

## Community Support Restores Building

Repairs to Community Action's multi-service center are finished! After four-and-a-half months of major construction, we are pleased to announce that the building, located at 1001 SW Baseline St., is fully restored.

Thanks to the diligent work of our dedicated employees, services to our community were only slightly disrupted during the heavy construction.

The building began failing due to significant water penetration. The original construction of the building, completed in 1995, was not adequate to keep moisture out.

Problems deep inside the building had been occurring, undetected, for several years. The same siding that was applied to Community Action's building failed on at least 15 other structures in Hillsboro. The final cost of repairs to our building is \$928,000.

In less than four months, Community Action succeeded in securing nearly \$350,000 toward repair costs. Many grant proposals are still pending.



*Jerralynn Ness, Executive Director, accepts Keith Green's donation for building repairs.*

We are very grateful for a donation of more than \$30,000 in cash and construction materials from Keith Green Construction. Keith's support for Community Action gave the fundraising campaign an important jump-start.

Foundations provided significant assistance for the project. The Collins Foundation was first to step forward with a grant of \$50,000, followed by The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation contributing \$100,000.

The Washington County Office of Community Development eliminated barriers to allow Community Action to pursue financial remedies. Columbia Community Bank provided an outstanding financing package to help manage the costs of the repair.

Most importantly, Community Action's multi-service center is now restored and ready to help the most vulnerable members of our community for years to come. We are grateful to all contributors and volunteers for being part of Community Action's success.

### Thank You!

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## A Letter to Our Friends—

Sometimes, a little help can make all the difference. Some nails, a few dollars... a kind word of encouragement. A little help, at the right time, makes all the difference between comfort and pain... despair and hope. For 40 years Community Action has worked to carry this message out to our community. But 2004 provided us with an opportunity to learn this lesson in a powerful new way, when we found ourselves to be the ones in need.

I always welcome this time of year to thank our talented staff, our committed Board of Directors, and all of our generous donors and volunteers. I am truly touched by the profound caring of all of the friends of Community Action. The support we received in the past fiscal year helped us to assist the most vulnerable members of our community to achieve a better life, to rebuild our multi-service center for the benefit of the entire community and to emerge from the challenge stronger than ever.

You will find evidence of our achievements as you read through our annual report. But the numbers and statistics are only part of the story. Our success is measured most profoundly in the lives that have been changed... seniors who have warmer homes because we provided weatherization services; children who entered school last fall ready to learn because we provided a Head Start; families who overcame homelessness because we helped them to become stable; babies who were born healthy because we connected them with critical services. Community Action is grateful to all of our friends who stood by us through a challenging year and provided the help that made a difference.

The gifts of support we received in 2004 inspire a renewed sense of hope for 2005 that, working together, we really can overcome challenges that may appear insurmountable. Together, we are better. Together, we can help people and change lives.



Jerralynn Ness  
*Executive Director*



Dan Aberg  
*Board Chair*

*Jerralynn Ness*

*Daniel Aberg*

## New Year Offers New Opportunities for Giving

Did you know you can now make your donation to Community Action on-line?

Fast, convenient and completely secure, on-line giving is the newest way to make your annual contribution. Simply log on to [www.givewhereilive.net](http://www.givewhereilive.net) and choose Community Action. I Give Where I Live is a public education campaign to promote philanthropy in Washington County.

Additional ways to support Community Action:

- Contribute a gift of stock
- Donate a used vehicle
- Designate your United Way contribution to Community Action
- Ask your employer to match your gift

For more information, contact Jeri Alcock, Director of Development, 503-693-3255 or [jalcock@caowash.org](mailto:jalcock@caowash.org).

**Celebration of  
Community Spirit Dinner  
April 13th, 2005  
5:30-8:30 pm  
Tiger Woods Center**

A fundraising event to celebrate philanthropy and volunteerism.  
Corporate sponsorships available.  
For more information, contact  
Jeri Alcock, 503.693.3255

## Partnering With Local Heroes

Poverty in Washington County continues to grow and so does Community Action's effort to address basic human needs. Business partners help by giving in a variety of ways.

