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*A 10-year plan to end homelessness in
Portland and Multnomah County*

JULY-SEPTEMBER, 2007 UPDATE

In late December 2004, the City of Portland and Multnomah County released their 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness. This plan is built on three principles: focus on the most chronically homeless populations, streamline access to existing services to prevent and reduce other homelessness, and concentrate resources on programs that offer measurable results. The three principles are inherent in each of nine action steps. Each year, the Coordinating Committee to End Homelessness develops measurable steps to achieve the long-term goal of ending homelessness. Below are recent results from those annual goals.



PROJECT HOMELESS CONNECT UPDATE

On September 18, 2007, 578 volunteers and dozens of community leaders gathered to launch Portland's fourth Project Homeless Connect event – the second designed for families experiencing homelessness in our community. More than 1,000 homeless adults and children were connected with services including dental, medical, vision, chiropractic, veterinarian, employment, legal, benefits, hair cuts, and family portraits.

PHC is currently co-planning the annual Harvest Dinner with the Portland Trail Blazers on November 12th. The event will include vision, legal, chiropractic, basic medical, pet care and information and referral services for those in need. Haircuts and family portraits will also be available.

The next Portland Homeless Connect will be February 26, 2008. It will be a day of service and support for homeless persons in the Portland area. The event will be at the Memorial Coliseum. Learn how to participate or volunteer at www.portlandhomelessconnect.com.

NEWS BRIEFS

- ♦ Janus Youth has implemented a Drug and Alcohol free housing program at a new short term and crisis shelter site. **Five units of housing are available for youth** ages 18-25, with no limit regarding length of stay.
- ♦ Rose Community Development opened their beautiful new Leander Court apartments in southeast Portland. **Eleven formerly homeless families** with children have moved in with funding assistance and services provided through the **Bridges to Housing** initiative. For more info see www.bridgestohousing.org.
- ♦ Central City Concern's employment programs assisted 60 homeless people to find employment between July and September.
- ♦ The Mayor's office awarded \$75,000 in special City general funds to JOIN to move 35 homeless men sleeping on downtown Portland streets into permanent housing. This was a partnership with the Portland Police Bureau's Central Precinct.

More data on 10-year plan goals will be in the 2007 annual report, available in February 2008.