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Reverend Charles Falconer
Chairman, Food Task Force
c/o Bethany United Presbyterian Church
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Dear Reverend Falconer:

I want to again thank you and the Food Task Force members for your valuable assistance in preparing our 1979 Community Food and Nutrition Grant. As you know, your input helped identify a variety of community nutrition problems and projects, and helped secure more funds than in the previous year in spite of the fact that the total amount available was reduced.

I hope that we can build upon this success and again cooperate on our 1980 application. Jerralynn Ness and Sandy Mead will be contacting the task force in May or June to start the 1980 grant application process. In the meantime, there is another activity on which we can cooperate with, hopefully, as much success.

At its December meeting, the Washington County Community Action Organization Board of Directors established a multi-year planning process which will focus in on key poverty issues through the work of citizen and agency task forces. Community Food and Nutrition was one of the issues the Board decided that it wanted to have studied this year. Because the Food Task Force has a record of work in this area, I am requesting that it serve as the focal point of WCCAO's (and, hopefully, Washington County's other nutrition groups) planning efforts in the area of Community Food and Nutrition.

Will the task force be willing to cooperate on the following activities:

- 1) form a planning task force comprised of representatives of appropriate agencies and at least 50% low income persons.

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- 2) collect data to document and define nutrition issues in the County. Pam Owens of Tri-County Community Action, and Sandy Mead of WCCAO will assist in the data collection.
- 3) examine possible actions to impact on the identified problems.
- 4) prepare recommendations of specific actions to be taken by appropriate agencies.
- 5) generate community input and reaction to the task force report.
- 6) present the task force report to the Food Task Force, appropriate agencies, and WCCAO Board of Directors.
- 7) advocate for the implementation of the recommendations.

I hope that you and the task force will be willing to undertake the above planning process because I think it can be of great value to the hungry in Washington County. Please call me if you have any questions. And, if you think it would be appropriate, I am willing to come to a task force meeting to explain my request further.

Sincerely,



Gordon J. Molitor
Executive Director

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Enclosure

cc: Pam Owens
Sandy Mead