



## Salem Housing Authority becomes part of Urban Development Department

In July, 2009, Salem Housing Authority officially became part of the Housing and Social Services Division within the City of Salem Urban Development Department. Previously, Salem Housing Authority was part of the Community Services Division. This transition occurred as part of the City's overall plan to restructure and align City services. Andy Wilch, who became the new Housing and Social Services Manager on September 8, 2009 and assumed the expanded leadership responsibilities, replaced Jerry Croft when he retired as Salem Housing Authority Administrator.

The Housing and Social Services Division oversees the City's federally funded block grant, housing, and social service funds to support affordable housing and other programs serving low income residents of Salem and Keizer. The Housing and Social Services Division focuses on core services that benefit the economic development of the community, including housing and social services. These three areas of focus are:

**Salem Housing Authority** Serves low-income individuals or families in Salem-Keizer, to have the opportunity to live in decent, affordable housing and move toward self sufficiency. They offer rental assistance and self-sufficiency training for families, seniors, and persons with disabilities.

**Federal Programs** Manages the Community Development

Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership entitlement the City receives from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. These funds are distributed for various programs and for the construction/rehabilitation of affordable housing, public facilities, and community improvements that serve low-income individuals and families. This includes the administration of the Housing Loan programs. Housing Authority programs funded include the Sec. 8 voucher security deposit funds and the Interim Emergency Housing Assistance funds.

**Social Services** Promotes emergency social services through City government and community partnerships for the purpose of enhancing the quality of life for community residents and provide critical services (without which individuals and families could not survive). This includes Marion Polk Food Share, various Homeless Shelters & Women's Crisis Service, to name a few.



Planning is underway to relocate four Federal Housing Program employees from the current Urban Development Office on Commercial St. over to the Salem Housing Authority building. The workspace redesign will create cohesive work groups that reflect the division's business and operational mode.



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# Salem Housing Authority

## Salvation Army Christmas Gifts & Food Boxes

For the past few years, Salvation Army has sponsored the **Christmas Clearing Bureau**, designating 2 days in November and 2 days in early December for families to come and sign up to receive gifts for their children under age 12 and to request a Christmas Food Box.



This has resulted in a huge ordeal for both families applying and for the volunteers who assist with the application process. Families had to stand out in the cold to wait in line to apply, and then much the same thing happened when they returned to pick up the gifts & food boxes.

**This year the application process for families to apply for the gifts & food boxes will be much different!** A module is being set up outside the Salvation Army Social Services Building to accommodate the volunteers and applicants. Between now and Christmas, families requesting gifts for their children **up through age 17** may call the Salvation Army number at 503-798-4870 and ask to make an appointment. The caller will be given an appointment time to come and make an application. Drop-ins may be seen if there is space in the schedule, otherwise they will be given an appointment time to return.



Once the application process has been completed, the parent will be given an appointment time to return to pick up the gifts and Christmas Food Box.

Families will need to bring picture ID, Social Security numbers, proof of income & date of birth for each family member.

It is hoped that this new process will make it much easier for families to apply and be served.

If any individuals or groups would like to sponsor a family, please contact Marci or Cindy at 503-798-4870



