

WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION ORGANIZATION

NEWS

Winter, 1990

Affordable housing—a vital key to economic success for WCCAO clients

• Jim and Cynthia are homeless. They and their five children, ages 7-15, are currently staying at the Community Action Shelter Home. They will be able to stay at the Shelter for up to three weeks. The family earns \$500/month from a newspaper delivery route. Both Jim and Cynthia are actively seeking additional work. She is limited by a degenerative illness. The whole family needs dental work badly. They have no insurance. Housing, if available, will cost them \$650-850/month. The Housing Authority currently has used all its assistance available for large families. The chances of Jim and Cynthia obtaining adequate housing for their family in Washington County appears slim. They will likely move on and try their luck in another community.

• S_— is a caseworker for a local social service agency. She is a single parent with four children. She earns about \$15,500 a year. Her rent is \$675/month for a small, older, three bedroom house. With utilities she pays about 65% of her income for housing. She can not afford that much and has been looking to move for over three months. She has not been able to find anything less expensive that meets her needs.

• Janet is a single parent with two young children. She earns about \$10,000/year doing temporary clerical work. The rent on her apartment increased by 28% last year. She receives rental assistance from the Housing Authority but her voucher is not sufficient to cover the recently increased rent on her unit. She

is looking for a place to move.

The lack of affordable housing for low and moderate income residents is a growing problem in Washington County. The stories above, unfortunately, are



not isolated incidents. Rather they are indicative of the conditions faced by lower income persons, on an all too frequent basis.

Consider these facts:

1. Washington County is the fastest growing county in Oregon. It has the highest per capita income of Oregon's large counties. Despite this, 11.5% of the county's population, 33,000 people, have incomes below the federal poverty rate. Since 1980 the percentage of people with incomes below the poverty level has increased from 5.7% to the present 11.5%

2. Washington County is the most

expensive County in Oregon in terms of housing costs. Average rents for recently built two bedroom apartments exceed \$500/month. Rents increased at about 15-20% last year and are expected to increase by a similar amount over the next year. Vacancy rates are currently dropping below 3%.

3. Federal funds for low-income housing have decreased by 80% since 1980. The Housing Authority of Washington County has done an admirable job of developing new assisted housing in the County, but only has resources to help 37% of those residents who need assistance. At any point in time the Housing Authority will have 1,000 families on their waiting lists.

4. The median price of a modest single family house in Washington County is between \$60,000-\$70,000. A family income of about \$30,000 is required to purchase such a home.

Only 45% of Washington County families can afford such a purchase.

5. The Community Action Shelter Home is generally fully occupied. About 600 homeless people per year are served. For every homeless person that is housed, four go *unserved* due to lack of resources. (Data compiled from existing public documents by Washington County Community Action Organization.)

Despite the tremendous increase in the number of jobs in Washington County, home ownership is becoming an increasingly difficult prospect for many families whose incomes fall short of that required to enter the rapidly

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You Can Help!

Volunteers Needed:

- for Tualatin Valley Food Center to drive delivery trucks and assist drivers with loading & unloading of trucks; 3 hr. shifts (9:00-Noon or 1:00-4:00) daily; call Bev, 642-3236.
- for assistance with special projects or food distributions; call Bev, 642-3236.
- for classroom assistants and teacher substitutes; call Head Start Administration for information, 648-6646.
- to assist elderly and disabled clients with installation of self-help weatherization materials; call Joan, 642-3236.
- for the Transportation Program, drivers, dispatcher and clerical assistants; call Elaine, 648-6646.
- for graphics design and layout, typesetting, printing; call Pam, 648-6646.
- for reception work, clerical tasks and data entry; call Pilar, 648-6646.

Donations Needed:

- **Equipment** - printers, color TV, IBM compatible computers, wheel chairs, car seats; contact Pilar, 648-6646.



Board Chair's Message

Jim Sehon

1988-89 annual report shows dedication to serving the poor

Well, we made it through the first year's implementation of our Five Year Strategic Plan, and we made it through with flying colors! In spite of the seeming chaos of reorganization, we were able to serve thousands and thousands of people with needed services in a more efficient and "user-friendly" way. Credit for the success of the year's accomplishments goes to the WCCAO staff, who made the delivery of services their highest priority during this time of tremendous change.

The Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 called to action the American People to wage war against poverty. Community Action Programs were one of the main outcomes of that effort to "eliminate the paradox of poverty in the midst of plenty in this nation". Despite efforts during the last decade to eliminate Community Action, rather than poverty, we have survived and even thrived, because we have been creative, innovative, courageous and dynamic. WCCAO's Five Year Strategic Plan was the latest effort to re-dedicate

ourselves to the Economic Opportunity Act by finding even better ways to serve the poor, and this year's accomplishments have put that Plan into action.

I would like to highlight some of the major changes in WCCAO during 1988-89 and invite you to request a copy of the Annual Report for additional information:

- Creation of a central intake and assessment unit resulting in a single application or "one stop shopping" approach to serving people.
- Establishment of Neighborshare, a full service satellite office in Tigard (to serve the south end of the county) formed in collaboration with the churches.
- Establishment of new departments and projects:
 - Housing and Energy Department to focus our attention on the need for affordable housing
 - Children and Youth Department to focus our attention on the need for

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... People Helping People

The Washington County Community Action Organization (WCCAO) is a private, non-profit corporation providing a wide variety of services to the needy in Washington County, Oregon. Information on WCCAO programs is available from the following individuals:

WCCAO Administration (Jerralynn Ness, Executive Director)	648-6646
Client Services Dept. - Intake, Information & Referral	648-0829
Cheryl Hilbert, Director	648-6646
Heating Assistance (December - March)	640-8951
Neighborshare (Tigard, Tualatin, Sherwood)	639-0495
Children and Youth Department (Cathy Wise, Director)	648-6646
Housing & Energy Conservation Dept. (Leon Laptook, Director)	642-3236
Hunger & Nutrition Dept. (Val Donley, Director)	642-3236
Resource Development Dept. (Pam Brousseau, Director)	648-6646
"Play It Again" Thrift Store	644-8956



Executive Director's Message Jerralynn Ness

Thanks to WCCAO's employees

Dear Friends,

Fall is always that time of year when I look forward to the bountiful rewards of a well nurtured garden. This Fall, as we wound down our major reorganization tasks, I found that all of us at WCCAO were beginning to reap the rewards of the past two years of planning and organizational change. I saw that the frenetic and chaotic pace of the past year was transitioning into a tranquility and renewed sense of purpose.

Now with two more months of winter ahead of us, we are still very busy. Our front-line workers daily are confronted with the tragic and woeful plights of the poor. And we are staffed very, very thin. Yet, we know that if we

can't help, there is probably nowhere else that the poor can turn. And I am reminded again about how valuable our employees are and how often we forget to give them the kind words and the thank yous they deserve. We don't even have the excuse that they are well compensated, in pay and in benefits. So for all of those days that passed and I was not able to tell each and every WCCAO employee how much I appreciate you and the work you do, I now humbly and gratefully express my most sincere thanks. Without you and your contributions, WCCAO would not be successful and strong and the poor would be more powerless and destitute than ever.

People partners for transportation program

"Hi, this is Joe with the Volunteer Transportation Program. How can we help you?"

"I need a ride to my doctor appointment tomorrow morning."

"Are you elderly or disabled?"

"Yes, I am. I am an elderly woman - 88 to be precise - and I am confined to a wheelchair. Can you help me?"

"We sure can! We have a volunteer driving tomorrow that is just working out his route. Let's get down some more information from you..."

Dozens of calls come to the WCCAO Transportation Program each day, mostly from elderly and disabled residents of Washington County needing a ride to a medical appointment, shopping or for personal business.

Before 1988, when Tri-Met decided to provide the seed funding for this project, there was not a resource available to people like this elderly and disabled woman. She would have been forced to



Volunteer driver Eugene Hermelin assists a client of the Volunteer Transportation Program.

beg for a ride from a neighbor or friend or simply cancel the appointment if no one was available to help her.

Tri-Met and local non-profit agencies worked together to develop "Volunteer Transportation Programs" (VTP)

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It's Happening!

