

**\*\*\*\*\*NEIGHBORSHARE\*\*\*\*\***  
**NEIGHBORS MAKING A DIFFERENCE**

**The Need:** The 35,000 Washington County residents trapped by the cycle of poverty including the growing numbers of the "new poor":

- \*seniors who are struggling to make ends meet on a fixed income;
- \*single parents raising a family on a minimum wage which has not been adjusted since 1981;
- \*two-parent working families squeezed by low wages, not health insurance, high rents, and day care costs.

**The Problem:** People's basic needs are not being met. They reach out to churches and community groups for help but:

- \*many don't connect with a resource that can help them;
- \*some resources are deluged; others go untapped;
- \*some go from resource to resource but still don't get the help they need to become self-sufficient;
- \*many organizations want to help but don't know where to start.

**The Solution:** Neighborshare, a collaborative effort of churches, community groups and Washington County Community Action Organization serving the Tigard area with:

- \*comprehensive information and referral services;
- \*volunteer coordination to assist churches and community groups who want to help make a difference;
- \*pooled community resources for rent relief, utility relief, gas, medications, food, clothing, furniture, etc.;
- \*centralize record keeping of services received by the needy.

**The Opportunity:** You can make a difference by:

- \*Referring those with needs to Neighborshare for comprehensive assistance;
- \*joining neighborshare and providing volunteers;
- \*supporting Neighborshare with a financial commitment\*.

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