



Community IN ACTION

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This month I attended the National Community Action Foundation's Legislative Conference in Washington DC. I met with Congressman Wu and staff of Senators Wyden and Smith to discuss issues of poverty, our work and the federal funding we receive for Head Start, Weatherization and Energy Assistance. I also talked about the importance of the Community Services Block Grant locally, which was eliminated in the President's budget. All of them pledged to help restore and maintain our funding. During the conference, many Senators and Congressional Representatives spoke to our group with great passion. I would like to share a few of their comments, which we're uplifting and inspiring:

Senator Charles E. Grassley, Iowa-R

"Some people succeed because they are destined to. Most people succeed because they are determined to." "This quote always makes me think of the people that Community Action works with. CSBG is the best investment of taxpayer dollars."

Senator Tom Harkin, Iowa-D

"I know what kind of people you are. I may not know you, but I know your soul. You give soul to the American body. Like a parent I'm not suppose to have a favorite child. But I have no higher priority than to see that CSBG is protected & fully funded." Congressman Bernie Sanders, Vermont-I
"Let me first begin by congratulating you. You understand the realities of our country that most don't. You understand the struggle and the despair. And you see what happens in Washington and yet you

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keep doing the work. I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart. You have not lost your vision of what America should be. Our vision has to be to eliminate poverty in America. We cannot get used to it."

Senator Blanche Lambert Lincoln, Arkansas-D

"Community Action starts with human beings, with the only thing that matters; with our relationships with each other and that's why you are my favorites. Dealing with issues of poverty, hunger, homelessness and aging. These are the issues that I hold as values and these are the values I want my government to have. Compassion has to be tangible; it has to be reflected in our actions. Unfortunately, you are the exception, not the rule. Whatever you do, don't give up. What you are doing is best for the strength and success of this country."

David Bradley, our lobbyist in DC, (2-21-06) described the mood in Congress: "In the twenty-five year history of the CSBG, this is definitely the most challenging and confusing Congressional environment in which we have ever operated. The partisanship that divides Republicans and Democrats grows more bitter as the weeks go by and the November elections grow closer. It is also clear that the American public disapprove of many of the policies and public officials in Washington. Approval ratings of Congress are the lowest in decades and the President's disapproval rating is approaching 60%."

In spite of this, it is clear that the work of Community Action continues to have bipartisan support from members of Congress. Stay tuned.....



UPCOMING EVENTS!

Building Meeting	4-18
Head Start	
Policy Council	4-18
Safety Meeting	4-03
Board Meeting	4-20
Wellness Day	5-12

COMINGS & GOINGS

Welcome:

- Maria Alonso-Hernandez
- Claudia Umanzor
- Rosa-Blanco-Jimenez
- Leonarda Benitez

Goodby to the following:

- Aldina Orellano
- Patricia Alvarado
- Sally Reid
- Karen Henkmeyer
- Luz Delgado
- Thi Truc Chau

NEWS OF NOTE



NO NEWS IS GOOD NEWS - SOMETIMES

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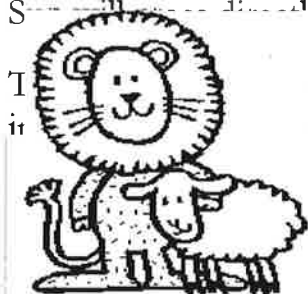
ANNIVERSARIES

Mary Jo Martin	3 years
Vicki Ware	20 years
Francisca Salgado	5 years
Nick Nissen	3 years
Alicia Perez	1 year
Gordon Eaton	5 years
Maria Rodriguez-Perez	6 years
Trisha Thompsen	3 years

MORALE & WELLNESS

Topics – VERNAL EQUINOX

At precisely 10:26 A.M. today (March 20th) the Sun will directly over the Earth's equator.



Known as the **vernal equinox** in the Northern Hemisphere and marks the beginning of spring.

The saying goes “if March comes in like a lion it goes out like a lamb” and if March comes in like a lamb, it goes out like a lion”.

Do you know what that means?

The saying above refers to the weather. If the weather is bad (cold and snowy) at the beginning of March, then the end of March will be calm (like a lamb). If the weather is mild at the beginning of the month, then it is said that the end of March will end with bad weather

I'm ready for spring. How about you?

Something to think about



- Yesterday is History
- Tomorrow is Mystery
- Today is a Gift

WHAT'S DEVELOPING?

The **2006 Celebration of Community Spirit** will be held Friday, April 14, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., at Tiger Woods Center on the Nike World Campus. Roger Hinshaw, Bank of America President for Oregon and Southwest Washington, and 2005 United Way campaign chair, is the event keynote speaker.

Community Action will honor Tuality Healthcare, Outstanding Corporate Partner, and Fred Johnson, Executive Vice President of Columbia Community Bank, Outstanding Business Leader. For ticket information please contact Jeri at x255.



CHILD DEVELOPMENT

The Head Start Pre-K, Part-Day programs will be closed for Spring Break from 3/27 through 3/31. The Child Development Centers will stay open during this time. The Self-Assessment process has been completed, thanks to all the parents, community volunteers, and Community Action staff who took the time to visit the classrooms and also have fun with the children. The management team is in the process of compiling Self-Assessment data, develop goals for next year, and complete the grant application.

FAMILY & COMMUNITY RESOURCES

I&R Networking Breakfast

Thursday, April 6th 8-10 am

Strategies for Personal Safety will be presented by Julie McCloud of the Washington County Sheriff's Office. Are you doing home visits, work with people with mental illness? Interested in learning how to recognize and avoid potentially dangerous situations? Join us to learn about personal safety strategies. Topics will include assertiveness, setting and maintaining personal boundaries, recognizing set-ups, preparing a personal safety plan, and verbal and physical strategies when facing uncomfortable situations.

CHECKS & BALANCES

FISCAL – If you get a Purchase Order (PO) and then decide you aren't going to use it, please send it back to the Fiscal Dept with a note on it. In the note just state the reason you can't/aren't going to use your PO and to please VOID. If you have any questions, please call Ann at (503) 693-3243 or email your questions to ahering@caowash.org
Thank you!

Spring makes its own statement,
so loud and clear
that the gardener seems to be only
one of the instruments, not the composer

~Geoffrey B. Charlesworth

LOOKIN' FER WORKIN ALL THE RIGHT PLACES

Job Openings may be viewed at
Common /CAO Main/CAOInfo/HR
Resources/Current Job Openings.

*NOTE: Please check this address weekly for current information and details. We have many jobs in development that will be posted before the next publication and we will take applications as each job is posted.

Wellness Day 2006



Friday May 12th
8:30 - 4:30

SAVE THE DATE!!

SPICE UP YOUR LIFE



**Food,
Fun &
Festivities**

Workshops



Gift Baskets



Sunset Presbyterian Church - 14986 NW Cornell Rd.—Portland, OR