- **Brown Bag Distributions:**
 - **Beaverton, Tigard, Tualatin** - January 2, February 9, March 9.
 - **Hillsboro** - January 19, February 16, March 16.
 - **Forest Grove** - January 26, February 23, March 23.
- **The WCCAO Board of Directors** meets the third Wednesday of each month at 5:30 in the Conference Room of the Hillsboro Administration Office, 451 S. First, Suite 600. Call Pilar (648-6646) to confirm.
- **The Fourth Annual Mardi Gras Ball** will be held on February 24 at the Tualatin Country Club from 7:00 - Midnight. Southern Cuisine Buffet, dancing to Johnny Limbo & the Lugnuts and both a Silent and Oral Auction will be featured. See story and ticket order form on page 4 of this newsletter.
- **Head Start Policy Council** meets the second Tuesday of each month (except February). Call Susan (648-6646) for time and place.
- **Winter Parenting Support Center Classes; Call 648-0829 to register:**
 - **Wednesday Evenings** - eight weeks beginning February 14, 6:30-8:00 p.m., Beaverton Head Start ARC Building; child care available.
 - **Thursday Mornings** - eight weeks beginning February 15, 9:30-11:00 a.m., Hillsboro Head Start Building, Singing Hills Church; child care available.
- **Drop In Parent Support Group** (for parents who have completed the 8 week session); Wednesday evenings beginning February 14, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m., ARC Building; child care available.

Mardi Gras 1990—Having a Ball for a good cause!

If you have not yet attended a Mardi Gras Ball sponsored by Washington County Community Action Organization, you have missed three years of a great time! For the over 1,000 people who *have* attended one or more of the Balls, they will find this year's event to be the most fun ever!

Ever heard of **Johnny Limbo & The Lugnuts**? If you have, you will be thrilled to know that they will be playing for WCCAO's 4th Annual Mardi Gras Ball, thanks to Washington Federal Savings Bank, our major sponsor. If you have not heard of this famous group, **put on your dancing shoes!** You are about to be introduced to one of the most entertaining, exciting, talented and above all FUN LOVING 50's and 60's rock'n roll bands around today.

How does a Southern Cuisine Buffet sound (spiced up with a Cajun accent) to warm up a Winter's night? And this year's **auctions** will have the most interesting and exciting items we have ever offered!

Who's Who for Mardi Gras 1990:

We have a great Mardi Gras Team again this year, headed up by our Honorary Chair, Mr. Howard Hubbard, President of Washington Federal Savings Bank. Pulling the weight behind him are our Steering Committee Chair Lynda Tatum and another 25 volunteers who are working hard on committees to make sure your Mardi Gras Night for 1990 is a great one!

All the Particulars:

- Who:** YOU!
- What:** Mardi Gras 1990
- When:** February 24, 1990, 7:00 p.m. - Midnight
- Where:** Tualatin Country Club
- How:** Complete and mail in the ticket order form at right or purchase tickets in person at branches of Washington Federal Savings Bank
- Why:** Because you do not want to miss a great evening and do a great service to your community at the same time!

There! I said it all!



Johnny Limbo & the Lugnuts



Howard Hubbard



Lynda Tatum



TICKET ORDER FORM MARDI GRAS BALL 1990

Washington County Community
Action Organization

February 24, 1990
7:00 — Midnight



Please reserve _____ ticket(s) @ \$30.00 per person

Please contact me about sponsoring a corporate table
@ \$500 (seats 10)

I am unable to attend, but I am enclosing a tax deductible
donation of \$ _____ to help WCCAO continue its work.

Reserve by **February 14**. For information call 648-6646.
Tickets will be mailed to you.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Mail reservations and make checks payable to:
Washington County Community Action Organization
451 S. First, Suite 700, Hillsboro, OR 97123

THANK YOU!

"Time to Grow"—Letting kids be kids

Remember when you were a kid and your family had to move across town or to another state? Remember how traumatic it was to face that first day at a new school and bravely walk down the block to introduce yourself to the neighbor boy or girl? In the most secure and stable of families, moving is both exciting and scary.

Now try to imagine being a kid in a family that has been evicted from the house it is renting in Beaverton. In the middle of the night, you arrive at the WCCAO Family Shelter. You have walked there with your family, carrying a small suitcase and your favorite stuffed animal. You have not eaten since that morning.

"What is happening? Will I be able to lie down and sleep soon? Will there be any food to eat? Why has Mommy been crying?"

