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Neighborshare Grand Opening February 14 3 - 6 p.m.

### A VALENTINE GIFT TO THE COMMUNITY

Neighborshare, a local coalition of churches and civic groups, <sup>under the auspices of WCCA O</sup> will officially open its doors with a ribbon cutting ceremony February 14, at 3 p.m. An open house will follow from 3-6 p.m. Located in the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store, \_\_\_\_\_, Downtown Tigard, the organization provides a center in Tigard that can <sup>coordinate</sup> ~~respond~~ to requests from the poor and disadvantaged for food, shelter, clothing, rent relief, heating assistance, furniture and other services as needed. Anyone in need can call 639-0495 directly, or local churches and agencies can make referrals to this number. Volunteers are always welcomed.

Neighborshare got its start in February 1987, when representatives from several churches in the Tigard, Tualatin, and Sherwood areas met to discuss concerns and problems in meeting the needs of the poor. A task force was formed and after careful study, Washington County Community Action Organization (WCCAO) was chosen as the umbrella organization. WCCAO is a private, non-profit corporation concerned about and familiar with the needs of the poor in Washington County. They provided the leadership to make the dream of a Washington County "People Bank" a reality. They also make available to the Tigard Neighborshare office thousands of dollars in assistance to the poor.

Neighborshare is still in the process of gathering funds and supplies. Several churches, individuals, and the City of Tigard have made donations. St. Vincent de Paul has donated the office space. They are about half way to their \$12,000 fund raising goal which will pay for one year of operation. Office supplies are still needed such as: ~~typewriter~~, copier, IBM compatible computer, a second telephone, stapler/staples, ~~pencil sharpener~~, graph paper, typing and computer paper, ~~thumb~~ tacks and other expendable supplies. You can call the Neighborshare office at 639-0495 with any offers of help. All donations would be gratefully appreciated.

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