



HDC'S MISSION:

We build housing, hope and futures for the well-being of working families.

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July 24th
Sunset Gardens
4:00—6:00 p.m.

HDC Gets New Name

After 27 years, Housing Development Corporation is getting a new name.

As we embark on a new period in the life of the organization, the Board has voted to change the name to:

BIENESTAR

There were a number of reasons for the change—there is another nonprofit HDC in Portland, the Housing Development

Center, with whom we are often confused. And, as attempt to diversify our funding base and increase donations from individuals and foundations, a name that includes the words “development” and “corporation” simply does not sound like a nonprofit organization. Since we have always been a 501c(3) nonprofit, we wanted our name to more closely align with the mission.

“**BIENESTAR**” means

“well-being” in Spanish, and we believe that it captures our value that housing is about people, not buildings. We hope to build communities where residents find dignity, hope, confidence, skills and courage to pursue their dreams.

This has been a busy year as we have ramped up our resident services programs, developing pilots and plans for services that foster the well-being of the families we serve.

Board Honors Rob Fotheringham

Former Board President Rob Fotheringham was honored in April for his six years of dedicated volunteer service to HDC.

President Gary Dodge presented Rob with an award and a certificate that read: “Rob helped us to guide HDC from

2002-2008, including a challenging period of transition; helped to ensure the stability of the organization, built a strong new Board, recruited a new Executive Director and Board President, leaving HDC with a legacy and model of volunteer and board service that inspires us all.”



Pictured above: left to right, Executive Director Karen Shawcross, Board President Gary Dodge, Former Board President Rob Fotheringham

We believe in the resilience and capacity of all human beings to help, change, adapt and lead in their own lives, their families, neighborhoods and communities.

SOLV Volunteer Event

Housing Director Robin Smith had a big problem. Escalating construction costs at Sierra West and Sunset Gardens Apartments in Hillsboro were squeezing out the landscaping budget. No worries. Our creative Robin contacted SOLV and got us included in their Down by the Riverside May 17, 2008 event. She then got on the phone and started “dialing for plants” as she described it, seeking plant donations.

Over 1,000 plants were donated, including 25 foot maple trees through the generosity of:



- Blooming Nursery,
- Helvetia Nursery
- EF Nursery
- Tempe Nursery
- Joyce Farms
- New Leaf Greenhouse
- Chehalem Mountain Nursery

Starbucks on 10th Ave. in Hillsboro donated the coffee to start the day of work. Our landscape contractor, Happy Mowers donated time and professional help. Property Managers Roxy Brock and Veronica Mejia recruited volunteers from among the residents and other volunteers, including Board member Janice Morgan, Doug Nelson from Vickers & Nelson, Angela Tait from Princeton Property Mgt., and Tonya Posey from Seabold Construction.

Sixty volunteers worked hard from 9 to 1 on planting, transforming the properties in a few hours, then celebrating over lunch.

Thanks to SOLV, our generous donors, and all the volunteers who participated,



SOLV Event Volunteers



SAVE THE DATE!

A year of construction and major rehab work is nearing completion at Sunset Gardens, Sierra West and Willow Park!
You are invited to help us celebrate:

GRAND REOPENING EVENT

Thursday, July 24, 2008
4:00 to 6:00 p.m.
Sunset Gardens Community Room
951 S.E. 13th Avenue
Hillsboro, OR 97123



Bienestar
Vision:
Quality
affordable
housing is
essential for
individuals,
families and
communities
to thrive.

LISTOS Success Story

Eighteen year old Mika Flaig leans back in an office chair at Bienestar’s LISTOS classroom and stares at the ceiling as he ponders his future. “Portland,” he says, “I definitely want to start working and living in Portland.” Portland can be quite a change for someone who was raised his whole life in the quiet community of Forest Grove, But Flaig feels well prepared for the challenge.

In April Flaig received his GED certificate after two years of enrollment in Bie-

nenstar’s LISTOS Youth Workforce Program. He has since enrolled at the Hillsboro School of Hair Design and will begin his studies in June. He plans to make hair design his career and would love to own a salon one day. “I started thinking about hair design when I was 12 years old”, Flaig says, His grandmother owns a salon in Forest Grove and his mother also worked there. After several months of work experience in the salon, he knew that this was what he wanted to do with his life. He will always remember the challenges he has had to overcome.



LISTOS Student Mika Flaig

Read complete story at www.hdcnwo.org

LISTOS program comes to the end of a three year grant from Worksystems, Inc. this summer.

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