

Community Action Will Focus on Housing First

There is growing public awareness of the need to address homelessness in Washington County. Passage of the Washington County Public Safety Levy in November provides essential operating funds for the network of family shelters, including Community Action's Hillsboro Family Shelter, the Domestic Violence Resource Center, Family Bridge, and Good Neighbor Center.

A grant from Kaiser Permanente through the Northwest Health Foundation will help Community Action improve services to homeless families. A three-year \$200,000 grant will fund implementation of the Housing First program model.

As a result, more Washington County families will receive the housing and support services they need to avoid becoming homeless. Housing First has been nationally-recognized for its effectiveness at



Kaiser Permanente staff glow after volunteering at Community Action's Hillsboro Family Shelter

ending the cycle of homelessness. Housing First works on two levels. It focuses staff attention on providing housing and case management to help families achieve stability and self-sufficiency. Housing First also addresses homelessness on a systemic level, seeking solutions by building

relationships with community stakeholders such as private businesses, community development corporations, housing authorities, and government agencies. Community Action's mission is to work in partnership with the community to

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"People You Should Know" Features Head Start, New Video

The "People You Should Know" (PYSK) fundraising event, held November 16, 2006 in Beaverton, raised \$55,000 for Community Action programs and services. The annual fall breakfast honored two Head Start graduates who are now successful adults. Cilicia Burrell and Deserie Gomez attended

Community Action Head Start as children. Cilicia recently completed her Associate in Business degree at Portland Community College. Deserie is the manager of a Portland dental office. Both have children of their own, but lament that they don't qualify for Head Start because their incomes are outside the guidelines.

PYSK featured Community Action's new video about our Head Start program. The 8-minute video includes interviews with teachers, as well as parents of children in the program who learned better parenting skills through Head Start. To arrange to see the new video, please call 503.693.3254.

A Letter to Our Friends—

We are pleased to send you our “2005-2006 Report to Our Community,” enclosed in this edition of our newsletter. More and more families in Washington County are struggling to make ends meet, due to increases in rent and energy prices, as well as child care and health care costs that are beyond their reach. Community Action is proud of our ability to help so many families in need. Community Action was able to respond to over 27,000 requests for help last year. In addition, we increased our activities to educate the broader community about local issues of poverty and how everyone can be a part of the solution. We produced a media presentation called “When Working Isn’t Enough.” We joined with the Vision Action Network to sponsor the first “Economic Livability Summit,” a forum for business leaders to learn more about how they can better support their low wage work force. At the forum, we introduced a new document for employers titled “20 Things You Can Do For Your Employees.” A copy of that document can be found on our web site: www.communityaction4u.org (go to “poverty info” and click on “Employer Resource Guide”).



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We joined “One Economy” in supporting the launch of a local “Beehive” (www.beehivehillsboro.org) for the Hillsboro community to find “help for a better life.” Homelessness issues were in the forefront during 2006 (please read our cover story). Community Action joined a grassroots, inter-faith initiative in west county to raise awareness about homelessness and build support for shelters. We trained thirty volunteers to help with our annual “one night homeless count,” giving a more accurate count of 1,155 homeless people in Washington County on a single night, about three times previous counts.

Community Action continues to be a model of responsible stewardship. During fiscal year 2005-2006, we received outstanding financial audit and program monitoring reports. We strengthened our financial status and exceeded our fundraising goals. “I Give Where I Live,” our collaboration with other local non-profits, received the Willamette Valley Development Directors Crystal Award for Outstanding Philanthropy Project.

Community Action continues to provide the hope and help needed for families to achieve better lives and greater economic security. We welcome your help to increase public awareness of poverty concerns, and build the Public Will needed to address local causes and conditions of poverty. Together we can improve our community and make it a better place for all to live. Thank you for your concern for people in need and support for our work.

Community Stakeholders Support Housing First

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help low-income people achieve self-determination. Kaiser Permanente’s Sunset Clinic team members are regular contributors to the Shelter, as well as to Community Action Head Start. Other healthcare-related community stakeholders such as Tuality Healthcare and Providence

Health System also make significant investments to support Community Action programs and services.

Community Action’s Housing and Homeless Services program provides a comprehensive and effective approach that helps families facing homelessness achieve stability and self-sufficiency.

Save the Date!

