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September 1, 1995

MEMO

To: Dan VanOttten, Oregon Housing and Community Services
From: Jerralynn Ness, Executive Director
Subject: **Farmworker Report**

Enclosed, you will find the following information:

1. A complete statistical and narrative summary report of Community Action Organization's farmworker services and activities.
2. A complete addendum report, using the form you sent to us on 1-20-95.
3. Newspaper clippings about community activities Community Action Organization staff helped organize.

We are sending you this type of report so the full scope of Community Action Organization's farmworker involvement and activities can be shown.

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**COMMUNITY ACTION ORGANIZATION
SERVICES TO FARMWORKERS
July 1, 1993 - June 30, 1995**

I. STATISTICAL SUMMARY

	<u>ALLOCATION</u>	<u>HH</u>	<u>IND</u>
<u>CSBG</u>	\$57,690		
1) DIRECT SERVICES:			
Information & Referral		2,822	9,937
Energy Assistance		470	2,185
Rent Assistance		22	109
Other Emergency Assistance		231	890
Emergency Food Boxes		69	374
Case Management Services		58	271
Head Start Services		120	569
2) SUBCONTRACTED SERVICES:			
Emergency Hot Meals		<u>n/a</u>	<u>56,422</u>
Subtotal:		3,792	70,757
 <u>DOE/PVE/LIEAP</u>	 \$74,759		
1) DIRECT SERVICES:			
Weatherization		<u>48</u>	<u>306</u>
Subtotal:		48	306

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\$68,922

1) DIRECT SERVICES:

Emergency Shelter (2,919 bed nights)	47	207
Transitional Housing (64 bed nights)	1	4

2) SUBCONTRACTED SERVICES:

Domestic Violence Resource Center:		
Emergency Shelter (2,942 bednights)	26	91
Outreach	74	268

Oregon Legal Services:		
Tenant Hotline	180	664

Housing Services of Oregon:		
Day Shelter	108	391
Adopt-a-Camp Feeding Program	492	1,771

Interfaith Outreach Services:		
Emergency Shelter (15 bed nights)	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>

Subtotal: 929 3,398

GRAND TOTAL: 4,769 74,461

II. NARRATIVE

Besides providing direct services to farmworkers, Community Action Organization is involved in:

- Collaborations: Working with other service providers to plan, coordinate and implement programs serving farmworkers;
- Community Organizing and Education: Identifying and meeting with groups of farmworkers to achieve an identified result;
- Planning: In partnership with other providers, and with all WCCAO departments, identifying needs, resources available, and gaps in services;
- Networking: Communicating, meeting, providing linkages and support to other groups and agencies serving farmworkers;
- Leadership Building: Working with identified groups of farmworkers to provide training and support for self-advocacy.

This includes the following accomplishments from July 1, 1993 through December 31, 1994:

- Executive Director meets monthly with volunteers and service providers to discuss issues related to serving farmworkers and to develop common goals;
- Executive Director serves as The Chair of the Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center Board; primary clientele of VGMHC are farmworkers;
- Client Services staff participates in monthly meetings with Hispanic Family Services Coalition;
- Farmworker Outreach Specialist chairs PACTO - Migrant Camp Outreach Project, a collaboration to coordinate services to camps with churches and agencies;
- Staff support provided to the Housing Development Corporation to plan and build farmworker housing;
- Designation of CAO by Washington County government in their Emergency Plan as the lead agency for responding to food and shelter needs of migrants during times of high influx;
- Partnership to plan and coordinate the Hispanic Family Resource Center, located at middle school in Forest Grove: Partnership with Washington County Aging Services to identify elderly farmworkers and help them access services;

