

July 2009 – June 2010 Accomplishments

MACG has made substantial contributions to the metropolitan area over the last year through the following accomplishments:

- ***Training Leaders.*** Six MACG leaders attended one-week intensive regional training institutes (fall and spring) conducted by the Industrial Areas Foundation (IAF) Northwest. Thirty four members of MACG institutions participated in local leadership institutes. In addition, four MACG leaders were trainers and nine others were reflection group leaders in those institutes.
- ***Listening to Our Members.*** Leaders conducted a MACG-wide listening campaign to deepen relationships among members and to share stories. Leaders held over 200 one to one relational meetings and several small group meetings during the campaign. An average of 50 people attended each of three discernment sessions where participants learned of family pressures related to jobs, health care, housing, immigration, education, debt, and neighborhood safety.
- ***Turning Listening into Action.*** As a result of the listening campaign, leaders held educational forums and conducted get out the vote activities to encourage voter participation in state Measures 66 and 67. They also recommitted to current campaigns for the short term.
- ***Researching and Acting on Issues.*** Leaders organized regular monthly research action team meetings to support MACG campaigns on health care reform; housing for survivors of domestic violence; and sustainable jobs.
- ***Creating Housing for Survivors.*** Clackamas leaders raised close to \$10,000 to open the first of three self sustaining transitional house for Survivors of Domestic Violence. The Domestic Violence Housing project addresses a critical need in the county and will provide housing for up to nine women. MACG Clackamas leaders are now busy overseeing remodeling of the house, and are collecting furniture and other donations in preparation for a July 2010 opening.
- ***Linking Children with Health Insurance.*** Leaders spread the word about a newly available state-funded health insurance program for children, and began to enroll children in the program. At the forefront of this effort have been eight MACG Certified Application Assisters who have assisted families in submitting 20 applications covering 24 children.
- ***Advocating for Workforce Standards.*** MACG leaders participated actively in a process to develop a City of Portland workforce agreement. The agreement ensures family wage and benefit standards, plus participation of disadvantaged populations in training and job opportunities in city-sponsored energy efficiency retrofit projects.
- ***Retrofitting a Neighborhood.*** MACG formed an outstanding team of contractors, labor unions and community-based organizations to submit a successful proposal to manage 100 energy efficiency retrofits of homes in the NE Portland Cully neighborhood. This program, due to begin June 2010, will save energy for homeowners, reduce climate change, and create 17 new union jobs with health benefits. It will also help maintain employment for 16 additional workers, and will connect unemployed individuals from historically disadvantaged populations to a training jobs pipeline.