**Community Action’s
Celebration
of
Community Spirit**

**Wednesday, May 2nd, 2007
Cascade Room
Oregon Zoo
5:30-8:30 pm**

For sponsorship opportunities, please contact Mary Jones 503.693.3230

Support for Community Action programs and services from faith-based organizations has been especially heart-warming this fall and winter. Three emergency funds help residents in specific areas of the county: The Hillsboro Emergency Fund, the Neighborshare Fund (Tigard), and the Westco Fund (west county). The funds receive support from:

- Aloha Christian Church
- Evergreen Christian Center
- St. Vincent de Paul Conference of St. Anthony's, Forest Grove
- Hillsboro Presbyterian Church
- Mt. Olive Lutheran Church
- Tigard Church of God
- Tigard Community Friends Church
- St. Vincent de Paul Conference of St. Anthony's, Tigard
- Tigard United Methodist
- Unitarian Universalist Community Church
- United Methodist Church, Forest Grove
- United Church of Christ, Hillsboro, Forest Grove
- Visitation Altar Society.

These Washington County groups and businesses support Community Action with donations to emergency services, or wherever the need is greatest: **Adept Diva Consulting, Beran Vineyards, Buena Vista Custom Homes, Camille Miller Insurance, Epler Farms, Emanuel Lutheran Church, First Choice Appraisals Inc., IAFF Local 1660, FEI Company, New Thought Ministries of Oregon, Nike, Providence Health System, Portland General Electric, Safeco Insurance Employee Giving, and Umpqua Bank.**

Local Heroes

Community Action's Hillsboro Family Shelter receives widespread community support. Donors include: the **Bridging the Gap Campaign, Denture Clinique, Highland Park Middle School, MasterBrand Cabinets Inc.,** customers of **New Seasons Market, Papa Murphy's Pizza,** as well as several church groups and foundations listed elsewhere on this page.

Community Action Head Start/ Early Head Start is grateful for donations from: **Bopp & Bopp, Epson Portland Inc., Harmony Road Music, Kiwanis Club of Cedar Hills, Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory, Providence Plan Partners, Selid and Company, Synopsys Community Fund, and The Shoebox Pediatric Dentistry.**

Opening Doors, Community Action's maternity healthcare outreach program, receives vital support from: the **Beaverton Christian Church Women's Ministry, Legacy Meridian Park Hospital, Legend Homes, Northwest Quilters Inc., Noticias Latinas, Providence Health System, Regence Community Health Fund, and The Streets of Tanasbourne.**

Child Care Resource & Referral is grateful for in-kind support from **Educational Products Inc.**

Portland General Electric provides major support for Community Action's weatherization program.

Foundation Grants

Community Action programs received support from:

- Hollione Foundation
- O.L. Moore Foundation
- Sunshine Lady Foundation
- U.S. Bank Foundation
- Weiss Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation
- Joseph E. Weston Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation
- Verizon Foundation
- Veverka Family Foundation

Adopt-A-Class Donors Make Holidays Warmer

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Start classes, including pre-K, as well as infant and toddler rooms at our Beaverton and Hillsboro Child Development Centers. Donors who visit children in their classrooms say Adopt-A-Class adds special meaning to their holidays because they can see how their gifts help.

Adopt-A-Class 2006 participants include: **Cascade Microtech Inc., Cedar Park Middle School students, City of Beaverton administrative/**

human resources/municipal court staff, Columbia Community Bank staff, Evergreen Academy students, FEI staff, Glencoe High School students, Intel employee groups, Kaiser Sunset Clinic Pediatric team, Kiwanis Club of Cedar Hills, Masonic & Eastern Star Home, Ed Wachtel's Nike team, St. Pius X Church, Pinnacle Exhibits, Planar Systems, Sunset High School 9th grade students, Sweet Peas Preschool, Tualatin Valley Junior Academy, and Umpqua Bank.



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Adopt-A-Class 2006 Makes Holidays Warmer for Head Start Children

Community Action offers opportunities for groups to provide gifts for children in our Head Start program just before the winter holidays. Our “wish list” highlights essential needs such as warm clothing, socks, underwear, books and educational games, rather than toys. Groups commit to adopting entire Head

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Nike's Ed Wachtel speaks with Community Action Head Start teacher Carol Bump at Adopt-A-Class holiday party.



