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Jerralynn Ness: Valentines
for helping low-income persons

Concordia College business students will bestow a "Valentine for Valor" on Jerralynn Ness, executive director of the Washington County Community Action Organization. The students at the Northeast Portland college will honor Ness in a ceremony Feb. 11 for the assistance her private, nonprofit organization gives to low-income families and individuals.

Ness started working at the community organization 20 years ago through Volunteers in Service to America. Then she was hired as a permanent employee. In the two decades since, she has helped shape virtually all the organization's programs — from shelter homes to weatherization, from food bank to Head Start classes for preschool children.