Children staying at WCCAO's Family Shelter have experienced stressful situations that no children should ever have to face, instilling a fear into their

sense of reality that most of us have never known.

To better serve the Shelter's children, WCCAO has begun the "Time to Grow"



Andrea Nigro with two children staying at the shelter.

Children's Program, offering free play and educational activities for all ages. The morning program is geared specifically to the needs and interests of young children (infant - 4 years), while the

afternoon program expands to include a "tutorial" time to help school-age children with homework, as well as provide other creative and fun activities.

"Time to Grow" lets kids be kids and encourages sharing of feelings. Improving self-esteem is the ultimate goal for children who are in the extremely unsettling and stressful situations that bring them to the Shelter. While they are participating in the Program, their parents can work on remedying those situations, so that the families can once again be self-sufficient.

Coordination of the Program is provided by Andrea Nigro, a new WCCAO staff member and a Jesuit Volunteer. Program operations depend on donated supplies and equipment. If you can donate, or would be willing to purchase any of the items on the "Wish List" below this article, please contact Andrea at the Shelter, 648-0829

Stagg Foods donates 14 tons of canned goods

A 14 ton donation of canned goods in early December went a long way in helping to feed the hungry this past holiday season. About half of the donation of canned chili and other foods, made by Stagg Foods, was turned over to the Oregon Food Bank for statewide distribution, while the remainder stayed in Washington County for distribution by WCCAO's Tualatin Valley Food Center (TVFC).

Stagg Foods is a family-owned and operated company based in California. Their new Hillsboro plant will open in January, at 560 S.E. Fourth, and Stagg plans another donation to TVFC at that time.

The donation was made in support of "Supermarket Saturday", an event sponsored by the Oregon Food Bank in cooperation with Safeway Supermarkets. Until now, the "Supermarket Saturday" event has been solely dependent on individual contributors for donations. Stagg Foods broke that tradition and hopes that their donation will encourage other food companies to

follow suit in helping to stamp out hunger in Oregon, as well as other parts of the country.

"We are thrilled to have this opportunity to become a part of the Oregon Community in general and the Hillsboro community specifically," says Bo Hirsch, president of Stagg Foods, Inc. "We hope this is just the beginning of a long and mutually rewarding relationship with both the Oregon Food Bank and Oregon community."



Denise Harkness (TVFC) stands with Ed and Margaret Woretendyke (Aloha Transport Service) who donated transportation of the canned goods.

"Time to Grow" Wish List:

- Portable crib and/or play pen
- Rocking chair
- Folding table - adj. height
- Flannel board
- Play kitchen utensils & Food
- Play kitchen set
- Infant changing table
- Mini water/sand table
- Play telephones
- Easel
- Carpet squares
- Globe
- USA and World Maps
- Dress-up clothes
- Infant/toddler play forms
- Tumble around tub
- Fold-up tumbling mats
- Resting mats/cots
- Activity hoops
- Activity balls (sponge or foam)
- Hat rack
- Beginner paint brushes
- Magazines to cut out pictures
- Doll bed/crib
- Cookie cutters
- Giant water droppers
- Bean bags
- Tupperware tubs w/covers
- Rhythmic instruments
- Large wooden beads
- Picture books
- Finger painting paper
- Pounding bench
- High chair
- Stroller
- Records/tapes - childrens



Margaret Turner's "kids" show off their hand-made knit hats.



Stephen Smith—the Mardi Gras spirit!

WCCAO's volunteers: Using their "spare" time

Meet two special people who typify the spirit of volunteerism which keeps WCCAO going strong:

Margaret Turner

Besides serving as a useful guide to people seeking help, the blue pages in the Washington County phone book appear to be a volunteer recruitment tool, or at least they served that purpose in bringing WCCAO and Margaret Turner together about a year and a half ago. Margaret decided she wanted to volunteer, consulted the blue pages, called Washington County Community Action. She talked to the Administrative Assistant, Pilar Kleier, who sold her on the idea, and she's been with us ever since.

Margaret works on Monday and Thursday afternoons, and "other times as needed, when the secretarial pool is shorthanded". She performs a wide range of secretarial and clerical tasks, ranging from reception work to typing and back again—whatever the need is at the time. She says she finds the work "very rewarding. I like it more all the time. I look forward to seeing the people. They are a pleasant group to work with."