Report to Our Community

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Community Action: Helping People to Help Themselves

Community Action provides services to alleviate the suffering associated with poverty. Families are assisted in meeting basic needs and in planning for future self-sufficiency.



1,841 parents were assisted in finding child care



53 child care sites received early literacy training



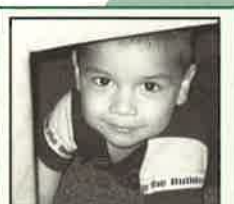
Advocated for 404 homeless children to ensure school success



Weatherized 181 homes to increase efficiency and lower energy costs



Community education about causes and consequences of poverty



52 homeless families given temporary shelter and housing support



799 low-income students received a Head Start

Change often begins at the next generation. Our comprehensive early childhood programs provide the help and hope needed.



779 community volunteers worked in agency programs



91% of babies in our pregnancy outreach program born healthy



13,237 calls made to 211info for information and referrals

Because we can't do it alone, we assume a leadership role in educating and engaging the community on issues of poverty.



442 Head Start families received job training, adult education, or emergency services



7,014 families had heat because we were there with critical help



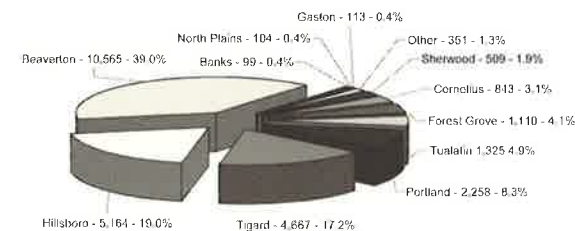
558 households received rent to prevent homelessness

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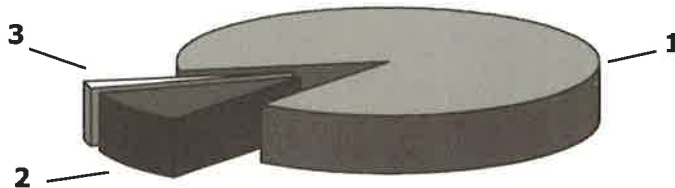


Community Action responded to 27,150 calls from households in Washington County needing critical services

To view a list of our 2005-2006 donors, visit www.communityaction4u.org

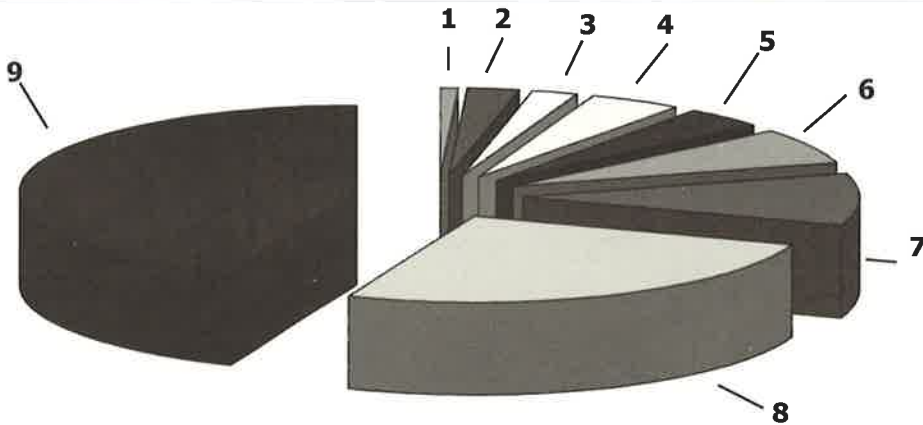
How We Steward Funds

Revenue: 14.7 Million



1. Public Grants and Contracts \$12,939,069 - 88%
2. Private Contributions \$1,407,940 - 10%
3. Fees for Service, Rebates \$333,072 - 2%

Expenses: 14.5 Million



1. Information & Referral \$123,672 - 0.9%
2. Resource Development \$341,421 - 2.3%
3. Emergency Services \$355,068 - 2.4%
4. Pregnancy Outreach \$648,554 - 4.5%
5. Child Care Resource & Referral \$557,858 - 3.8%
6. Housing & Homeless Services \$948,417 - 6.5%
7. Administration/Other \$1,445,060 - 9.9%
8. Energy & Weatherization \$3,723,766 - 25.6%
9. Head Start \$6,400,211 - 44.0%