WASHINGTON GORGE ACTION PROGRAMS

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We are the Community Action Agency for Klickitat and Skamania counties. We are a multi-purpose human services organization dedicated to helping individuals, families, and communities address basic human needs. Founded in 1966, we've undergone name and program changes over the years but we've always remained true to the promise of Community Action. Helping people. Changing lives.

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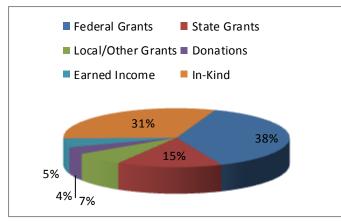
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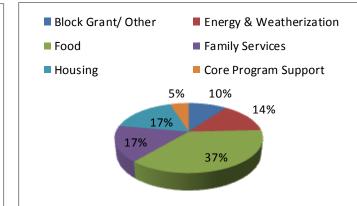
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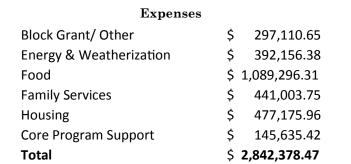
2015 Financial Information





Revenue

Federal Grants	\$ 1,056,016.42
State Grants	\$ 419,994.47
Local/Other Grants	\$ 200,294.43
Donations	\$ 110,852.50
Earned Income	\$ 134,967.04
In-Kind	\$ 861,566.90
Total	\$ 2,783,691.76



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2015 Annual Report

Your Community Action Agency.

Helping People. Changing Lives.

Our Mission

Our mission is to prevent and alleviate poverty. Our goal is to help people help themselves and reach selfsufficiency.

Shelter Provided

Emergency Protections from Violence

Clothing Vouchers

Food Boxes Distributed 13,878

Success by the Numbers		Main Office/Food Ban relocated to a building downtown Bingen. Be
Families Helped	2,616	sides relocating the M Office, Programs for Peaceful Living and S ond Hand Rose joined at the new location. M
Individuals Helped	6,126	ing was far worse that ever imagined. It also created huge challeng
Hours Volunteered	4,335	for staff. As much as p sible, client services co tinued even in the mic of loading/unloading
Emergency Temporary	93	trucks, cleaning, and s

From the desk of the Executive

ting up at the new loca-

tion. It was during these

mentally and physically

true dedication of WGAP

difficult times that the

2015 brought some dramatic changes to Washington Gorge Action Programs.

Director

After 27 years in the employees shone through. same location, WGAP's I have always thought WGAP had a compassiong in ate, caring staff. While working with them during the move, those feelings were reinforced, my ecamazement at their dedication increased. It didn't lovmatter whether the staff n I person worked at es Peaceful Living or in administration or housposing, everyone was enddle thusiastic about the new location, working together, and improving services to our clients. Obviously, staff feel that WGAP truly can change someone's life for the better.

Or as Dr. Suess said:

"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot. nothing is going to get better. It's not."

> Linda Schneider **Executive Director**



We've moved!

Our Bingen office is now located at: 115 West Steuben Street

Our new mailing address is: P.O. Box 805 Bingen, WA 98605



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An Overview of Our Programs

Community Youth Center

An afterschool drop-in facility for youth ages 7-17

Emergency Services

Crisis intervention, housing, utilities, referrals

Energy Assistance

Assistance with utility bills and shut off prevention

Food Banks

Monthly and emergency food distribution

Commodity Supplement Food Program

Additional food for low-income seniors

Second Hand Rose

Thrift store providing vouchers & job training

Emergency Shelter

Short Term emergency housing

Permanent Supportive Housing

Long term housing with case management

Homelessness Prevention Activities

First month rent, security deposit, and eviction prevention

Programs for Peaceful Living (Klickitat Co)

Domestic Violence Services & Prevention Sexual Assault Services & Prevention

Crime Victim Services

Support for victims of crimes

Representative Payee

Money Management to meet basic needs

Weatherization

Services to increase home energy efficiency

Information and Referral

Link those in need with community resources



Pictured left to right: Nick Vaday, Weatherization Coordinator, Leslie Naramore, Associate Director, Lori Call, Housing Director, Carmen Grodzki, Advocate, Sarah Goebel, Human Resources, Janeal Booren, Nutrition Director, Sheila Ball, Finance Coordinator, Micki Bradley, Reception, Pixie Bryan, Advocate



Luciana Andresen, Manager, Second Hand Rose

Second Hand Rose is our community thrift store that also provides aid in the form of household goods, clothing, and bedding to anyone in need through a voucher system.

The doors opened in December of 2005 and proved to be a wonderful addition to our Bingen community. Second Hand Rose moved to the new location in June of 2015 with huge success opening day. It was a big decision to move the store but after seeing the community come together for us on that first day, we knew we had made the right decision. Second Hand Rose also offers a retail training program. This program can help people get a foot in the door for a job, or help them get back on their feet after a job loss.

Stop by and see what treasures you can find!

Second Hand Rose hours: Monday-Saturday 10:30-6:00

Donations are accepted everyday except Sunday.





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Nutrition Programs

With the move, came necessary changes for our Distribution Center/Bingen Food Bank.

At our old location we had been using a worn out tractor trailer as our freezer. Though it worked for many years, it was unsustainable and we knew that we couldn't move it.

We were able to run a successful fundraiser and raised all of the funds necessary to purchase a new walk-in freezer which is now located inside the Food Bank.

Despite recent economic growth in our region, the Food Bank has been working overtime to alleviate the problem of hunger in our community. Because we live in an area of natural abundance, people are often surprised to discover the number of people who suffer from food insecurity in our community.

With our new freezer in place, and our gains in efficiency in both electricity usage and manpower, we're now better able to serve our clients.

We would like to extend a heartfelt *Thank You* to all of our wonderful donors without whom the new freezer would not have been possible.



Janeal Boreen, Nutrition Programs Director, and Patricia Gallardo, Program Coordinator, pose with the new walk-in freezer





The Promise of Community Action

Community Action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire community, and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.













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Community Youth Center



Manijeh Baxter, Program Coordinator, Youth Center







Housing Programs



Jake Lawrence, Guided Path Groundskeeper





 $Terri\ Landdeck\ \&\ Mary\ Gardener,\ Program\ Coordinators,\\ Goldendale$





Kevin Summa, Program Coordinator, Guided Path, Lori Call, Housing Director, Jan Pearo, Energy Assistance