Marian today in regard to visiting a Community Action Head Start/State Pre-kindergarten center and understand that it may be difficult to arrange during the session. Please know that you have an open invitation for any time that is convenient for you.

In addition, Marian asked about our organization's work and our legislative interests. I described our organization, our mission and the work that we do, and told her that I would send to you a summary of our legislative priorities. Enclosed, you will find that summary along with information on Community Action Organization in Washington County. My Board Chair, Cindy Hirst, and I would like to schedule some time to visit you in Salem to discuss our legislative agenda. I will make arrangements through Beverly.

And last, your employer, Blue Cross Blue Shield, has been a financial contributor to our organization's work over the past two to three years. We have greatly appreciated the support and would like to invite Blue Cross Blue Shield be a part of our 11th annual gala event, Mardi Gras. This event is our major fund-raiser for the year and all the proceeds go to benefit our anti-poverty programs in Washington County.



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Mardi Gras will be held Saturday, February 8th at Montgomery Park in Portland. Dick Stenson, CEO of Tuality Healthcare and member of my Board of Directors, is our Honorary Chair. We would be honored to have Blue Cross Blue Shield sponsor a table for ten to attend the pre-event dinner for \$1000. Could you assist by making this request on our behalf or advise me on the appropriate contact or process? And, at the very least, we sincerely hope that you are able to attend this very important Washington County event. Thanks for your support and I will give you a call next week to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

Jerralynn Ness, Executive Director