

Community**Action**

April 30, 2015



50th
anniversary

Gala

CELEBRATION OF

COMMUNITY SPIRIT

Dear Friends,

With the passage of the 1964 Economic Opportunity Action, President Lyndon B. Johnson invited every community in America concerned about local poverty to join together to eliminate it. In response to this invitation, a group of 29 local visionaries and community leaders, including eight whose families were struggling with poverty, answered his call. On October 13, 1965, these forward-thinking, concerned individuals created the Washington County Community Action Organization to address local causes and conditions of poverty. A community based non-profit organization was established and a sustainable infrastructure created to ensure our residents and communities had the opportunities needed to break out of poverty and thrive.

Fifty years later, we are filled with gratitude for the vision and commitment of our founders. They understood that healthy, thriving communities are the result of intentionally creating opportunities for all to succeed. They understood that poverty can happen to anyone for many reasons, and when it strikes, communities need to be prepared with effective responses. And after fifty years of developing and testing innovative strategies, Community Action has witnessed over and over again, that the right services at the right time will ensure that families succeed in achieving economic security and their dreams for a better life.

We are filled with pride for the vast network of partners and supporters who have joined with us throughout these fifty years to do this important work. We all have a stake in families and individuals overcoming poverty as it impacts all of us and the economic wellbeing of our communities. And we know that you share this belief and vision for our community.

Thank you for joining with us tonight to commemorate and celebrate this amazing milestone for Community Action and for all of the people whose lives have been improved because we were there for them. Thank you for being there for us.

Warmly,



Jerralynn Ness, Executive Director



Ron Sarazin, Board Chair

TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

5:30 pm

COCKTAIL HOUR

Live Music by Placebo Effect
Silent Auction
Wild Card Raffle Tickets
Wine Wall
Adopt-a-Bear

6:30 pm

DINNER & PROGRAM

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ALEXIA CRAWFORD

CELEBRATING HOPE, HELP AND CHANGE

JERRALYNN NESS

Community Action Executive Director

MUSIC & DANCING

PLACEBO EFFECT





ABOUT COMMUNITY ACTION

We are fortunate to live in one of the most prosperous regions in Oregon—an area helping to drive the economic recovery for the entire state. Unfortunately, the cost of living in our communities exceeds what many working families can comfortably afford. Paychecks don't always stretch to cover basic needs, so too many families are still struggling to make ends meet. Even though more people are working, and Oregon's minimum wage is among the nation's highest, with the lack of affordable housing, lower wages don't cover the basic costs of living.

For 50 years, Community Action has been offering hope, help and change for families in transition. Our programs promote the birth of healthy babies, reduce the potential for child abuse and neglect, increase children's chances for success in school and life, and improve the quality and accessibility of child care. For those in need, we offer additional support such as energy assistance, energy conservation, and services that help prevent homelessness.

We promote the vision that Washington County residents are strong, resilient and involved in the community, living with dignity and security. Please join us as we keep working to make our communities more secure. We urge you to participate, educate, advocate, and donate to help us achieve this vision together.



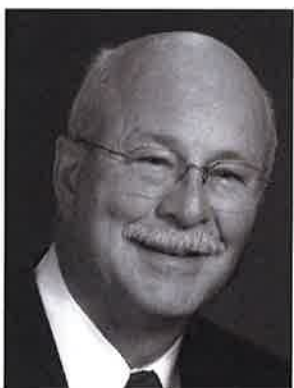
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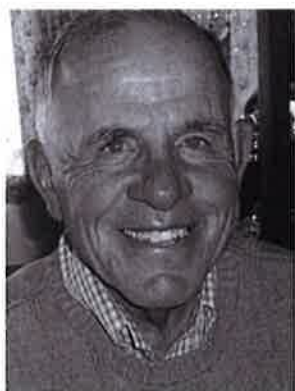
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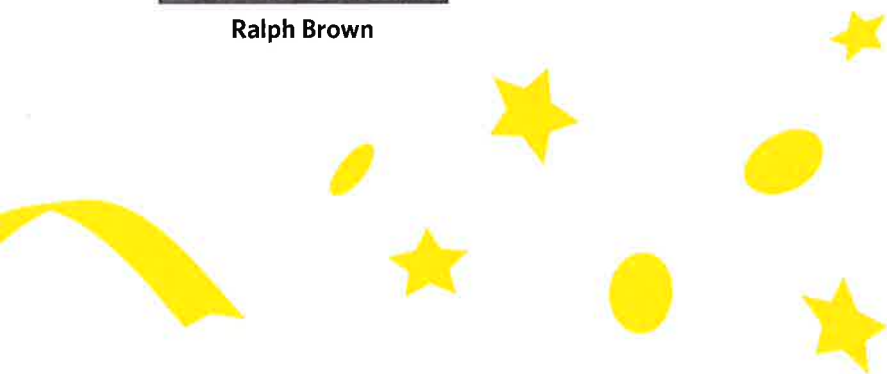
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