



**TO:** MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
**THROUGH:**  LINDA NORRIS, CITY MANAGER  
**FROM:**  RICK L. SCOTT, DIRECTOR  
URBAN DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT  
**SUBJECT:** SALEM SOCIAL SERVICE CONTRACTOR PRESENTATION:  
MID-WILLAMETTE VALLEY COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY -  
HOME RESOURCE CENTER

**ISSUE:**

Each month the Social Service Advisory Board highlights one of the City's social services supported by City General Fund dollars and City Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Information only.

**BACKGROUND:**

Among the duties of the Social Service Advisory Board is the responsibility to monitor and report on the social services provided with City funds. Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency began providing services to low-income persons in Marion and Polk counties in 1967. Their HOME Resource Center (HOME) program has provided day shelter services to at-risk and homeless teens since 1994. The 2009-2010 General Fund allocation to help support this program is \$23,230.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Family conflict is one of the root causes and most common reason for homeless youth. Forty-eight percent of the phone calls to the National Runaway Hotline are related to family dynamics, abuse, or neglect. HOME provides an environment where at-risk and homeless teens can safely and appropriately interact with other teens and adults, addressing their immediate needs for food, clothing, safety, and a sense of belonging.
2. HOME provides services to youth between the ages of 11 and 18 who are homeless and/or at-risk of becoming homeless. Major services provided to these

youth include shelter, meals, tutoring, job assistance, referrals, and case management.

3. HOME staffs seven employees and six to eight regular volunteers who provide assessment and initial intake evaluation of youth and assist with shelter services.
4. Peggy Kahan from Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency, will be introduced by Board member Sara Beth Labberton to provide a short presentation at the November 9 City Council meeting.

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