This year our insurance agent, **J.D. Fulwiler and Co.**, set a new standard of corporate holiday participation by adopting Community Action's entire Head Start Child Development Center in Beaverton, sending a dozen employees to present children with gifts from our "wish list."



*John Scheidt and Trish Fulwiler, of J.D. Fulwiler and Co., show off thank you cards.*

For the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, a small group of **Intel** employees donated more than 150 hand-made polar fleece hat and mitten sets to help keep little heads and hands warm.

Head Start also received restaurant coupons from **El Sol de Mexico**, as well as gift certificates from the **Mazatlan** and **Morelia's Salon**. **Baggenstos Farm** donated crafts and small pumpkins. **America's Travel Companies** contributed pictures, candles, flowers and a statuette.

Other notable Adopt-A-Class participants include:

- Camelot Care Center
- Candlewood Suites
- Cedar Park Middle School
- Columbia Community Bank
- Evergreen Academy
- FEI, Inc.
- Glencoe High School students
- Nike employees
- NW Regional ESD
- Pinnacle Exhibits
- Sabrix
- St. Pius X Church
- Tanasbourne Express

Food, funds and gift baskets from area businesses helped spread holiday cheer at Community Action's Shelter.

**Commodore Catering** provided food and a microwave oven, **Papa Murphy's Kids** provided shelter funds, **Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints** in Hillsboro delivered baby gift packages, **St. Juan Diego** provided sandwiches, **Beaverton West Slope Republicans** donated Christmas baskets; and **Wendy's** restaurants provided a holiday party complete with gifts. **At Wick's End** provided candles and children's books. **City of Beaverton employees** and **Mothers & More** donated items from the shelter's "wish list." Beaverton's **Highland Park Middle School** donated gift items, bus tickets and new bicycles. Hillsboro's **Unitarian Universalist Congregational Church** donated children's program supplies. **Design Savvy Associates** and **Weyerhaeuser** employees donated food.

**Northwest Quilters** donated 32 handmade hats and 20 handmade quilts to Community Action maternity outreach. Thanks to the **Davis Wright Tremaine** law firm for pro bono legal services.



*Anne Geser presents a donation made by the employees of Wells Fargo Tanasbourne branch.*

Thanks to the **International Association of Firefighters Local 1660**, **Semprian Inc.**, **Columbia Community Bank**, **Interiors by Rama**, **Lynn Reilly Artistic Interiors**, **Interior Decorating and Consulting**, **AARP Tualatin Valley Chapter 510**, the **M. L. Gatewood Company**, and the **Transportation Association of Portland Inc.**, for their cash donations. Thanks to **Community Newspapers** for providing Community Action with a page in *Giving and Volunteering in Washington County*.

Community Action is also grateful for employee matching gifts from:

- Nike, Inc.
- Portland General Electric
- Providence St. Vincent Medical Center
- Rejuvenation, Inc.
- Waste Management, Inc.



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Community Action is a private, non-profit corporation.  
In partnership with the community, Community Action  
assists low-income people to achieve self-determination.

For further information contact Resource Development,  
503.693.3255, or see our website:  
[www.communityaction4u.org](http://www.communityaction4u.org)

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*Come and See Us!*

Join us for a simple meal and learn how  
Community Action helps low-income  
residents of Washington County.  
RSVP to Mary Jones 503.693.3230

Thursday, March 10th	12:00-1:00 pm
Thursday, April 14th	12:00-1:00 pm
Thursday, May 12th	12:00-1:00 pm
Thursday, June 9th	12:00-1:00 pm



