



# Celebrating 30 Years of Service

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## Our Mission

Community Action Organization is a private, nonprofit, community-based agency serving the economically disadvantaged in Washington County by providing for basic needs and promoting long-term self-sufficiency.

## Our Values

- To uphold the dignity of all people
- To uphold the right of all people to meet their basic needs
- To build self-reliance
- To act as advocates for people with inadequate resources
- To build an aware and informed community
- To maintain the highest standards of integrity, honesty and professionalism
- To honor diversity in all forms

## Our Community

Washington County has the state's fastest growing population and the highest per capita income. Yet it has over 40,000 people who struggle to obtain even the basics: food, warmth, shelter and clothing. Many are young working families unable to find affordable housing—people who, despite hard work, find themselves hungry and on the street, and 55% are children under 17. Layoffs, low wages and high rents are some of the causes of family crisis in our community.

## Our Work

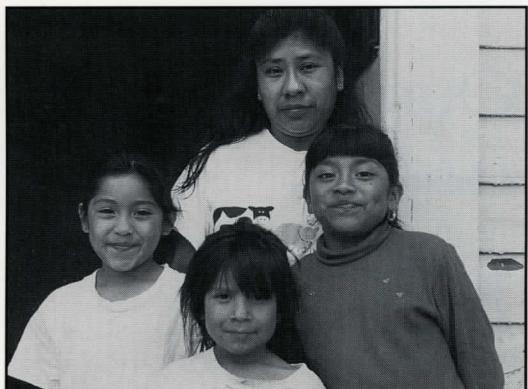
### A hand up . . .

For 30 years, Community Action Organization has been helping the homeless, the hungry, the discouraged. In the initial visit with staff, families are first assisted with basic needs. A plan is then developed outlining other services available to help them acquire the skills, confidence and opportunities to become self-sufficient. Community Action Organization believes that strengthening families strengthens the community.

. . . not a handout.

# Our Programs and Services

Community Action Organization operates programs in 11 communities in Washington County, serving more than 28,000 people annually. Our philosophy is to work with low-income families in a manner that empowers them to achieve greater self-sufficiency and with the community in an effort to reduce and eliminate barriers to moving out of poverty. We have formed partnerships with other local agencies to help strengthen our community and the families who live here.



Housing and Homeless

## Services

Access to affordable housing is a major concern for low-income families in Washington County. Community Action Organization offers a wide array of activities related to: preventing homelessness; sheltering homeless families; combating housing discrimination; maintaining the stock of affordable housing through weatherization; developing new units of affordable housing; and participating in advocacy efforts to build public support for the provision of affordable housing. Through these services, approximately 1500 families per year are assisted in locating or maintaining stable, affordable housing.

## Comprehensive Family Services

A single point of access for individuals and families seeking assistance from Community Action Organization is offered at both our Hillsboro and Tigard sites. We provide information and referral to connect families to needed community services. Screening, assessment and applications for all Community Action programs and services occur centrally. Basic needs services, as well as longer term, comprehensive services are provided to alleviate crisis, prevent destitution and help families address barriers to self-sufficiency.

Through our service approach, each low-income family has the opportunity to achieve greater self-reliance.

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Yes, I'd like to help strengthen our community and help my neighbors in need.



## Head Start and Child Development

**H**ead Start is the cornerstone of Community Action's work in early childhood development. Head Start is a family focused pre-school program for three- and four-year-old children whose family income is below poverty level. Children with disabilities are integrated into the classroom and provided with special services as needed. Usually, 20 % to 25% of the children enrolled have some disability.

Children also receive the following:

- Physical exams
- Nutritional and growth assessment
- Vision and hearing screening
- Social, emotional and developmental screening

350 pre-school children attend Head Start in ten centers throughout Washington County—only 20% of those who are eligible in our community. Head Start provides the opportunity for disadvantaged children to succeed.

Enclosed is my tax-deductible contribution of:

\$500     \$100     \$75

\$50     \$25     Other \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in volunteering.  
Please call me.

I would like more information.  
Please call me.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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*Please send your contributions to:*

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# Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers play a key role in helping Community Action Organization to assist families in need by donating time, skills, goods and services, or money. Examples of volunteer opportunities include:

- Head Start classroom aide
- Homeless shelter assistant
- Office assistant
- Special events
- Food, blanket, clothing or coat drives
- Head Start center work parties
- Speakers bureau
- Translator
- Community organizing
- Fundraising

**Community Action Organization does not discriminate on the basis of age, handicap, race, color, creed, sexual orientation, gender or national origin.**