- Coordination with Adult and Family Services to provide outstation for Food Stamps for migrant workers;
- Membership on CASA Board of Directors, providing technical assistance and support for farmworker housing development and management;
- Subcontracts with other agencies to provide food for migrant emergency food boxes, outreach to Hispanic victims of domestic violence, bilingual support for tenants' legal issues;
- Coordination with Migrant Head Start to recruit and transition migrant children into CAO Head Start programs;
- Provided outreach, needs assessments and education on energy and safety issues in conjunction with weatherization of a 50-unit apartment building inhabited primarily by farmworkers;
- Provided outreach, needs assessments and education on energy and safety issues in conjunction with weatherization of 19 units of housing inhabited by farmworkers.
- Took lead in Washington County for statewide farmworker needs assessment;
- Developed proposal to CDBG for Farmworker Outreach/Advocate position which will be funded in 1995-96;
- Developed and distributed special I&R materials for migrant camps;
- Coordinated group in Washington County to investigate need for farmworker credit union; surveyed farmworkers regarding their need for and use of financial services;
- Organized Christmas Party to bring together Tuality Hospital staff and local farmworker families and their children; organized gift giving for families in migrant camp with Forest Grove Elks Club;
- Organized Community meeting in response to rising gang violence among Hispanics and Washington County's first gang-related death; this led to the formation of Familias Unidas which sponsored: Cornelius Clean-Up, Community Forums on Youth and Family Day at Shute Park in Hillsboro. (see attached article)
- Helped to plan Parents Day event held in April at Centro Cultural in Cornelius. This event was attended by over 300 people.
- Helping to plan Migrant Information Forum to be held simultaneously with Parents Day event.
- Obtained preapplication approval for FMHA 514/516 farmworker housing project in Reedville.
- Obtained funds from County Office of Community Development to conduct a feasibility study on reconstructing Campo Azul, a 60 unit seasonal farm labor camp.

1993-95 Biennium Farmworker Project Report

Agency Reporting: Community Action Organization

Date: 7/1/93 - 6-30-95

Description of Project/Service	Description of Outcomes/Benefits to Farmworker Population and Number of Beneficiaries	Funding Sources and Dollar Amounts Expended on Project/Service
Housing Development Corporation of Washington County - Provided staff support, office space, Board chair	-provided 91 units of low cost housing to farmworker families -added 5 new units of single family housing to be purchased by eligible farmworker families	Cost: \$385,000 operating budget \$500,000 capital budget Source: Farmers Home Admin.; County HOME funds; client rents; contributions.
AFS Migrant Food Stamps - WCCAO provided site and staff support for community outreach station	-enrolled 785 farmworker families (2,435 individuals) in Food Stamp Program	Cost: \$3,000 WCCAO in-kind AFS - not available Source: United Way
Head Start services	-43 children from farmworker families enrolled, and received full range of social services plus health screenings	Cost: \$230,351 Source: HHS/Head Start
Coordination with State Farmworker Needs Assessment	-interviewed 200 farmworker families and administered needs survey	Cost: \$890.00 Source: United Way

Please complete and return this form to Dan Van Otten by February 15, 1995
 Mailing Address: OR Housing & Community Services Department, 1600 State Street, Salem OR 97310

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Christmas party with Tuality hospital staff and farmworker families and their children	26 farmworker families received \$416 in cash and food	Cost: \$94.50 Source: United Way
Coordinated Forest Grove Lions to donate food, blankets and clothing to migrant camp	20 individuals received \$600 in blankets, food and clothing	Cost: \$56.70 Source: United Way
Purchase of bulk food for emergency food boxes for migrant farmworkers 17,248 pounds of food purchased & combined with 27,722 pounds of donated food	10,223 migrant farmworkers received 8,862 emergency food boxes	Cost: \$18,933 Source: FEMA
Housing Development Corporation of Washington County	-Building 49 units of farm worker housing in Reedville. -Studying the feasibility of reconstructing 60 units of seasonal farm labor housing	Cost \$3,200,000 275,000 15,000 Source FMHA Washington County Washington County CDBG

