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### MEDIA ALERT

## **Metropolitan Family Service Convenes Community Forum “Expanding Volunteer and Work Opportunities for Those Age 50 and Above”**

*Community Forum is scheduled for Thursday, November 19, 2008*

Portland, OR— October 31, 2008 —Metropolitan Family Service is responding to the needs and interests of the fastest growing and best educated population, adults age 50 and older. Metropolitan Family Service is developing a new framework to attract and retain people 50+ in meaningful work and service roles. This new framework includes incentive structures and leadership opportunities. One of the current projects is the development of a community forum to educate nonprofit and public organizations about promising practices and insights for engaging people 50+ in work and service roles.

On Thursday, November 19, 2008, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Metropolitan Family Service will be joined by AARP of Oregon, Hands on Greater Portland, Life By Design Northwest, and Oregon Volunteers for a community dialogue about preparation for a looming Baby Boomer interest in second careers and service in the nonprofit sector. The community forum will be by invitation only at Portland State University, Smith Memorial Student Union, room 294.

During the community forum, a panel of organizations who already are tapping the skills and experience of people 50+ will share their insights and stimulate a dialogue for nonprofits and public organizations to discuss expanding roles and opportunities for older adults.

This forum is a part of Metropolitan Family Service efforts to celebrate National Family Week, November 23 – 29, 2008. By recognizing the importance of families, we raise awareness of the value that each family member represents in

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their connections to one another and their community. National Family Week is coordinated by hundreds of organizations nationwide with assistance from the Alliance for Children and Families, and a generous grant from the Annie E. Casey Foundation.

### **Background Information**

About **Metropolitan Family Service**: For more than half a century, Metropolitan Family Service has played a vital role in the lives of children, families, and older adults. We provide services at more than 160 sites. Metropolitan Family Service makes connections that strengthen the lives of 33,000 individuals and families each year.

For more information, or to attend the event contact Stefana Sardo, Liaison for Community Engagement, or Pat Kaczmarek, Marketing and Communications Manager at 503.232.0007 ext.170. You can visit our website at [www.metfamily.org](http://www.metfamily.org).

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