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## Washington

County is the fastest growing

county in the state of Oregon. Its residents

enjoy the highest average annual income. And housing

starts, a leading indicator of economic success, seemingly

can't be stopped. Except the one housing start planned for 38,000

Washington County residents – men and women, boys and girls – currently living well below the national poverty level. For despite the relative wealth and good fortune that literally surrounds its planned location, there just isn't enough money to break the ground.

Since 1965 we at the Washington County Community Action Organization (WCCAO) have been working hard on behalf of our county's needy. But not by providing free handouts. Rather, we provide hand-ups. Meaning we do whatever it takes to help the needy help themselves. This unique way of assisting people has made us one of the most admired and successful community action groups in the nation.



administrative time, volunteer hours, even financial donations – are going not to help people in their struggle to feed, clothe, and educate themselves, but to help us keep organized.



The planned WCCAO Multi-Service Complex, if built, would change all that. It would bring together under one roof the vast majority of our services, thereby freeing up from our operations budget

However, we have become somewhat needy ourselves.

over \$100,000 a year – money that would go directly to aid those we serve.

Because the number of Washington County residents who require our assistance has increased dramatically, to the point where our services are now spread uncomfortably thin. And because some of the facilities from which these services originate – 16 in all – have become by and large inadequate, outdated, expensive to lease, geographically incompatible to those we serve, and costly.



But money isn't the only benefit a new multi-service complex would generate. For example:

We currently prepare some 800 meals a day for Washington County's 10 head start centers ... in a kitchen no bigger than one you'd find in any single family home.

A nutrition center in the planned multi-service complex, however, will be able to generate up to 2,000 meals a day, and also provide a much needed lunch room for WCCAO clients and employees.

Costly in that as demand for our services grows, more and more WCCAO resources – such as

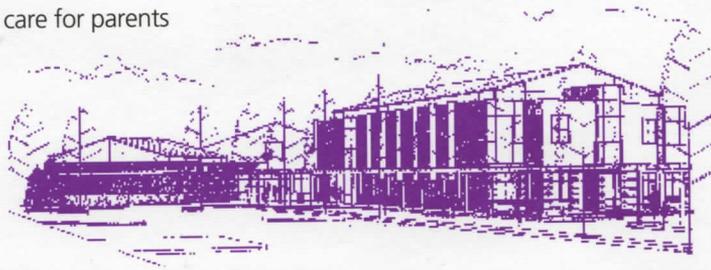
As mentioned earlier, our services are currently split among many locations. Individuals and families who wish to take advantage of all we offer have to go from one end of the county to the other, and perhaps back. This, despite the fact that most have no reliable source of transportation.



The planned multi-service complex would be big enough to house virtually every one of our services, so it would eliminate the need for all that travel. What's more, it would provide for things like privacy for phone calls, and privacy during interviews and counseling; today, our clients often have to share intimate details of their crises where they can be overheard.



Also, we currently cannot provide full-day child care in conjunction with Head Start, as well as before- and after-school child care, because of a lack of space. Nor can we provide child care for parents who are struggling to become self-sufficient.



A new multi-service complex would reverse all that, and go a long way in helping WCCAO achieve a goal of not just providing Washington County's needy with a hand out, but a hand up in their efforts to get back on their feet.

We can think of no better housing start for Washington County than the planned WCCAO Multi-Service Complex. Construction is scheduled to begin in March of 1994, and occupancy is slated for January, 1995. However, before a single shovel can be employed, we need a total of \$2.5 million to cover all development, construction, and land acquisition costs. Our goal is to raise 1.3 million of that from individuals, businesses and foundations. As of November, 1993, we have raised just over \$700,000, well short of our goal. Obviously, we need your help.

So do nearly 40,000 of Washington County's less fortunate.

they're going to *Need* one.



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campaign*

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