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Community Action Homeless Work Awarded

April 25, 2007, Hillsboro - Community Action and staff have received several noteworthy awards in recent weeks. These awards draw attention to the outstanding work performed by Community Action staff to further their mission: "In partnership with the community, Community Action assists low-income people to achieve self-determination." A very important part of Community Action's work is to help homeless families and individuals achieve housing stability and economic security.

On March 13, 2007, Kristin Ludwig MSW, Community Action Homeless Education Liaison, received the Friend of Education Award, presented by the University of Oregon's College of Education Alumni Association in recognition of a "significant contribution to education or to their communities." Ludwig is based at Community Action's Hillsboro Family Shelter. The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act funds this program to help students in transitory living situations stay in school.

On April 12, 2007, Patrick Rogers, Community Action Housing and Homeless Services Manager, received the Oregon Coalition on Housing and Homelessness "Ma" Curtis Award. The award is presented to "an individual who has experienced homelessness, has turned their life around and is now making a significant contribution in the field working with other homeless individuals and/or educating the public on the issues of low-income and homeless individuals."

On April 21, 2007, the Oregon Campus Compact presented its Community Partner Award to Community Action's Hillsboro Family Shelter, "for their sustained partnership with Pacific University." Campus Compact is "a national coalition of over 1000 college and university presidents committed to the civic purposes of higher education." Pacific University students regularly volunteer to help homeless families at the shelter.

"We are very proud of the work of our Homeless and Housing services staff, particularly the leadership of Pat Rogers and Kristin Ludwig" says Jerralynn Ness, Community Action Executive Director. "The experience of becoming homeless can be devastating to families and their children. On any given night in Washington County, there are 1600 adults and children who are homeless. Pat and Kristin bring to their work a depth of knowledge about issues of homelessness and a deep respect for the people who are going through this experience. And because of the support of our community, we are fortunate to be able to provide a wide range of services to shelter and promote housing stability."

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