



Your Impact Report

Your positive impact for local families and individuals



THANK YOU!

This issue of *Your Impact Report* features stories of people who are safe today because of YOU!

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Your generosity helped Toni and her daughter find stability... twice!

Toni and her teenage daughter Journi were looking for refuge and a fresh start when they moved to Oregon.

Toni was escaping an abusive partner. And the sorrow of losing her mother to cancer.

When Toni arrived, she had a difficult time finding a good-paying job and affordable housing. Toni and Journi hopped from one hotel to another and were desperate to find a safe and stable home.

Thankfully, you gave shelter to Toni and Journi! You gave them a safe, welcoming place to stay and the help they needed to rebuild their lives.

With your support, Toni was able to find a stable job and safe housing.

Unfortunately, just a couple of short years later, Toni lost her job and the only way she was able to support herself. She was served an eviction notice. And for a second

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Thank you for providing safety and care to families and individuals in need!

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As I reflect over the past year, I am struck by the compassion and grace you brought to local people struggling with homelessness in our community.




Kemp Shuey
Executive Director

In *Your Impact Report*, you'll see a story about Miranda, and the incredible difference you made in her family's life. You'll also meet Fiona and see how your gift kept her family from becoming homeless.

During a local family's most difficult time, you were there for them, showing how much you care. I want to thank you for helping them when they had nowhere else to go.

None of this would be possible without you and your gift. I can look to the year ahead and feel hope knowing someone like you is helping when it's needed!

I want to humbly thank you. You are providing practical support to families in their darkest times, and I know the people you've helped are so grateful for you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kemp".

"What are we going to do, Dad?"

You brought a family in need out of the cold.

Because of you, Miranda's family found safety and warmth right when they needed it!

Miranda's new job brought her to Washington County. She and her husband, Timothy, found a place to live and were so excited to move in with their three young boys. But after packing up their entire household, Miranda received news from her employer that changed everything.

Her new job wouldn't start for another two months! They knew they couldn't afford rent if she wasn't working.

Having no friends or family in the area, they started living out of their car as the winter months set in.

Even after Miranda started working, they just didn't have enough to afford steep move-in costs after spending their savings to survive.

During frigid nights, the blankets and space heater in their car weren't enough to keep them warm. The boys would wake up shivering and ask Timothy, "What are we going to do, Dad?"

But you helped provide an answer at just the right time.

In the middle of a cold winter, Miranda and Timothy were provided shelter! You gave them and their boys a warm and safe place to stay.

You not only gave them shelter, but assistance to help them move into a new home and afford rent.

With your generous support, families like Miranda's have a place to turn to when they need help!



Thank You for Keeping Fiona and Her Daughter in Their Home!

Because of your gift, Fiona was able to stay in her apartment when times got tough.

Fiona was a single mom doing the best she could to provide for her young daughter.

Even with a good job and a strict budget, Fiona was barely scraping by to make ends meet.

But when the engine in her car blew, she had no way to pay the bill and had to get a second job to cover the expense.

The new income didn't arrive fast enough. She fell behind on rent and was served an eviction notice.

"I felt absolutely terrified. Where would we go if I lost our apartment? How could I ever rent again if I got evicted?"



But thanks to your gift, Fiona was able to pay her back rent and stay in her apartment! You also helped provide an additional two months of rent to give her time to get back on her feet.

She remembers the moment she found out she was getting this critical help: "I broke down in tears. I felt like I could breathe. It meant everything to me."

Fiona is so grateful for your support! Because of you, she and her daughter feel they can stand on solid ground, secure in their home with emergency funds in the bank.

Thank you for your compassionate support of moms like Fiona!

You Brought Toni Back from "Rock Bottom" Continued from page 1



You helped give Toni and Journi a home!

time, Toni was facing homelessness.

"I was at rock bottom. It couldn't get any worse."

But you helped Toni AGAIN!

Your gift provided emergency rent assistance that allowed Toni and her daughter to stay in their home!

You gave Toni the lifeline and time she needed to find another job. Today, she is so grateful for donors like you who helped her become self-sufficient.

