



## CARE BOWL-A-THON 2009

May 2 ~ Tillamook Lanes

Recruit a team and pledge to help CARE bowl a strike against poverty in our community.

Be part of the solution and have fun doing it!

For more information or to sign up today, call Erin Skaar at 842-0249

### What is the Knock Down Poverty Bowl-a-thon?

This is the 4th annual Knock Down Poverty CARE Bowl-a-thon. A bowl-a-thon is much like a walk-a-thon, except that pledges are per pin knocked down instead of per mile walked. Teams of bowlers from the community gather pledges for the month before the event and then come together to bowl and have fun. You can sign up now and we will have our bowl-a-thon on May 2 at Tillamook Lanes.

### Who gets the money?

All proceeds go to continue the work of CARE's many programs. This includes paying for direct needs of clients such as food, clothing, shelter, and medicine as well as paying for the staff time needed to help people.

### How can I participate?

**3 ways to participate:**  
**Be a financial sponsor.** Donations in any amount are appreciated. Donations of \$100 will be recognized at the bowling alley as Lane Sponsors. Donations of \$500 or more will be recognized publicly on printed materials.  
**Be an in-kind donor.** On the day of the event, we will be giving away prizes to the people with the most pledges. We are looking for give-away items such as dinner for two, a gift certificate for a service, or a new item.  
**Be a bowler.** We are looking for people to organize a team of 5 bowlers to gather pledges prior to the event and then come bowl with us. The goal is for each bowler to raise \$100 in pledges.

### How do I sign up?

For more information or to participate in any of the above ways call: **Erin Skaar, Development Director, (503) 842-0249**

Thank you to our sponsors:



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## A FOND FAREWELL TO CARE FROM JOHN SANDUSKY



Dear Friends of CARE, It is with a sense satisfaction in a job well done and a touch of sadness that I write this letter of farewell to you all. After 23 years of working in the War on Poverty, I have chosen to leave CARE and seek new challenges beginning in June of 2009. You are donors, staff and board members, past staff and board members, and most of all friends. Many of you have been here with me since the beginning and others of you have found us more recently. Whenever you fall on that continuum, I invite you to join me as I walk down memory lane.

I worked first for Community Action Team out of St. Helens as their man on the ground in Tillamook for six years. Then I helped form and worked for Community Action Resource Enterprises (that's CARE's real name) for the past 18 years. I feel like I've had the best job in the world, and I have been privileged to work with some very wonderful colleagues. I'm incredibly pleased and proud of all the good things that CARE has done in Tillamook County. While I can't list everything we've done, these are my highlights...

### Community Development Accomplishments

CARE has so far brought about \$8 million into Tillamook County used to fund and/or build important community facilities:

- CARE House Homeless Family Shelter** ~ which served homeless families for 14 years in Tillamook
- Tillamook Early Childhood Education Center** ~ CARE wrote the grants that funded the construction of the great building that houses Head Start and Tillamook Bay Child Care Center in Tillamook
- Kilchis House Assisted Living Community** ~ 30 units of senior and disabled housing with services in Tillamook. This project created and maintains about 20 jobs in the local economy
- Nehalem Bay House Assisted Living Community** ~ 34 more units of specialized housing for elders and disabled persons in Nehalem. This project also created and maintains about 20 jobs in the local economy
- Madrona House** ~ a large group home for developmentally disabled adults and now owned and operated by Marie Mills Center in Tillamook
- Cedar Creek Child Care Center** ~ a permanent home for child care and preschool in South Tillamook County with double the capacity of the previous building

### Program Accomplishments

Here are some of CARE's past and ongoing program activities of which we can be proud. Numbers are from the beginning of the item to date.

- CARE worked to ensure the availability of trained, skilled, legal child care, touching the lives of about 100 local providers.
- CARE worked to address the local problem of homelessness in several ways, sheltering more than 2,000 people since 1991.
- CARE has helped to meet needs of literally thousands of people in crisis by providing rent and utility help along with other things like prescriptions, bus tickets, move-in costs, diapers, food, clothing, showers, auto repair, disaster-relief, and health care access.
- CARE has provided high quality and compassionate housing and care to more than 300 frail elderly and disabled people so far in our assisted living communities.
- CARE has engaged and helped more than 100 at-risk first-birth families in ongoing family improvement activities through our Healthy Start program.
- CARE has qualified local households for at least \$5,600,000 in Low Income Energy Assistance Program Federal funds into the County over the past 16 years, all to help pay for home heating energy costs for low income households.

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