



Community IN Action

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DIRECTOR'S CORNER



Jerralynn Ness
Executive Director

Last week, Renee Bruce, Pat Rogers and I had the opportunity to meet with Tom Brian, Chair of the Washington County Board of Commissioners, to discuss the failed Community Safety Levy and the impact on our shelter network. With us were representatives from the other three homeless shelters: Monika's House, Good Neighbor Center and Family Bridge. In November of 2000 the voters of Washington County passed a safety levy to support a variety of county functions. In addition, for the first time ever, the county included general funds to support our shelter network, at \$530,000 a year for 5 years. These funds have helped to stabilize our shelter operations, take care of facility repair needs and expand the services offered. But with the renewal of the levy failing last November, our shelter network is facing a significant loss of funding beginning July 1, 2006. Chaitman Brian explained that the county intends to put the levy back on the ballot in November of 2006. They will implement a comprehensive public education program to increase voter's understanding of the levy and the critical services it funds in our community.

Community Action intends to assist with this campaign, as we work with the shelter network to educate the community about issues of poverty, homelessness and the services we offer. We are very fortunate to have the support of the county for our homeless shelters, as well as the personal support of Tom Brian, who also serves on our board. Please let us know if you have ideas for getting the word out as we move to put together our talking points. Have a wonderful holiday; stay safe and warm and at peace.

NEWS OF NOTE



Someone pointed out to me that our new name for the newsletter results in the following initials – CIA....hummm.

COMINGS & GOINGS WELCOME!!!!

JANIE ALONZO
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UPCOMING EVENTS!



Head Start	
Policy Council	12-14-04
Board Meeting	12-16-04
Building Meeting	12-21-04
Holiday Staff Party	12-17-04
Holiday	12-24-04
	12-31-04
Safety Meeting	1-3-05

CA STAR



The SEASON is our star for this edition.

It is both a fun & exciting time of the year and it is also a very stressful time of the year. Here are some ideas to help you manage all of your projects and take care of yourself.

Here's a helpful thought to fit between Thanksgiving and Christmas: Measure wealth not by the things you have, but by the things you have for which you would not take money.

Happiness

The secret to happiness and well-being is no mystery. All it takes is the ability to do the following:

- Forget.
- Apologize.
- Admit errors.
- Avoid mistakes.
- Listen to advice.
- Keep your temper.
- Shoulder the Blame.
- Make the best of things.
- Maintain high Standards.
- Think first and act accordingly.
- Put the needs of others before your own.
- Forgive.

Seem like a tall order? Try slipping as many of these "secrets to happiness" into your day as possible. You'll soon be rewarded with a more positive outlook on life.

FAMILY & COMMUNITY RESOURCES

You've been shopped! The first results are in from are Secret Shopper surveys. They confirm what we've always known- that Community Action provides excellent customer service! 100% of survey respondents agreed or strongly agreed that the person helping them:

- ◆ Used a pleasant tone of voice
- ◆ Was patient
- ◆ Listened to what they had to say
- ◆ Treated them with respect
- ◆ Was polite
- ◆ Was sensitive to their situation

Congratulations to the staff who provided this great service: Kristin, Katherine, Georgina, Ethan and Bobbie. You are the reason Community Action is so well thought of in the community. Also, thank you to everyone who made calls and turned in their survey. We will continue during the second half of the year.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Head Start All Staff Training Day is on February 11, 2005 – get it on your calendar & watch for more details.

A Big Thank You to PAC's who have worked hard contributing to the information needed to get our new computer program up and running.

On November 18th Maureen Quinn, Nutrition Specialist from Oregon State Extension Services held a training with Summer Plus moms on Cooking with Kids. It was enjoyed by all.

On March 12, 2005 four local agencies are putting on a Bilingual Parent Conference. The agencies include Community Action Head Start, OCDC, Hispanic Outreach in Hillsboro and NWRESD Early Intervention. The theme will be Healthy Children Learn Better – Guiding Our Children's Future. It will be located at Century High School in Hillsboro from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm.

Topics – The New Year

Not all countries celebrate New Year at the same time, nor in the same way..

In the US, on New Year's Eve it is traditional to greet the new year at midnight and celebrate the first minutes of the year in the company of friends and family.

In Scotland, New Year is called *Hogmanay*, and in some villages barrels of tar are set alight and rolled through the streets. Thus, the old year is burned up and the new one allowed to enter. The traditional song, *Auld Lang Syne* is sung at midnight -- a custom that is now celebrated all over the world.

In British Columbia, Canada, they have a traditional polar bear swim. People of all ages put on their bathing suits, and plunge into the icy cold water.

Wherever you are, however you chose to observe the holiday, I hope you will have a safe and happy celebration. - Natalie

HAPPY NEW YEAR...

Feliz Ano Nuevo

S Novim Godom

Chu Shen Tan

Gullukkig Niuv Jaar

Niya Saa Moobaarak

Bliain nua fe mbaise dhuit

Kul 'aam u antum salimoun

... TO EVERYONE!!!

Recipe: Non-alcoholic Champagne

- 1 bottle white grape juice
- 2 liters of Lemonade, Sprite or 7 Up

Mix the juice and lemonade, sprite or 7 Up in equal amounts. Garnish with orange slices, cherries, or strawberries.