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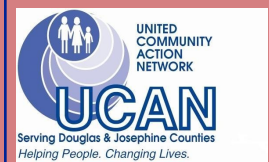
Hope, Help and Change

GET PINK!

October is both Breast Cancer and Energy Awareness Month, so UCAN has team up with the Douglas County Global Warming Committee to distribute pink CFL light bulbs to women committed to reducing the prevalence of breast cancer by scheduling their mammogram through the Oregon Breast and Cervical Cancer (BCC) Program. The bulbs will be distributed to patients of the Umpqua Community Health Center who are accessing the BCC Program.

UCAN will also be distributing these energy-efficient bulbs to clients at no charge; they just have to meet standard low-income guidelines. These bulbs will make homes a little more energy efficient this month and for months to come.

A limited amount of pink light bulbs are available to the public for \$6. Buy one to honor a special woman in your life or someone that has been touched by breast cancer. You'll be reducing your own energy consumption and making the world a little "greener" and a little "pinker." Call UCAN for more information or come in to GET PINK!



Working people in Douglas and Josephine counties can now get no-cost, low-cost or affordable healthcare coverage for their children.

Do **YOU** know a child or teen that needs healthcare coverage?

UCAN's Healthy Kids Program can help!
Contact Penny McCue for more information about the Healthy Kids Program!

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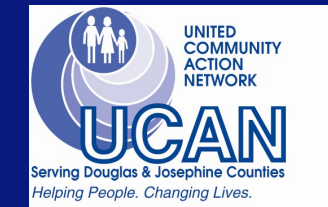
- healthy.kids@ucan.org
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OUR MISSION:

CREATING SOLUTIONS TO POVERTY, IMPROVING LIVES IN OUR COMMUNITY

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Notes from our Executive Director
- Windows of Hope
- Start School Right
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- Caring for our Neighbors
- Healthy Kids
- Get Pink



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Save
The Date

Saturday
Nov. 20th
7 - 10 PM
Seven
Feathers



Windows of Hope

ARTISTIC WINDOWS FOR CHARITY

Reserve a Table. Save a Seat

This November, UCAN will host their first annual Windows of Hope event to support agency programs in both Douglas and Josephine counties.

Local artists in both counties will take old wood windows and "repurpose" them into works of art that will be sold at auction to raise much needed funds for UCAN programs and services.

Table of 8	\$400
Individual Tickets	\$35
Couples	\$60

Tickets are on sale now in Josephine County at:
UCAN Offices
Grants Pass Downtown Visitors' Center (Cash or Check)
Service Drug (Cash or Check)

Reservations are being accepted in Douglas County by calling (541) 492-3533 or tena.lammers@ucan.org
Ticket sales begin Monday November 1st at:
UCAN Winchester Office (next to Costco)
While Away Books
Hanson Jewelers
Roseburg Book and Stationary

Auction of Artistic Windows

Contemporary Blues Music from Ellen Whyte

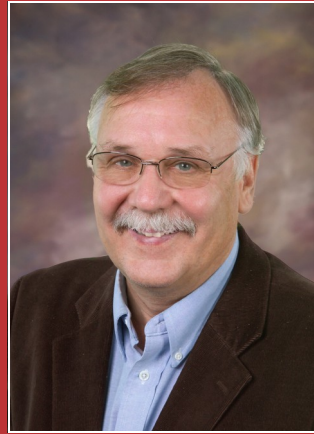
Wine Tasting

Hearty Hors d'oeuvres

Desserts

Silent Auction

Learn More at: www.ucanwindowsofhope.com



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Executive Director
UCAN

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Words from the Executive Director

On Wednesday September 29th, 2010 in downtown Portland, the United Community Action Network was recognized as one of the 100 Best Nonprofits in Oregon for which to work.

Scoring was based on six categories including Benefits and Compensation, Work Environment, Decision Making and Trust, Performance Management, Career Development and Learning and Benefits and Compensation. An online survey with 60 questions based on these broad categories was provided to all UCAN staff this past Summer.