SEE NEXT PAGE FOR A WAY YOU CAN HELP EVEN MORE!





\$85 provides a night of warm, safe shelter and care to a homeless mom and her family!

URGENT: Keep a Family Out of the Cold!

As winter approaches, there will be a mom like Sabrina who will be forced to sleep outside in the freezing wind and rain.

You can keep her safe and warm with a gift today.

For just \$85, you will provide a night of warm and safe shelter to a homeless mom and her kids who desperately need it.

Without your help, a mom like Sabrina and her kids will have to cuddle for warmth in the backseat of their car. The windows are broken. Water and cold air seep through the cracks.

And they *never* feel safe.

Your gift of \$85 will provide a homeless family with dry and warm housing, hot meals, and the care needed to survive the wet and cold nights. And you'll help give them what they need to get back on their feet again.

Will you please send a gift of \$85 or more for a night of warm, safe shelter and care?

It's urgent that you help right away because the cold winter months are approaching fast and a family needs a warm, safe place to stay!

Please send back the enclosed *Warm & Safe Shelter Voucher* with your most generous gift.



Community Action provides critical services to low-income families in the areas of:

- ✧ Housing Stability
- ✧ Homeless Services
- ✧ Economic Empowerment
- ✧ Parenting Support
- ✧ Early Childhood Care and Education



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WARM & SAFE SHELTER VOUCHER

YES! I'd like to provide a homeless mom and her kids a night of safe shelter and care this winter. My gift will also support all the good work of Community Action.

Enclosed is my gift of:

- \$85 to provide 1 night of safe shelter and care to a family
- \$255 to provide 3 nights of safe shelter and care to a family
- \$425 to provide 5 nights of safe shelter and care to a family
- \$595 to provide 7 nights of safe shelter and care to a family
- \$_____ to help as much as possible

To give online, visit www.caowash.org

Here's my gift so a family has a safe place to stay!



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YOUR support makes a life-changing difference for families in need:



HELPS HOMELESS FAMILIES FIND SHELTER

For a family living on the street, you give them nights of safe shelter to help them get back on their feet.



KEEPS FAMILIES IN THEIR HOME

Because of you, a family receives rent assistance to avoid eviction.



PROTECTS THEIR HOME

A family pays less in utilities because you helped to weatherize their home.



PROVIDES MEALS

A hungry family receives a box of food with your help.



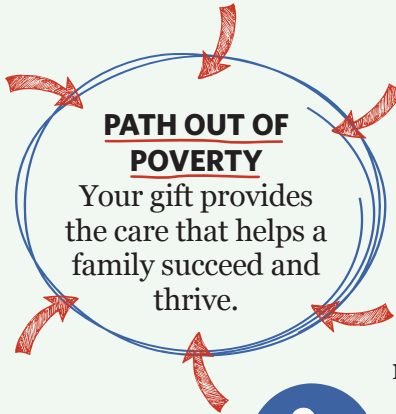
HELPS FAMILIES GET AHEAD

Your help provides guidance and support to help a family manage their finances or find a better job.



HELPS RAISE HEALTHY CHILDREN

With your gift, a new parent can get support to help them raise happy, healthy children.



Your gift is the difference that keeps a family from falling further into poverty and moves them closer to stability. Will you send a gift today of \$85 for a night of safe shelter, and support all the important work of Community Action?

HERE'S THE IMPACT YOU MADE POSSIBLE IN THE LAST YEAR

2023 - 2024

10,586

families stayed warm and safe with utility bill assistance

2,275

local child care providers improved their quality of care through training and coaching

1,909

families avoided homelessness through emergency rent assistance

1,252

new parents were supported through education and other resources

1,154

food boxes distributed to hungry families

801

children from low-income families received an educational foundation in Head Start

310

homeless families found and kept stable housing with short-term rent assistance

162

homes were weatherized and protected to make them warmer, safer, and more efficient

94

homeless children and parents were provided nights of safe shelter and care

89

families received in-home parenting support to help them raise happy, healthy children

45

people received career coaching and support