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NeighborImpact's Head Start Program Hosts Boomers and Babies Open House

October 28, Redmond, Or - NeighborImpact is hosting an informational session on October 28, 2011 to introduce the Boomers and Babies project to community volunteers, fellow nonprofits and local media outlets. Two open houses (12:00pm and 6:00 pm) will be held in the John McKim Head Start Center located on the NeighborImpact Redmond Campus at 2303 SW First Street in Redmond, Or.

"This is a great opportunity to bring highly motivated and knowledgeable volunteers into our classrooms" states Betty Shuler, Early Care and Education Director for NeighborImpact. "This is a natural fit for our Head Start program that will enrich our students' learning environment."

NeighborImpact received grants from the Oregon Community Foundation and the Portland General Electric Foundation to link Baby Boomer generation volunteers with children in local Head Start programs. Volunteers will work with children to support school readiness in reading, math and other subjects while providing the emotional support necessary to enable children to flourish in a classroom environment.

"Our Head Start program will continue to thrive as more Baby Boomer Generation Volunteers engage in the lives of these young children," states Chris Quaka, Volunteer and Communication Administrator for NeighborImpact. "These grants will provide NeighborImpact the opportunity to diversify our volunteer program in Head Start and through out the agency."

Additional classroom volunteers will give Head Start staff the ability to facilitate additional small group learning, create a lower adult to child classroom ratio and introduce young children to nurturing adults. NeighborImpact's Head Start staff is excited to partner with Boomer Volunteers and take advantage of this amazing opportunity.

About the Oregon Community Foundation: The mission of The Oregon Community Foundation is to improve life in Oregon and promote effective philanthropy. OCF works with individuals, families, businesses and organizations to create charitable funds to support the community causes they care about. To learn more about Oregon Community Foundation, please visit www.oregoncf.org.

About the PGE Foundation: The PGE Foundation is the corporate foundation of Portland General Electric. Founded in 1997 the PGE Foundation has granted awards totaling more than \$14 million across the state to organizations that support education, arts, culture and healthy families. To learn more about the Portland General Electric Foundation, please visit www.pgefoundation.org.

About NeighborImpact: Since 1985, NeighborImpact has been a leader in developing solutions and bringing resources to Crook, Jefferson and Deschutes County. It offers a diversity of services meeting basic human needs for food and shelter, while enriching people's lives by providing access to increased education, skills, and hope for the future. NeighborImpact is a private nonprofit organization that receives federal, state and local funding; foundation grants; and donations from individuals and businesses in our community. To learn more about NeighborImpact please visit www.neighborimpact.org.

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