UCAN, of course, is excited to learn that our employees find satisfaction in the work place but also that they take pride in serving those in need in both Douglas and Josephine counties. This recognition validates the support UCAN receives from the community either in volunteer hours, donation dollars or gifts in-kind.

Our employees work hard each day to make lives better for our neighbors struggling through difficult economic times and high unemployment.

This award is the outward reflection of the dedication and commitment to service our staff brings to our communities.

Being named as one of the 100 Best Nonprofits in a field of mostly Portland-based agencies was a great achievement considering the challenges that recruiting and retaining skilled, compassionate staff in a rural area brings.

We have a great staff in both counties, and like them, I'm honored to be a part of the UCAN staff.

Survey Comments from UCAN Staff

Our agency core values match with my own personal core values. It's more than a job; it's a way of living. Our organization provides great services as well as solutions to folks in need.

Helping to make life better for others is a huge reason why I have been at UCAN for so many years. UCAN has made a positive difference in the lives of folks in Josephine and Douglas counties.



UCAN Staff and Board Member at the awards dinner. Left to Right Tena Lammers, Maria Quero (board) Scotti Hillard, Mike Fieldman, Linda Hall

Ready to Start School Right!

So far, the Ready to Start School Right Program in Grants Pass has served over 1,100 kids with new backpacks and school supplies all with the generous donations of our community! With the economic situation, organizers didn't know if this program was going to happen. But somehow on a wing and a prayer, the donations come in and children get served. The young man to the left not only picked out the perfect backpack for school, but also couldn't wait to check out all the supplies it contained. The local program has been assisting kids in Josephine County for nine years thanks to our local sponsors and citizens.



THANK YOU!

- DCS - Diversified Collection Services
- CareSource
- Aaron's
- Rogue Valley Chevy Club
- The Suites Assisted Living Facility

And many other local groups, businesses and citizens who made this possible.

Volunteers ... Our National Treasure

The 37th Annual Senior Volunteer Recognition Luncheon was held on Monday, September 27th at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. More than 500 senior volunteers were honored at the event for their unselfish commitment to serving others through RSVP, Senior Companions and Foster Grandparents.

State legislators, county commissioners, mayors, police chiefs, fire chiefs and the Douglas County sheriff all volunteered to serve the Senior Volunteers of Douglas County. This was their opportunity to honor those who are the heart and soul of each community in the county.

In 2009 - 2010, these dedicated individuals donated 214,554 volunteer hours to Douglas County. This valuable time has a value of over 4 million dollars in service to the residents of Douglas County.



Volunteers received door prizes from community businesses



Wolf Creek Job Corps members served beverages and assisted with the room set-up



Sutherlin Police Chief serves lunch to honored volunteers

Luncheon Co-hosts:
The News-Review
The Volunteer Foundation of Douglas County

Platinum Sponsor:
ATRIO Health Plans

Major Sponsors:
AVISTA Utilities
The Ford Family Foundation
Gordon Wood Insurance & Financial Services
Mercy Foundation
Umpqua Community College
United Community Action Network

Caring for our Neighbors

We have great reason to celebrate the hard work, personal dedication and initiative taken by the Homeless Outreach Task Force in Josephine County. By a vote of 2-1, the Josephine County Board of County Commissioners approved the 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness plan offered by the task force, and have issued a letter of support in accordance with the request so the document can be filed with the state.

Now the real work begins for all of us. UCAN looks forward to the continued engagement of our group, and the introduction of new people in our process. Josephine County has taken a big step and we know that Douglas County is moving closer to this goal as well!

Myrtle Creek Quilters offer labors of love and concern for the south county homeless.

They are joining the battle to end homelessness by creating hand crafted quilts, to be donated to homeless families. Completed quilts number 13 and the group will have another 12 done by December. Their labors of love will be distributed during the UCAN Homeless count in January.

Donations of winter weather gear will be accepted at UCAN over the next few months to ensure that our neighbors in need have a touch of warmth during the cold winter months.

