

Media Advisory  
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**MFS Older Adult Volunteer Recognition Event and Back-to-School Kick Off**  
*Retirees continue to look for ways to contribute their time, skills, and talent. Connecting to the community and providing services to kids in schools as well as other older adults is one way to maintain a sense of purpose. Retirement is looming for 76 million baby boomers. At Metropolitan Family Service we recognize the value of volunteering – we pioneered this approach more than half a century ago – and today we recognize our volunteers for their contribution to our community.*

**What: Metropolitan Family Service Volunteer Recognition Event**  
At MFS 2,000 skilled and caring volunteers help us provide services to primarily low-income individuals. Several hundred MFS volunteers will be honored at our recognition event.

**When: Saturday, August 28, 2004**  
Event: 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
Media availability to speak with volunteers can be arranged

**Where:** PSU Ballroom, Smith Memorial Student Union, 1825 SW Broadway, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Room 355, Portland, Oregon.

**Why:** Volunteers play a critical role in our community sharing their life skills through a variety of roles including mentoring, tutoring, and providing one-on-one attention in classrooms as well as helping older adults stay in their own homes through friendly visiting and transportation.

For more information or to interview a local spokesperson, contact Program Manager Stefana Sardo at 503.249.8215, ext. 14 or email: [stefanas@metfamily.org](mailto:stefanas@metfamily.org)

**Editor's Note:** If you'd like to interview an MFS volunteer who contributes to our community, please contact Stefana Sardo at 503.249.8215, ext. 14 or email: [stefanas@metfamily.org](mailto:stefanas@metfamily.org)

### About Metropolitan Family Service

Metropolitan Family Service – MFS – is dedicated to building stronger communities by providing services, connecting people with resources, and offering volunteer opportunities throughout the Portland area. For more than half a century, MFS has played a vital role in the lives of more than 37,000 children, families, and older adults. Most people who access our programs are low-income individuals and families. Metropolitan Family Service is a private, nonsectarian 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

*The mission of Metropolitan Family Service is to strengthen families and individuals while enhancing their participation in community life.*