

NEIGHBORSHARE
NEIGHBORS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Date: May 27, 1988
To: Area Congregations and Civic Groups
From: Neighborshare Task Force
Re: Progress Report

The Task Force for the ecumenical volunteer and referral service for the Tigard-Tualatin-Sherwood area would like to acquaint you with the progress that has been made since our letter of September 9, 1987.

At the meeting of September 22, 1987 attended by representatives of 5 churches and the Luke-Dorf facility, the name Neighborshare was adopted. A mission statement and goals were approved and it was decided that the Task Force would have the authority to interview representatives of prospective umbrella organizations and make a choice.

The organization chosen is Washington County Community Action Organization (WCCAO), a private, non-profit corporation concerned about and familiar with the needs of the poor in Washington County. Since WCCAO has no religious affiliation and deals specifically with situations in Washington County, the Task Force believes it will be acceptable to all participating churches.

The Task Force in conjunction with WCCAO has prepared a tentative budget. The most frugal estimate could provide services for approximately \$12,500 for the first year of operation. At this time three sources of funding are being explored--grants, pledges from churches and civic organizations and special fund-raising events.

Within the next few weeks you will be receiving a phone call requesting an appointment with a member of our Task Force. We would like to discuss with you the exciting progress to date and your possible participation in the project. We will be asking you to provide information for our survey of community needs. We do hope you will welcome this person and set aside some time to talk.