

# Community



Fall 1995

Please join us in celebration of our 30th anniversary of service to the community and dedication of our new Multi-Service Center

## Open House

Friday,  
October 20, 1995

3:30 to 6:30 p.m.  
Dedication Ceremony  
at 5:30 p.m.

1001 SW Baseline Street  
Hillsboro, Oregon

*Light Refreshments  
will be served*



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# CONNECTIONS

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## Celebrate! 30 Years of Service and a terrific new building

October, 1995, will mark the 30th year of Community Action providing services to our neighbors in Washington County. It is also a time that the agency has unveiled a new name (Community Action Organization) and logo.

On October 20, from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m., there will be an open house to celebrate the new Multi-Service Center, which was just completed this summer. The formal building dedication will be held at 5:30 p.m.

Senator Mark Hatfield, Representative Elizabeth Furse and Governor John Kitzhaber have all been invited to speak at the ceremony. There will be tours of the facility and recognition of all donors. The new 21,000 square foot building houses the Hillsboro Head Start Center (which can serve up to 200 children), the main Head Start kitchen (with the capacity of preparing 2,000 meals daily), client services and administrative offices.



*The new Multi-Service Center has enjoyed the praise of the community since the first day of work in August. It will house six nonprofit organizations in addition to Community Action Organization.*

# Check-off your United Way form to help Community Action

The annual United Way Campaign is in progress. Several programs at Community Action Organization receive some funding from United Way. If you contribute through your work to United Way, just a reminder that there is a donor option box this year, where you can write in that you wish your donation to benefit Community Action Organization. Thank you for thinking of Community Action Organization!



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Cindy Hirst  
Board Chair

## Message from the Board Chair and Executive Director



Jerralynn Ness  
Executive Director

## Multi-Service Center dream becomes reality

The move to our new facility was planned and accomplished with a great deal of enthusiasm from all involved. None of us fully realized the difference that more efficient work space would make in our lives. There is excitement and hope in the air as we prepare to carry out our mission in our new surroundings.

The new facility makes a welcome addition to the Community Action organization sites throughout Washington County. These sites include our shelter home in Hillsboro, our satellite office in Tigard (Neighborshare) and our nine other Head Start Centers.

We also have the good fortune to be able to share our space with six other human service organizations. We wholeheartedly welcome them and look forward to developing strong collaborations. These organizations include: The Housing Development Corporation, La Casa Del Futuro, Early Intervention, PCC Even Start, Immigration Counseling Services and PCC Hispanic and Training Outreach.

There will be over 100 staff and volunteers working out of our new center, in addition to the 125 children enrolled in Hillsboro Head Start and the multi-age classroom, as well as families dropping by to seek assistance. Our Multi-Service

Center dream has now become a very active reality.

You probably have noticed we have a new logo and new colors, which we feel are more uplifting and better connect us with the true sense of community. For our name change, we simply dropped "Washington County" and now call ourselves the "Community Action Organization" in Washington County, to clarify that we are not a government agency. And finally, our newsletter has a brand-new look. Many thanks go to our Development Director,

Carren Woods, with volunteer help and technical assistance from Sandy Gunderson and Nancy Scott.

We hope that many of you will stop by and see us. You are all invited to our "Grand Opening, Building Dedication and 30th Anniversary Celebration" to be held October 20, 1995, from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Most of all, we want you to know that while we are going through many changes, our core values and mission remain constant. We are working to create organizational stability so that we will have increased capacity to respond to the issue of poverty in Washington County. Your steadfast concern for the community and belief in our work continues to inspire us. Thank you!

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# Schoolbells ring again for Head Start kids

**F**all means back to school, and on September 14, 10 Head Start centers throughout Washington County opened their doors to 350 excited preschool children. For some of the children, not only is it a new year but a brand new classroom, too. Teachers as well as students are enthusiastic about the five colorful new classrooms in the Multi-Service Center.

Giving disadvantaged children the opportunity to succeed is the goal of the Head Start program. Head Start is a family-focused preschool for three- and four-year-old children whose family income is below poverty level. Children with disabilities may be enrolled regardless of family income and are integrated into the classroom with special services as

needed. Head Start students also receive physical exams, nutritional and growth assessment, vision and hearing screening, and social, emotional and developmental screening.

*Marylhurst Summer Science Institute participants brought back plenty of ideas and enthusiasm to Head Start classes.*



*Jim Beneman enjoys lunch at the 5th Annual Sunrise Rotary Invitational Tournament to benefit Community Action's homeless families shelter.*

# Rotary golf tourney nets funds and fun for fifth year

**D**ozens of enthusiastic golfers turned out to enjoy the links at the 5th Annual Sunrise Invitational Golf Tournament this year. Sponsored by the Hillsboro Sunrise Rotary, this successful yearly September event benefits Community Action's shelter home in Hillsboro. A number of celebrities, including local television personalities, former Portland Trail Blazers, and other athletes joined the foursomes playing at Forest Hills Golf Course. The competition was stiff, and everyone had a great time while raising money for a good cause. Jim Beneman, news anchor at

KGW-TV hosted the pre-game luncheon.

Following the tournament, there was a spirited auction, with bidders vying for items such as weekend getaways for two or a pair of binoculars. Tournament prizes and auction items were generously donated by local merchants.

Thanks go to the Sunrise Rotary, which makes this tournament possible and to everyone who participated. Our special gratitude goes to Scott Aldrich, President of the Sunrise Rotary, for his continued dedication to this event, which means so much to the shelter home.

# Win a wine cellar—and help your neighbors, too!

The Washington County Winery Association has donated three cellars of premium wine to be raffled off to benefit Community Action Organization. Three lucky winners will each receive a wine cellar of 12 cases (144 bottles) of a variety of wines from Cooper Mountain, Laurel Ridge, Oak Knoll, Montinore, Ponzi and Tualatin vineyards. Each cellar is valued at \$1,200.



Sales began October 4 with a kick-off at Community Action's new building. The drawing will take place during Mardi Gras at 11:00 p.m. on February 17, 1996, at Montgomery Park in Portland.

Wine raffle tickets cost \$5.00 each and can be purchased at Community Action's main office, 1001 SW Baseline Street, Hillsboro, Oregon.

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