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'11 Cameron Award goes to HopeSpring

HopeSpring, a transitional housing program for homeless mothers and their children, has been named the winner of the 2011 Cameron Award for Outstanding Community Collaboration by the Vision Action Network of Washington County.

The program is a partnership of Lutheran Community Services Northwest, LifeWorks NW, Community Action and Domestic Violence Resource Center. Over the past 16 years, HopeSpring has helped 339 families who

have experienced domestic violence or struggled with drug and alcohol abuse.

The program offers monetary assistance, counseling, education and relapse prevention support. "HopeSpring was chosen because it exemplifies multi-organization collaboration that utilizes creative approaches to address one of our community's most pressing needs and has measurable and substantial impact," said Karin Kelley-Torregroza, executive director of Vision Action Network, in a written statement.

The Cameron Awards, founded in 2005, are presented annually in recognition of groups and individuals who value collaboration to serve others. The awards are named after Charlie Cameron, longtime Washington County administrator and a founding board member of Vision Action Network.

The award will be presented during the network's annual celebration at 4:30 p.m. June 2 in the Glenn & Viola Walters Cultural Arts Center, 527 E. Main St., Hillsboro. The event is free, but registration is required by calling 503-846-5792, or by sending an e-mail to VAN@co.washington.or.us.

— Roger Gregory, *The Oregonian*