## EHN Member Agencies

- ◆ American Red Cross
- ◆ Catholic Community Servs: Breaking Cycles, Center Ct. Apartments
- ◆ Chemeketa Comm. College
- ◆ Community Support Serv.
- ◆ Consumer Credit Couns.
- ◆ Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians
- ◆ DaVita Salem Dialysis
- ◆ Dept. Human Services – Child, Adult & Families; Child Welfare; Juvenile
- ◆ Family Building Blocks
- ◆ City of Salem: Housing, Urban Develop. Comm Serv.
- ◆ Integrated Services Network
- ◆ Legal Aid: Oregon; Marion/ Polk
- ◆ Marion County Health, Mental Health & DD Services
- ◆ Marion County Housing
- ◆ Marion Healthy Start
- ◆ Marion/Polk Food Share
- ◆ Mid-Valley Women’s Crisis
- ◆ MWV Community Action: R.E.N.T. , ARCHES , TBA, Energy Assistance, Head Start
- ◆ Northwest Human Services – HOAP, HOST, Hotline & Transitional Living
- ◆ NorthWest Senior & Disability Services
- ◆ Oregon Housing Opportunities in Partnership
- ◆ Oregon Telephone Assistance Program
- ◆ Polk County Health Dept
- ◆ Polk Healthy Start/Easter Seals
- ◆ Resource Connections of OR
- ◆ Quali Centers Dialysis
- ◆ Salem Alliance Church
- ◆ Salem Hospital Social Serv.
- ◆ Salem Outreach Shelter
- ◆ Salem Interfaith Hospitality
- ◆ Salem/Keizer Schools Homeless Ed
- ◆ Salem Self-Help Housing
- ◆ Salud Medical Center
- ◆ Salvation Army
- ◆ Shangri-La Corporation
- ◆ Silverton Together
- ◆ St. Francis Shelter
- ◆ St. Joseph’s Shelter
- ◆ St. Vincent DePaul
- ◆ UGM & Simonka Place
- ◆ USDA Rural Development
- ◆ Vocational Rehabilitation
- ◆ Willamette Family Med Ctr
- ◆ Work Incentive Network
- ◆ YWCA

## EHN MEETING MINUTES

**October 8, 2009**

### EHN Members in attendance at the Union Gospel Mission

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Ranette Calhoun	Salem Keizer Homeless Ed Program	503-391-4060
Tom Johnson	Union Gospel Mission	503-362-3983
Debra Gordon	Simonka Place	503-362-7487
Rick Burnette	Shangri-La	503-581-1732
Allison Manzano	Family Building Blocks	503-566-2132
Peggy Whelden	DHS Self Sufficiency	503-373-1761
Barbara Baldwin	NorthWest Senior & Disability	503-304-3410
Sara Hammonds	Mid-Valley Women’s Crisis Service	503-378-1572
Melina Leon	Mid-Valley Women’s Crisis Service	503-378-1572
Roxcella Paoff	NWHS—Transitional Living Program	503-361-0380
May Halabi	NWHS—HOST Youth & Family	503-588-5825
Stefanie Wetteland	Salem Outreach Shelter	503-588-8898
Bonnie Terhaar	St. Francis Shelter	503-588-0428
Larry Vuylsteke	Polk Co. Mental Health Supp. Housing	503-623-1886
Theresa Cain	MWVCAA Energy Assistance	503-588-6928
Levahna Worley	MWVCAA Energy Assistance	503-588-6928
Shari Crawford	St. Vincent DePaul Emergency Serv.	503-364-1062
Chris Ogo	YWCA	503-581-9922
Marylou Chavez	YWCA	503-581-9922
Janell Werder	NWHS Crisis Hotline	503-581-5535
Leeann Marx	Community Action Agency	503-399-9080
Doreen Kelly	Silverton Together	503-873-0405
Thelma Waldron	Polk/Marion Healthy Start	503-485-2187
Greg Kornspan	Salem Interfaith Hospitality Network	503-370-9752
Cristine Stephens	Marion Co. Health Dept	503-373-3785
Richard Mattos	Salvation Army Light House Lodge	503-585-6688
Kristine Emery	Salvation Army Family Services	503-585-6688
Samaria Lopez	CCS Healthy Start	503-485-5976
Nicole Glaser	Healthy Start	503-856-7037
Nico Escobedo	Head Start Outreach Classroom	503-581-1152
Micala Oliveros	ARCHES-Housing Assistance Program	503-399-9080
Melissa Lalack	ARCHES-Housing Assistance Program	503-399-9080
Linda Strike	Community Action Agency/ARCHES	503-399-9080
Steve McCrary	Marion Co. Health Dept	503-588-5351
Jessica Auer	AC Gilbert’s Discovery Village	503-371-3631
Gabriela Maldonado Bell	AC Gilbert’s Discovery Village	503-371-3631
Dana Mincher	Salem Housing Authority	503-588-6368
Esther Reinecke	Salem Housing Authority	503-763-3104

There were 38 people in attendance at the October 2009 Emergency Housing Network meeting. A big thanks to the Union Gospel Mission for use of the space and for providing refreshments!



