



Jerralynn Ness
Executive Director



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Dear Friends,

In every community people need a place to seek help when there is nowhere else to turn – a safety net for the most vulnerable citizens. Such a place is essential to the quality of life for the most vulnerable among us—children, the elderly, families who are economically insecure. For those who struggle with conditions of poverty every day, that place is Community Action's multi-service center in Hillsboro.

Early last summer we learned that the original construction of our building, completed in 1995, was not adequate to keep moisture out. Problems deep inside the building were occurring, unknown to us, for several years. In August we learned that the building was failing due to significant water penetration.

The cost of repairs is estimated at \$802,000. Our building is worth 1.9 million. Over fifteen buildings in Washington County have failed with the same siding that was applied to our building.

Unfortunately, our windows also failed which worsened the problem. We have initiated insurance claims and are exploring possible legal remedies, but the urgency of the situation requires that our immediate attention goes to repairing our building in order to protect our largest asset.

To all of you who contributed to our capital campaign ten years ago, please know that we have not forgotten the important role you played in making our multi-service center a reality. We are taking the steps necessary to preserve your investment. Our building belongs to the entire community and we will bring it back to full functionality as the place for families to go when there is no where else to turn for years to come.



Construction underway at our Hillsboro, location, 1001 SW Baseline Street.

In our 39-year history, Community Action has never experienced such an immediate financial need. If supporting this project, which will assure that our community has a place to turn to in time of need, appeals to you, please give us a call. Contact Jeri Alcock at 503.693.3255 to discuss your interest. Thanks so much!

Warmly, *Jerralynn Ness*

Daniel Aberg

PS – we'll be back in February with our winter newsletter and annual report

You're Invited!

**Community Action's
People You Should Know
Fundraising Breakfast**

Friday, November 19, 2004
Kingstad Center, 7:30-8:30 am
15450 SW Millikan Way
Beaverton

There is no charge for this event,
but reservations are required.
RSVP to Mary Jones, 503.693.3230
by November 10th.



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Did You Know?

You can designate Community Action to receive your United Way pledge directly.

When making your pledge during your workplace giving campaign, simply write in "Community Action" as the agency to receive your donation.

Thank you for helping bring the spirit of hope, help and change to our community.