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Clackamas County endorses giving to Community Relief Fund

The Clackamas County Board of County Commissioners has added its endorsement to the “Give Ten Tell Ten” United Way Community Relief Fund. The Community Relief Fund will provide immediate help with food, rent and utilities for families in the four-county area hit hardest by the economic crisis. It brings together funders and service providers through the United Way of the Columbia-Willamette. By providing short-term emergency relief, it is distinct and separate from the United Way’s annual workplace campaign, which focuses on long-term changes.

“Give ten dollars and tell ten friends to do the same,” said Commissioner Ann Lininger. “The United Way is providing us with an opportunity to do something positive for members of our community affected by this extraordinary crisis. The need is urgent, and we’re all in this together. Give ten, tell ten. That is what I’ve done and what I encourage others in the county to do.”

Lininger was appointed to the Board of County Commissioners in late January. In selecting her, commissioners noted her background in human services and experience developing new sources of revenue for the non-profit sector.

Clackamas County Social Services, part of the Department of Human Services (DHS), will serve as an intermediary between the Community Relief Fund and area non-profits. It will receive funds for housing and utility assistance and work with non-profits to distribute these to households in need. Social Services provides low-income residents with energy assistance, housing case management, and opportunities for civic engagement through the Volunteer Connection.

To learn more about the Community Relief Fund, visit www.give10tell10.org.

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