It was not always that pleasant. When Margaret first began to work in the WCCAO Hillsboro office, she was overwhelmed by the number of people she had to try to remember and get to know.

"The LIEAP Program was in full swing at the time and there were volunteers, staff from all the WCCAO sites, clients and board members coming through all at the same time". Now she knows most all of us by name (even some of the clients) and does a great job keeping track of our whereabouts.

So, what does Margaret do with her spare time? Knit hats! The same winter she started to work at WCCAO, she knit over 100 hats to donate to needy people. Many of them were given to the children at "A Child's Place" (see photo), while others went to WCCAO's emergency family shelter. And she is at it again, preparing for next year. She has a closet stuffed with yarn donated by Portland General Electric and knits away every spare moment. She could use some volunteers! If you would like to knit and have some spare time, call Margaret at WCCAO's Hillsboro office (648-6646) on Monday or Thursday afternoons, 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Stephen Smith

A WCCAO board member, Nancy Wilcox, recruited Stephen Smith to volunteer for WCCAO in the spring of 1986. It didn't take much coaxing—Steve was raised in a socially conscious family. His father is a minister who has set a life-long example of the value of helping one's neighbors.

Steve's service began with the layout and design of WCCAO's first quarterly newsletter, nearly four years ago. In 1986, the newsletter was a cut and paste job utilizing word-processed copy. Today, the entire publication is typeset and designed on a computer using desktop publishing software.

In the fall of 1986, Steve joined the team which organized the first Mardi Gras Ball. He has served on the Mardi Gras committee for four consecutive years and has designed many of the materials used for the promotion of the event, including letterhead, invitations, flyers, tickets and program booklets.

Until March of 1989, Steve held the position of Reprographics Manager for the City of Beaverton. At that time he "retired" and began a free-lance desktop publishing design business, Blue Moose Productions. During the past months he has also done extensive design work for Tektronix and the Oregon Liquor Control Commission.

When asked why he continues to volunteer his professional services with such a busy schedule, he replied, "I know, in some cases, I provide services WCCAO could not otherwise afford. In other cases, the work I do means more funds go directly to the clients. I feel good about that."

We feel good about that, too, Steve. Thank you.

Home improvement loans available for low-income families

If you are a resident of Washington County and own or are buying your own home, need repairs in the areas of roofing, foundation, plumbing, electrical or heating and your family income falls within federal guidelines, you may be eligible to receive a no-interest loan for home improvement. Loans are deferred until ownership changes and are for structural improvement, not new construction or for cosmetic purposes. Call the Housing Rehabilitation Program at 648-8814 or 648-8897.

People partners, cont'd.

in the Portland Metropolitan Area to "effectively increase the availability of special needs transportation services for tri-county senior citizens and disabled persons." VTP depends upon volunteer drivers to accomplish their objectives. **To become a VTP driver**, all you need to do is to commit time on a monthly basis on any day of the week, maintain a valid Oregon "Class A" drivers license and complete an orientation session which includes a defensive driving course.

As with all needed community services, there are not nearly enough volunteer drivers to meet the number of requests that come in, despite long hours of dedication by some of the Program's key volunteers.

If you can help or would like additional information, call Elaine Wells, coordinator for the Program, at 648-6646.

For Information about receiving a ride, call 648-0829 or toll free 1-800-533-5941.

Join the
"People Helping People"
by calling
648-6646

Affordable housing, cont'd.

appreciating real estate market. For those even less fortunate - the working poor, single parent families, the elderly on fixed incomes, farm laborers, the disabled - the lack of affordable rental housing is approaching crisis proportions.

Concerned Citizens for Affordable Housing (CAH) is a group of citizens who have started meeting on an informal, ad hoc basis. They were initially motivated to action by witnessing first hand the struggle that some of their fellow community members, *our neighbors*, encountered in their attempts to find decent, safe, affordable housing. They were disturbed to see some of the housing quality problems that exist in the County. They started to ask themselves questions as to what sort of legacy we will leave for our children. Will we price them out of Washington County's housing market? Will we follow the same path that other rapidly urbanizing areas have experienced? Will our lack of emphasis on affordable housing have the affect of further congesting our transportation system and degrading our environment as more people commute long distances to their jobs?