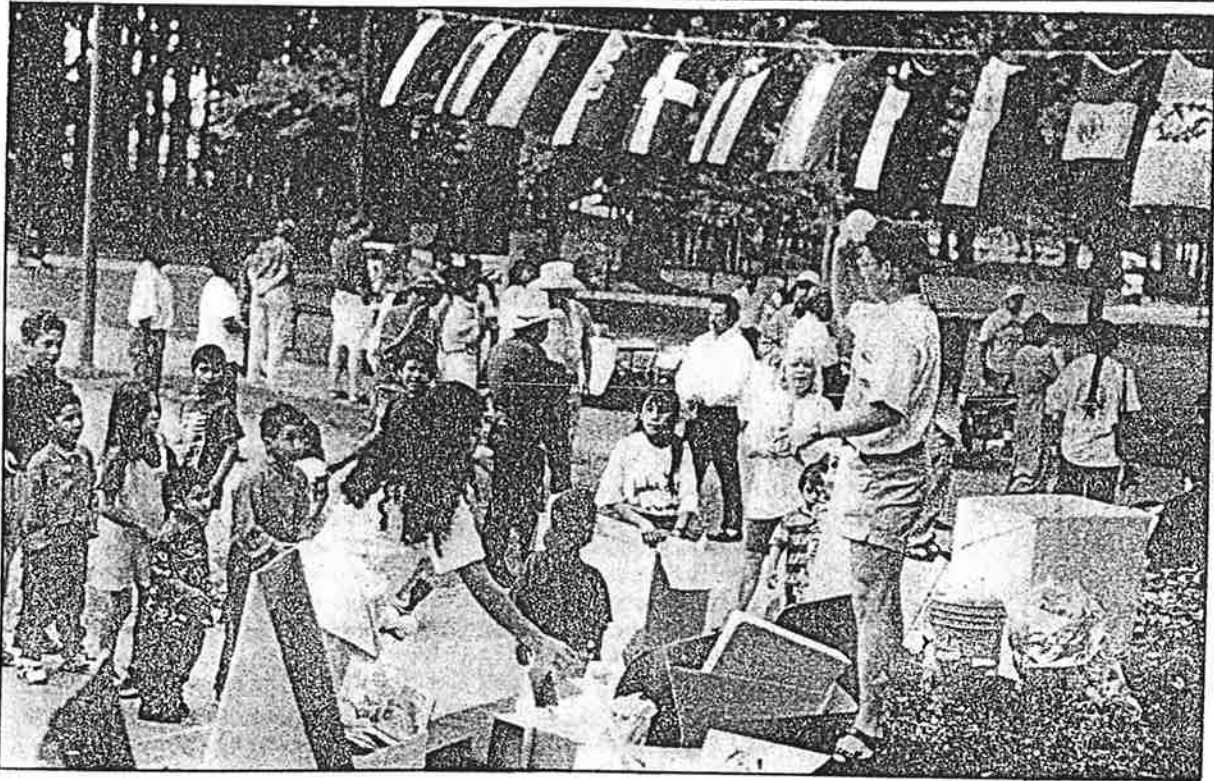
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Children line up for one of the games offered at the recent Day of the Family celebration.

United Families help stem growth of gangs

By MIKE MLYNSKI
Of the Argus

Spurred on by the tragic death of a Cornelius youth, community members have been attempting to stem the growth of youth gangs by supporting families.

Familias Unidas (United Families) encourages and assists parents to take on the hard but rewarding responsibility of raising children at a time when pressures from gangs, drugs and violence seem all too accessible in the community.

At the same time, Familias Unidas has provided the children of the community with a forum that serves to bring

adults out of their denial and lets parents and teachers know the nature of these struggles.

Sulma Escalona, 15, took the opportunity to address a community group at Centro Cultural in Cornelius that Familias Unidas organized. She was one of the panel of students that explained the racial pressures and gang presence a youth may face at school.

Escalona related the experience and repeated her message at a recent gathering of Familias Unidas organizers.

Although Escalona said gangs hold no attraction for her, she knows some kids aren't aware of what they may be getting themselves into once they join a gang.

"Some parents can't see why kids do it (get involved in gangs)," Escalona said. "Some parents just can't face their kids doing wrong."

At the same time, kids need to learn communication skills and ways of resisting peer pressure, Escalona explained.

Sometimes, there is little warning of impending tragedy these youths may face.

