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MEDIA ALERT

Metropolitan Family Service Convenes Second Annual Work + Service Forum for People 50+

Community Forum is scheduled for Thursday, November 19, 2009

Portland, OR—November 3, 2009 —Metropolitan Family Service (MFS) is responding to the extraordinary pool of available work and volunteer service capital, 77 million baby boomers, who are interested in applying their experience to be a boon to society in their middle and late life. Metropolitan Family Service is strengthening its capacity through the development and implementation of meaningful paid and unpaid work and service roles for people 50+. And on November 19th we will do more.

As part of Metropolitan Family Service second annual Work + Service Forum, nonprofit, public, and for profit professionals will convene to identify action steps to advance the agenda of the work-service continuum for 50+. No time is greater than now. Older people lose jobs at a faster rate than younger people and take longer to find new jobs despite their level of competence and experience according to AARP.

Joining Metropolitan Family Service to organize the Forum will be AARP of Oregon, Hands on Greater Portland, Life By Design Northwest, and Oregon Volunteers. The community forum will be held at McMenamins Kennedy School – The Gymnasium on Thursday, November 19, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

During the community forum, a panel of individuals 50+ will share their experiences seeking paid and unpaid work and service, AARP workforce 50+ expert will share the latest national challenges and trends on engaging people 50 and older. Participants will discuss what it means to transform work + service options for individuals and their organizations.

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This forum is a part of Metropolitan Family Service efforts to celebrate National Family Week (November 22 – 28, 2008) recognizing the importance of families (and all members of families) and their connections to one another and their communities. 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 (MFS)**: 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 145 sites. Metropolitan Family Service makes connections that strengthen the lives of 37,000 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.

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