



# Solutions for Struggling Families

## What Human Solutions is doing to help

March 2009 Newsletter

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### 40 homeless families in Multnomah County to receive housing



Human Solutions' Lincoln Woods Apartments

Human Solutions is one of only 23 agencies nationally to receive new funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Opening Doors Rapid Re-Housing project. The project will provide up to 40 families at a time with 12-15 months of limited term rent assistance and case management in 40 scattered site apartments. It will serve approximately 120 families in the first three years. This funding comes as great news to agencies serving homeless families.

### Oregon Housing Opportunity Act Passed

On February 26, 2009, the Oregon Legislature approved the Oregon Housing Opportunity Act (HB 2436) for affordable housing projects by increasing the real estate document-recording fee by \$15. These additional funds will support multifamily affordable housing in Oregon. Human Solutions currently offers 539 units of affordable housing in Mid and East Multnomah County. This additional funding will create an ongoing, dedicated source of revenue for affordable housing, for the prevention and reduction of homelessness, and towards home ownership and foreclosure prevention counseling. Human Solutions sees this as a wonderful opportunity for the families in need in Oregon.



Human Solutions' Cedars Apartments

### Only 6 days left until you can get your \$1,000 gift or pledge matched with a \$1,000 gift to Human Solutions!

Act now to help Human Solutions receive matching funds! The Maybelle Clark Macdonald Fund will donate \$1,000 to Human Solutions for every gift or pledge of \$1,000 we receive by **March 31<sup>st</sup>**. Our programs and services need this support now more than ever! Any donor of \$1,000 or more becomes part of Human Solutions' **Society for Change**, an esteemed group of dedicated community members who have helped us to gain additional matching dollars through the Maybelle Clark Macdonald Fund. Many days, our offices have lines outside them of people seeking help before we even open. Our lobbies are full, and our phones are ringing constantly. People are coming to Human Solutions in need of shelter, affordable housing, eviction prevention, energy and heat assistance, and employment. Our Daybreak Shelter and our Employment Programs are still struggling to maintain their revenues so we can serve as many families as possible. Your pledge of \$1,000 will give Human Solutions the chance to fully fund our programs. Human Solutions needs your help, so we can help over 400 low-income people each year to gain employment skills so they can get *livable wage* jobs and take care of their families needs. Your pledge can also help to give 85 homeless families *each night* a safe place to stay, and gain employment through our intensive, individualized case management. [Click here](#) or on the link to the left to join the **Society for Change!** You can give \$1,000 over 12 months for just \$84 a month—which will **DOUBLE** your gift with a matching grant! Email [lrimestad@humansolutions.org](mailto:lrimestad@humansolutions.org) with any questions.

### The Alliance for Powerful Community Investing luncheon to build paths out of poverty was a great success!

Thanks to all of the individuals, companies and civic groups that attended and showed their support! Dr. Donna Beegle's speech on living in poverty was inspiring, and shined a bright light on what the community needs to do to stop intergenerational poverty. Human Solutions would like to thank its major sponsors, **PGE** and **Affinity Property Management**.

We would also like to thank HM3 Ethanol, Tonkon Torp LLP, SD Deacon, Cascade Property Management, the Portland Development Commission, and MacKay & Sposito and the Myhre Group for their sponsorships! Human Solutions raised \$32,000 in donations to support our programs—creating a true Alliance for Powerful Community Investing to build paths out of poverty!



Dr. Beegle speaks on March 16 at the Tiffany Center

**For 22 years**, Human Solutions has been empowering low-income and homeless families by providing affordable housing, skill development, job readiness training and family support services. We offer a continuum of programs designed to overcome homelessness, break the cycle of intergenerational poverty and ensure that families becomes self sufficient. In the last year we have touched the lives of more than 100,000 people in just the last 12 months.

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