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OUR PROGRAMS:

- A Kid's Domain
- Child Care Resource & Referral of Washington County
- Energy & Emergency Services
- Head Start/Early Head Start
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- Opening Doors
- Play It Again
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OUR PROMISE:

Community Action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities & makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire community and are dedicated to helping individuals help themselves & each other.



August 12, 2004

MEMO

To: Board of Directors
From: Vicki Rocker, Play It Again Task Force
Re: Play It Again

As you may be aware, a task force of the board has been meeting this past year to address the future of Play It Again (PIA). Last spring we invited other organizations involved in used clothing distribution to a luncheon meeting. We briefed them on the status of PIA and discussed the pending need for a new facility, as well as the need for a sponsor organization. In June, Community Action received notice that we must vacate the PIA facility by the end of September. To date, we have not been able to locate a new sponsor or a new location in which to operate. In July, our task force met and regretfully agreed that we must proceed to close down the operation as we no longer have the capacity to operate it. PIA has not only met the clothing needs of our low-income community, it has also facilitated the involvement of many volunteers and donors. We remain hopeful that another organization will step forward to find a new location and re-open the service for our community.

Our Task Force also decided that since we must close, that we would like to "go out with a bang"! We want to celebrate our successes, do one last push for kids back to school clothes and attract media coverage to educate the community about the continuing need. Staff will handle all of the public communications around the closure. PIA will continue to accept donations through the end of August and to operate our regular hours through September. The third week of September will be "Back to School" week and we will make a special effort to equip families with clothes for their school age children.

And this is where you, the board, is needed. In order for this to be successful, we will be organizing additional volunteer crews in September to sort and organize clothes at PIA. I have offered to co-ordinate volunteer work teams from our board and now I need some volunteer workers! Please let me know if you, and possibly members of your family or work place, would be interested in volunteering a few hours in September. If you are interested, please send to me an email at Vickie_rocker@pgn.com. Once I know who's interested, I will work with you to develop days and times that meet your schedule. Thanks for considering this!