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## Home in Hillsboro offers shelter in crisis



TEMPORARY HOME — Carol Horvath and her two children are among the first group of residents in the newly opened emergency shelter home in Washington County.

HILLSBORO — A nondescript red two-story house here will provide new hope for homeless individuals and families in Washington County. It is an emergency housing shelter operated by the Washington County Community Action Program. Under the direction of Judy Schilling, housing advocate for the CAP program, the home has provided shelter for about 20 persons during the two weeks it has been open...

Miss Schilling said the shelter home is the only one of its kind in the Portland metropolitan area.

"It gives us for the first time a place where we can

provide housing for people for enough time so that they can get themselves situated and be ready to obtain housing on their own," she said.

Previously, the only housing help available was payment for a night in a motel, which might meet the immediate crisis but leave the problem of housing still there the next day.

Residents in the shelter home are allowed to stay a maximum of two weeks. During that time they are given assistance in determining their eligibility for help from social service agencies, or manpower programs.

Funds for the house have been provided through the

Multnomah-Washington County Manpower Consortium, which will utilize it for some of the people being considered for manpower training programs.

Miss Schilling said there has been enough room to meet all the requests for housing help during the past two weeks.

That is in sharp contrast to a week last summer when she had almost 100 requests for help in finding housing, and no resources to meet the need.

Residents in the shelter home range from two single men who are ready to move into their own apartments, to a family of three who were

evicted from a motel and are waiting until they receive welfare payments so they can find a place to rent.

Miss Schilling pointed out that the shelter home should save money for other social service agencies in the long run because many of the people who will be helped there are ones who had no choice but to float from agency to agency seeking whatever help they could get.

"We hope to plant a garden to help with food costs and we'll be looking for other ways to cut expenses so we can serve more people with the money available to operate the home," said Miss Schilling.