Miguel Angel Mendoza attended a wedding reception in January. A fistfight after the event left the 14-year-old dead of multiple stab wounds.

Rene Siller, 19, is awaiting a November trial date on one count of murder in the stabbing incident. He is held without

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Donors asked for shopping spree for kids

The Tanasbourne Mervyn's is taking about 65 disadvantaged kids—members of the Hillsboro Boys & Girls Club—shopping for school clothes Saturday morning for its Child-Spree program.

The club is still looking for people willing to sponsor a child with a \$100 donation to buy much-needed shoes and clothing. Donors will be recognized Saturday.

For details, call Nita Smith or Jill Showalter at the club, 10-4558.

Group plans to paint over graffiti

CORNELIUS—Next Monday evening, United Families will be organizing an effort to paint over sites in the area marked by graffiti.

The organization has successfully performed the task in recent months and is looking for volunteers to continue the effort.

Volunteers are asked to meet at Centro Cultural in Cornelius at 6 p.m. Individuals who have paint brushes and rollers are asked to bring them along.

Child care and refreshments will be provided.

For more information or to donate paint or report graffiti sites, call United Families at 640-3569.

Fair drawing

Families targeted

(Continued from page 1A) bail in the Washington County jail.

"We were brought together by the homicide of Miguel Angel," explained Arturo Peraza, one of the Familias Unidas organizers.

In the wake of the hopelessness following that homicide, Familias Unidas organized several community meetings that allowed participants to share their grief. Other meetings focus on ways to improve family communication and discipline.

The group has been active by painting over sites loaded with gang graffiti and cleaning up litter in Cornelius on Earth Day. Familias Unidas recently held a celebration in Hillsboro called The Day of the Family.

"It was a place where families could go and have a good time without having to spend money," said Kristin Ludwig of Familias Unidas.

Games were set up where kids could win a small prize. The Hillsboro Boys and Girls Club set up sports activities. And there was musical entertainment and raffles for adults.

Organizers were surprised but joyful that up to 2,000 people attended the event. No

gang related problems occurred at the event held at Shute Park.

Hillsboro Police Chief Ron Louie attended the event and saw that it fit in with the goals of the community.

"We help maintain the parks as a safe and fun place for families to be," Louie said. "The Day of the Family had exactly the image and environment that we want to project for the parks."

Familias Unidas considered the day to be the highlight of their work in the community to this point.

Instead of trying to duplicate or replace existing services available to families, Familias Unidas will try to link families to the resources they may need, Peraza said.

Other goals include: building leadership in the community; offering information regarding new laws; and providing parent education.

The prime goal of Familias Unidas is to give people hope, Peraza said.

In a sign that hope is growing in the community, many people, both young and old, came together to set up and run the many activities for the Day of the Family celebration.

Volunteer help sought

St. Vincent de Paul store in Hillsboro is seeking volunteers to help organize and tag items for its retail operation.

Sale of donated items benefits families in need in the Hillsboro community. Last year, the Portland Council of

St. Vincent de Paul helped more than 85,000 families in a six-county area.

To volunteer, interested persons may call Barbara Colby or Joe Lee at 639-9523 or stop at the St. Vincent de Paul store at 136 SE Third Ave., Hillsboro.

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Families gathered in Hillsboro's Shute Park (above) to remember the victims of gang violence and celebrate the positive influence of family life. The day's activities showed that different cultures are not so different when it comes to enjoying a park (right).

Day of the Family celebrated locally

Six months after Washington County's first gang-related death, nearly 1,000 people gathered in Hillsboro's Shute Park: partly to remember the victims of gang violence, but mainly to celebrate the family and the positive influence it can have on young peoples' lives.

