

1. Image Statements – Who we are as a community (Washington Co.)

- Fragmented
- Conservative
- Diverse
- Fast-growing
- Many poor
- Many rich
- Transient
- Introverted/Self-interest vs. outward concern
- Uninformed
- Suburban (rather than urban)
- High housing prices
- Rapidly changing
- Consumer-oriented
- Agricultural
- Transportation issues

2. Community Partnerships – Those who are a part of our common work

- Westco – Rent and utility assistance (w/CAO)
- St. Vincent de Paul – Food boxes/furniture/clothing/rent/utilities (many services with staff)
- Care to Share – Emergency services
- Neighborshare – Emergency services
- Police department – Assistance programs (Beaverton & Forest Grove)
- Oregon Food Bank – Church/food assistance
- OHDC (Oregon Human Development Corp) – Migrant/seasonal workers
- Centro Cultural – Multiple services
- Sheltering Homeless Coalition
- Interface Hospitality Network – Shelter program
- Community Action Organization
- Open Door
- Salvation Army

3. Current Gaps in serving the needs of low-income people

- Hillsboro – church cooperative efforts/programs
- Shelters
- Transitional Housing
- People who fall through cracks in the system
- Assistance for long-term survival
- Life skills development
- Stability of funding

- Resource for churches when calls/visits come in
- Referral system – A system that connects partners

4. Next Possible Steps

- Expand the group
- Better coordination of available resources
- New/Needed resources
- Educational materials
- “Hands on” possibilities
- Whole person/integrated approach