



**NeighborImpact**

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### **NeighborImpact launches its 25<sup>th</sup> year anniversary during May's National Community Action Month**

In honor of National Community Action Month—a commemoration held in May to highlight the anti-poverty work of Community Action Agencies across the country—NeighborImpact is launching its 25<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of serving Central Oregon. Since Community Action Agency's inception in 1964, from the Community Block Grant Program resulting from President's Johnson's War on Poverty, they have continued to serve the needs of low-income individuals throughout the country.

NeighborImpact (formerly COCAAN) formed in 1985 to address economic conditions, has grown tenfold in providing services from emergency assistance to homeownership. Through out the years NeighborImpact has identified gaps in community needs and stepped into to develop solutions. "Hope and achievement go hand in hand. For 25 years, NeighborImpact, in partnership with the community, has been opening doors for those most in need and those ready to succeed. Our first door is marked "*Help & Hope*", our second door is marked "*I can do it myself*", and the third door opens to "*a better life*". "We support each family on its own path --- short or long --- each step of the way." Sharon Miller, Executive Director.

A Harvest Ball to celebrate NeighborImpact's 25<sup>th</sup> year anniversary will be held in evening on September 24<sup>th</sup> at St. Charles, Bend, to thank all of Central Oregon's community partners, consumers and donors.

**History/Mission:** NeighborImpact seeks to change the course of each family's future by giving them the tools they need to succeed. NeighborImpact's tool box includes Head Start, weatherization, home repair, energy and rent assistance, financial skills building, savings programs, assisting parents to find child care, tutoring homeless children, providing emergency and transitional housing to homeless families, home buyer education and feeding the hungry.

NeighborImpact: Building Success—Changing Lives

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