Members of CAH have educated themselves about what has been and can be done to provide decent housing for all County residents. While they commend the efforts of public and non-profit agencies and others who are working to increase the stock of affordable housing, they think that more can be done and more *must* be done by both private citizens and the public sector to promote and encourage affordable housing in Washington County.

The following recommendations were made to the Washington County Board of Commissioners by Concerned Citizens for Affordable Housing:

1. Promote affordable housing by developing and implementing a county housing policy which includes financial support. While County general funds are clearly in short supply, the County is not without financial resources that it can use to promote affordable housing.

2. Fund an update of the county's existing housing strategy/needs analysis. This study was completed in early

1985. Due to changed economic conditions, the data should be updated and the recommended strategies, most of which were not implemented, need to be restudied and revised.

3. Promote Community Development Corporations (CDCs). CDCs are generally non-profit, community-based organizations, representing either a particular geographic area or special needs groups. Through their non-profit development, ownership and management of housing, CDC's can be important contributors to the stock of affordable housing.

4. Fund a Housing Advocate/Housing Development package staff position. This person would be an advocate for affordable housing and would facilitate public, non-profit and private developers in utilizing new and/or innovative financing mechanisms.

5. Continue to aggressively pursue available federal and state housing resources. The Housing Authority and Office of Community Development have done well in this area and will need to continue to be pro-active in light of dwindling federal resources.

In a recent article in the Hillsboro Argus, spokeswoman for the CAH Group, Gudrun Weber, stated that "a wide range of organizations in the County have been contacted in an effort to broaden the constituency of people urging development of affordable housing. Some members of the business community have been receptive, which shows that they are civic minded and understand that social issues can not be separated from economic issues. Because Washington County leads the State in creating new jobs, it also must offer housing that is affordable within the income limits of those jobs or the labor pool may not be available. Furthermore, one cannot ignore the linkage between a shortage of housing and the creation of other problems, such as child abuse, drug abuse and delinquency."

For more information about CAH or to become involved in its efforts, please contact Leon Laptok, WCCAO's Director for Housing and Energy Conservation, at 642-3236.

Annual report shows dedication to poor, cont'd.

affordable childcare

Resource Development Department and a **Thrift Store Project** to raise funds and other support for the agency

Parent Support Project teaching needed skills to reduce abuse and neglect

- Transferring our medical lending library and Retired Senior Volunteer Program to the Area Agency On Aging

- Expanding some projects:

Transportation Program increased funds and volunteer support

Tualatin Valley Food Center increased staff to respond to the loss of USDA Commodities and increased need for food donations

Head Start with Pre Kindergarten Funding from the State of Oregon

- Merging Volunteer Transportation, Emergency Services, Information & Referral and Heating Assistance into our Central Intake Department and relocating staff and programs to our

Hillsboro central office

- Initiation and coordination of an emergency response to the housing, hunger and employment needs of migrant farmworkers

- Reduction of weatherization services due to the reduction of Oil Overcharge funding

- Unexpected sale of our central office and relocation into a leased space

The Annual Report details our accomplishments amid all these changes, and they are impressive. To name just a few of them:

- We met the hunger needs of 16,466 families

- We provided comprehensive preschool services to 166 four-year-old children and their families

- We weatherized 165 low income households resolving housing-related problems and addressing housing discrimination

- We provided emergency shelter to

412 homeless people

- 16,253 people were provided assistance with fuel costs

- 8,397 rides were provided to disadvantaged people through the use of volunteer drivers

The demands of the past year have strengthened and invigorated WCCAO. With our reorganization and newly established goals, we have positioned ourselves for the challenges of the 1990's. As a community, we cannot accept that our work is done until we know that hunger and homelessness have been eliminated and everyone has the opportunity to participate in our economy. Perhaps it was best said in 1960 by the distinguished writer and historian, Archibald MacLeish, in a tribute to Jane Addams:

"The good we secure for ourselves is precarious and uncertain until it is secured for all of us and incorporated into our common life."

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It's time again for

MARDI GRAS BALL!

4th Annual Benefit for the Programs of
**Washington County Community
Action Organization**



Saturday, February 24, 1990
7:00 p.m. -- Midnight

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