October Flower of the Month-Marigold

Please see the attached October Housing Report for any updates on the waiting lists, the status of the Section 8 voucher Program and the Homeless Nominations.

**Salvation Army Coats for Kids Drive:** October is the month designated for a coat drive to collect coats of all sizes for youth, (although coats may be donated any time.) Distribution will be from 10/26 through 4/2010. Coats may be new or gently used. Bring coats to the 1977 Front St Office.

**ARCHES Project** is an umbrella for various programs available through Community Action Agency that offer services for Homeless Individuals and families. These include the R.E.N.T. tenant education program, the ARCHES day center, the ARCHES Housing Assistance Program, the Tenant Based Assistance Program, and now the Homeless Prevention & Rapid Re-Housing Program. This last program listed is funded with stimulus funds and was effective 10/1/09. Funds are intended for families that have recently become homeless or are about to become homeless due to loss of employment or a reduction in hours due to the economic downturn that affects the ability to meet daily expenses of rent & utilities. Self-referrals or referrals from agencies may be made. All applicants will be screened for all ARCHES Project programs and if possible, assisted by the funding source appropriate to the situation. For more information contact the ARCHES Project at 503-399-9080.

**The Headstart Outreach Classroom** is a classroom specifically started for children ages 3 & 4 of families that are homeless. Contact 503-581-1152 for more information.

**Silverton Together** provided a current class schedule & also a calendar of events. To receive a copy, contact Doreen Kelly at 503-873-0405.

**The Domestic Violence Run/Walk** took place on 10/10 in Minto Brown Park beginning at 9:00 a.m. October is Domestic Violence Awareness month.

**Energy Services:** OEA has started—must have past-due notice from PGE & PPL. More funding will be arriving and available by the first of the year. Call 503-588-9016 ext. 300 for an appointment.

**Automobile Gas Assistance** is sometimes available through the 1st United Methodist Church (corner

of Church & State), through a program called "Congregations helping people" at 503-391-4365, Tuesdays beginning 1:00 p.m., 10:00-noon on Thursdays. If someone is in need of heating oil they can call the office also.

**Thanksgiving Dinners** will be provided at:

- Salvation Army, 1901 Front St. from 3:00- 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 24th.
- Union Gospel Mission on Thanksgiving Day from 1:00 p.m. on

**Christmas Dinners** will be served:

- Salvation Army, Thursday, 12/24 from 3:00-5:00 p.m.
- Union Gospel Mission on Thursday, 12/24 time to be announced (may be 1:00 also).

**Union Gospel Mission** currently has beds available. Union Gospel Mission is the fortunate recipient of any goods available in the Oregon School for the Blind that has closed. This has resulted in items such as kitchen supplies & appliances, linens, furniture, etc. The Union Gospel Mission sponsored the annual free "Harvest Banquet on October 15th - a celebration for donors & supporters of the UGM. The event was held at the Salem Convention Center.

**St. Vincent DePaul emergency services** reminded the EHN that they have no housing available as part of their services. They do however, have small amounts of their emergency funding that can assist with rent. St. Vincent DePaul is also one of two designated agencies (along with Salvation Army) that distributes the City of Salem Water & Sewer Emergency dollars that are received from water and sewer customers.

#### Emergency Housing Network



The next Emergency Housing Network Meeting will be at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 12, 2009 in the Union Gospel Mission Chapel. **The presentation will be about the 2009-2010 programs available for energy assistance.**