# Community Action



## Report to Our Community

July 1, 2003-June 30, 2004



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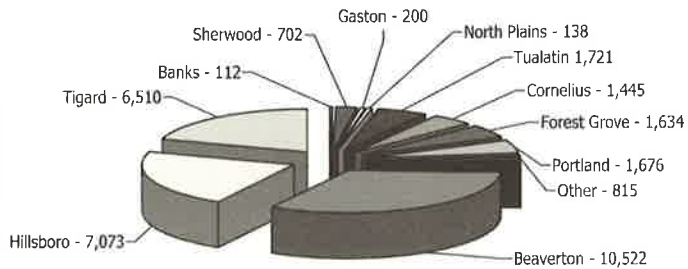
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# Community Action Confronts The Economics of Poverty:

## Helping People to Help Themselves

Community Action services reach to all areas of Washington County, Oregon. Between July 1, 2003 and June 30, 2004 we responded to over 32,000 requests serving nearly 14,000 families.



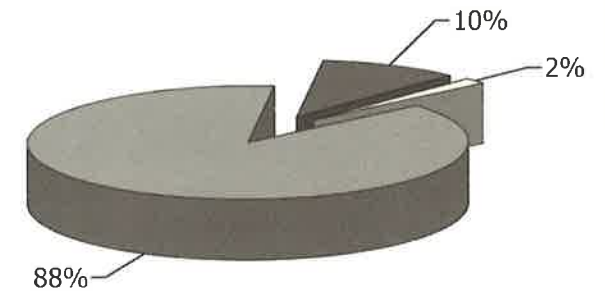
Over 1,000 volunteers provided 16,000 hours of service.

Poverty is a problem that can't be solved without the right variables. Community Action assists families to solve the equation: helping people to meet their basic needs today and providing the tools, resources and education to change their lives for a better tomorrow. We know that families can't have hope if their most basic needs aren't met and having hope is essential so that real change can happen.

Change often begins with the next generation. With that in mind, our programs promote the birth of healthy babies, reduce the risk of child abuse and neglect, increase the probability for pre-schoolers' success in school and increase the quality of child care and its accessibility.

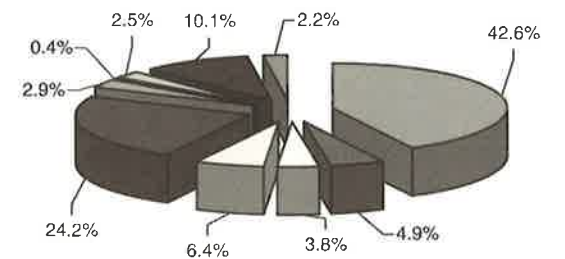
### How We Steward Funds

#### REVENUE \$14.3 Million



Public Grants and Contracts	\$12,605,085
Private Contributions	\$1,485,200
Fees for Service, Rebates	\$246,830

#### EXPENDITURES \$14.5 Million



Head Start	\$6,171,490 - 42.6%
Child Care & Referral Services	\$710,283 - 4.9%
Pregnancy Outreach	\$553,967 - 3.8%
Housing & Homeless Services	\$932,089 - 6.4%
Energy & Weatherization	\$3,503,066 - 24.2%
Emergency Services	\$425,218 - 2.9%
Information & Referral	\$55,949 - 0.4%
Resource Development	\$356,760 - 2.5%
Administration	\$1,463,522 - 10.1%
Other	\$312,985 - 2.2%

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2,074 parents were assisted in finding child care.



241 households were weatherized to increase energy efficiency and lower energy costs.



98% of babies were born healthy in our pregnancy outreach program.



827 low-income children received a Head Start



55 homeless families found temporary shelter and support in our Hillsboro shelter.



6,887 families had heat in their homes because we were there with critical help.

**MONTHLY FAMILY BUDGET**  
Income for a family of 4  
\$1,532 (based on Federal Poverty Guidelines)

Expenses

- \$725 rent for a two-bedroom apartment
- \$162 heat and lights
- \$98 two bus passes to go to and from work
- \$109 food (after using food stamps)
- \$112 healthcare (with employer insurance)
- \$382 childcare

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-\$ 56 over budget

Low-income jobs by themselves do not lift families out of poverty. Over 70% of families living in poverty work for a paycheck. Families need additional support to achieve stability as they strive to improve their lives.

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