



Collaborative Solutions

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Our Vision

is a Washington County where all people live and work in healthy, vibrant, sustainable communities.

Our Mission

is to identify critical issues and support collaborative community-based solutions

VAN Focuses Its Work in Four Goal Areas:

Strengthen Economic Security

Support Diversity and Inclusion

Build Sustainability

Promote a Compassionate Community

WASHINGTON COUNTY THRIVES

In partnership with Community Action, the Vision Action Network began a series of Community Conversations last fall to bring leaders together from across the county to talk about what we, as a county community, can do to address the continued funding decreases to the services and supports that provide a safety net to our most vulnerable citizens.

Modeled after and aligned with Oregon Thrives, Washington County Thrives was born out of these conversations. A collaboration of public, private, non-profit and faith based leaders committed to economic security, Washington County Thrives works to create healthy and prosperous communities where everyone is engaged in their community and has opportunities to access living wage jobs, quality education, nutritious food, stable homes and services that promote health and wellness.

The goal of Washington County Thrives is to inspire our diverse community to

work together for a thriving and prosperous county by:

- Building broad based partnerships around solving issues of economic security
- Developing a unified voice to communicate the benefits of our shared vision, and
- Creating the community will to make our shared vision a priority so that opportunities exist for Washington County residents to thrive.

Over the next few months, Washington County Thrives will be working to create a shared agenda for reaching these goals. They will work to better engage the public and business sectors to ensure that this agenda truly aligns with shared interests across sectors.

For more information about Washington County Thrives, or to get involved, please contact Karin Kelley-Torregroza at 503-846-5792 or Jerralynn Ness at 503-648-6646.

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**Are you interested in joining the
VAN community?**

**Please contact Karin Kelley-Torregroza
at 503-846-5792.**

The Vision Action Network is a private non-profit
organization committed to the promotion and support of
collaborative community-based problem solving.



2011 Annual Celebration and Cameron Awards

Over 120 community partners attended the Vision Action Network's Annual Celebration and Cameron Awards on June 2, 2011 at the Glenn & Viola Walters Cultural Arts Center. A new venue, wonderful food and wine, a humorous keynote from Honorable Marco Hernandez, and an inspirational presentation of the 2011 Cameron Award winner, all made for an amazing event!



As always, the highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Cameron Award for Outstanding Community Collaboration. This award is presented annually to an exemplary collaborative effort that positively impacts the quality of life in Washington County. While so many efforts are deserving, the VAN Board of Directors has the tough job of picking one winner. This year's award was presented to HopeSpring. For more information about HopeSpring and to view the inspirational video created for them as part of their award package, please visit our website: www.visionactionnetwork.org.

And mark your calendars for next year's Annual Celebration
— June 7, 2012!



Vision Action Network releases 2010-11 Annual Report

At the Annual Celebration in June, VAN released its 2010-11 Annual Report. As the report states, our accomplishments are your accomplishments. VAN's efforts are only as strong as the folks sitting around the tables we set, and we've had some amazing folks sitting around our tables this past year!

In 2010-11, in its role as a convener and catalyst for collaborative community solutions, VAN convened and facilitated **78 meetings and 12 events**. Collaborative problem-solving meetings engaged an average of **52 organizations and 55 people** every month and each event averaged **110 attendees**. VAN also supported the work of many externally-convened committees, councils, and initiatives that sought collaborative solutions for the growing needs of our diverse community.

Key accomplishments of some of our collaborative initiatives this past year include:

- The **Washington County Nonprofit Network** brought 8 training opportunities and 1 Funders Faire to Washington County nonprofits, most of these free of charge. The Nonprofit Network also provided 30 scholarships to nonprofits for attendance at fee-based trainings.
- The **Behavioral Health Crisis Response Oversight Committee** has worked to improve system coordination by developing a multi-system flow chart, and has created and implemented more effective collaborative first response strategies, such as a Sheriff's Office and Mental Health Crisis Clinician response team and a 911 dispatched Mental Health Crisis Team response.
- The **Washington County Workforce Development Workgroup** worked with WSI,

PCC, OED, Community Action and Washington County Housing Services to expand the Aligned Partners Program into Washington County.

- **Project Homeless Connect** 2011 served over 500 individuals in need again this year. Sixty-three organizations representing all sectors and 293 volunteers came together to provide services, supports and linkages such as dental care, vision screenings, haircuts, clothing, and food, all free of charge. Twenty-one donors and sponsors provided \$15,000 in cash contributions that leveraged close to \$31,000 in in-kind donations and services.
- At the request of multiple service providers, VAN facilitated a series of **Immigrant and Refugee Networking Meetings** during the 2010-11 fiscal year. Four meetings were convened, averaging 16 participants each, to support information sharing and networking among providers.

In addition to the above projects, VAN continued to support the **Inter-religious Action Network of Washington County**, the **Washington County Human Rights Council** and the **Partners for a Sustainable Washington County Community** during 2010-11.

For a copy of our 2010-11 Annual Report please contact us at 503-846-5792 or visit our website: www.visionactionnetwork.org.

It is important to note that VAN's efforts are just one small piece of the amazing collaborative work that is happening around the county. We are continuously amazed and inspired by the collaborative leaders and collaborative spirit of Washington County!

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Upcoming Events

Washington County Nonprofit Network

WVDO Series:

Corporate and Foundation Fundraising
*w/Darci Spar & Tracy Madsen,
American Red Cross*

Wednesday, October 26, 3:00-5:00pm
Village Church — 330 SW Murray Blvd

**Nonprofit Association of Oregon: Sustainable
Nonprofit Business Models & Earned Income
Strategies w/ Kay Sohl**

Scholarships available — See NAO Website
Wednesday, November 9th, 8:30am-4:00pm

WVDO Series:

Boards and Volunteers

w/ Michael Sorenson, Cascade Aids Project
Wednesday, December 7, 3:00-5:00pm
Village Church — 330 SW Murray Blvd

**Pre-registration Required for all events. Contact VAN to register and to be added to the Nonprofit Network email list.*

Inter-religious Action Network

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 20, 2011 4:00pm
LDS -Cedar Mill Stake — 955 NW 173rd Ave, Bvrtn
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