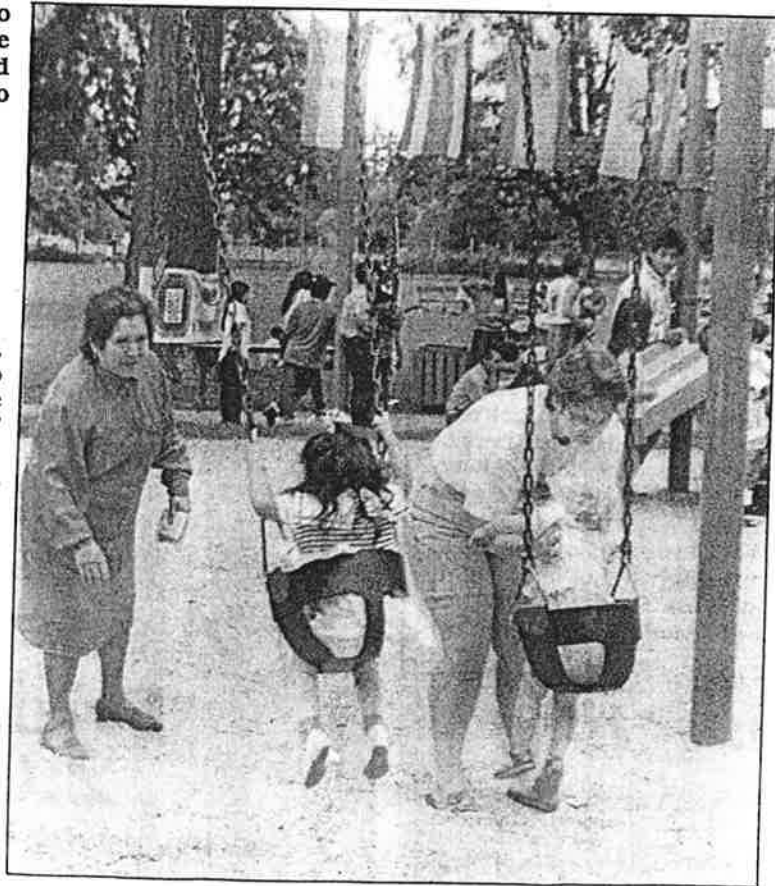
The event, called *Día de la Familia* or Day of the Family, included a moment of silence to honor the victims of gang violence — particularly the young man who died earlier this year.

A variety of activities were available to catch the attention of almost every person in attendance. People of several different cultures joined in cooperative activities for an evening of family fun.

"We want to acknowledge the support and positive action from the community," said event organizer Kristin Ludwig. "That support creates a more peaceful and safe community."

Día de la Familia had the following sponsors: Familias Unidas/United Families, Washington County Juvenile Department, Hillsboro Boys and Girls Club, and Community Action Organization.

The event was supported by a generous anonymous donation from a community resident who is in favor of bringing together people of different ages and cultures.



What is FAMILIAS UNIDAS/ UNITED FAMILIES?

FAMILIAS UNIDAS/ UNITED FAMILIES is an organization that supports families through their struggles and successes. We bring together neighbors and families in Washington County who want to build a safe and peaceful community.

How did FAMILIAS UNIDAS/UNITED FAMILIES come about?

In January of 1995, Washington County experienced its first gang- related homicide. The first meeting of FAMILIAS UNIDAS/UNITED FAMILIES brought concerned community members together to express their shock, grief and anger about the loss of one of its young people.

What has resulted from FAMILIAS UNIDAS/UNITED FAMILIES?

FAMILIAS UNIDAS/UNITED FAMILIES has

- Held meetings with youth and parents, representatives of local schools and churches, elected officials, law enforcement, business owners and others, to take positive action to reduce violence and promote understanding.
- Discussed ways to counteract gang influences, such as setting rules at home, effective discipline, and communication between youth and adults.
- Painted over 15 graffiti sites, with the cooperation of Washington County Juvenile Department and local home and business owners and using paint donated by the City of Cornelius and Neighborhood Watch.
- Organized with civic and youth groups an "Earth Day" litter clean up in Cornelius.
- Planned a "Day of the Family" in Hillsboro's Shute Park with activities for all ages, including games focusing on teamwork, to be held July 23.
- Supported parent groups in organizing a fundraiser activity to honor recent graduates of high schools in Hillsboro.

What is FAMILIAS UNIDAS/UNITED FAMILIES planning for the future?

- Linking families to resources
- Building leadership in the community
- Offering information regarding laws and parental responsibility
- Providing parent education to build on skills and community involvement.

Please join us. FAMILIAS UNIDAS/UNITED FAMILIES JUNE 95
Info: Arturo Peraza @ 640-3596. Priscilla Orozco @ 681-0734. Kristin Ludwig @ 648-6646.

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Familias Unidas celebra la familia en la comunidad

Día de la Familia fue muy logrado

por Arturo, Kristin y Priscilla de Familias Unidas

El 23 de julio la comunidad celebró su primer festival en honor a la familia. Fue una tarde placentera, bendecida con un cielo azul y un sol templado.

Se reunieron más de 1000 personas en el Parque del Indio en Hillsboro - familias, amistades y vecinos - para participar en un evento bajo el letrero que anunciaba "Familias Unidas; Juntos luchando por la paz y seguridad en la comunidad."

Recordando la tragedia de la muerte del joven Miguel Angel hace seis meses, las personas presentes guardaron unos momentos de silencio en su memoria.

Alegres sonrisas, melodías, y juegos para adultos y niños, llenaron el parque con diferentes actividades como: agradables bailarías y deliciosos antojitos.

La organización Familias Unidas/United Families utilizó \$500.00 (un donativo anónimo) para celebrar los esfuerzos de familias en fomentar cambios positivos en la comunidad.

Queremos dar nuestras calorosas gracias a todos los colaboradores en este evento: Boys & Girls Club of Hillsboro, Washington County Juvenile

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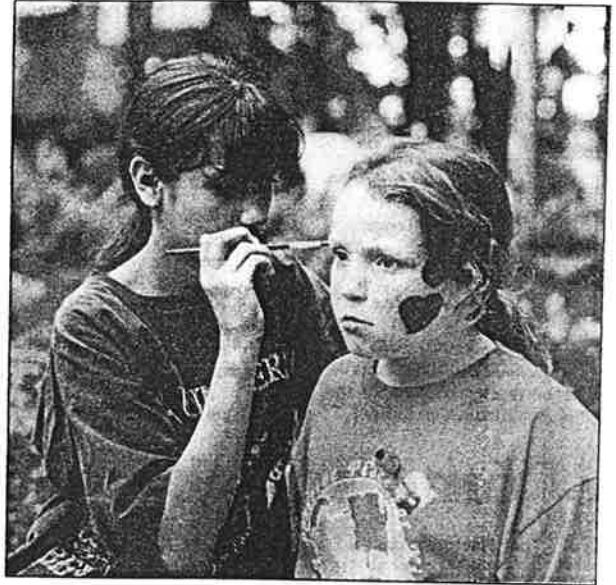
Department: Community Action Organization; Hillsboro Police Department; el grupo musical La Promesa de Forest Grove; estudiantes de PSU School of Social Work; University of Portland y Joseph Gallegos, Ph.D.; Oregon City Summer Youth Video Project; Restaurante Las Conchas; Image de Washington County y Kathy Rodríguez; Bobby Gallegos y Lorenzo Rubio del Department de Sheriff; Frank Rentería y sus estudiantes de karate; Opening Doors; Washington County Health Department; Sunset Massage and Wellness Center; grupos de jóvenes de las iglesias Hillsboro Adventista y San Alejandro de Cornelius; y por supuesto, a todos los participantes.

No solo fue un evento, sino algo inolvidable y fortalecedor en nuestras vidas: la comunión de todos como una verdadera familia. Esperamos con gusto el próximo evento del verano entrante, "Día de la Familia."

English summary: Six months after the gang-related death of a young man, Familias Unidas/ United Families, with a \$500.00 anonymous donation, held the first "Day of the Family" to celebrate community efforts for peace and unity.



Prueba de habilidad al tino con Boys & Girls Club. ¿Le atinará? Foto: Nita Smith.



Los niños pasaron momentos felices, expresando con otros su inmensa creatividad. Foto: Kristin Ludwig.



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