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**Metropolitan Family Service receives \$10,000 grant from
the Henry J. Casey Fund of The Oregon Community Foundation**
Intergenerational mentoring project will serve 200 at-risk youth in Washington County

Portland, Oregon – October 3, 2002 – Metropolitan Family Service has received a \$10,000 grant from the Henry J. Casey Fund of The Oregon Community Foundation to provide mentoring and tutoring activities to more than 200 youth in Washington County, with special outreach to Hispanic and other at-risk youth in low-income pocket neighborhoods in Beaverton and Forest Grove.

Experience Corps, a program of Metropolitan Family Service (MFS), will provide teams of older adult volunteers who will provide bi-lingual, after-school activities in collaboration with two Washington County youth-serving organizations: Beaverton Police Activities League (PAL) and Partnerships for Student Achievement (PSA), a program of Forest Grove School District. In addition, MFS Experience Corps teams will add an important intergenerational component to programs offered by these two Washington County youth-serving organizations.

For more than 50 years Metropolitan Family Service has been providing services through community-based programs for children, families, older adults, and people with disabilities. The mission of Metropolitan Family Service *is to strengthen families and individuals while enhancing their participation in community life.* Each of our programs addresses one or more of these goals:

- Helping children succeed
- Strengthening families and their connections to community
- Helping older adults and people with disabilities live independently

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The Oregon Community Foundation, established in 1973, manages charitable funds donated by individuals, families, and businesses to enhance and support the quality of life in their communities. Today, the foundation's endowment consists of more than 800 funds with combined assets of \$400 million. The Foundation makes grants through an application process that involves local citizens in the review and evaluation of requests for funds. Application materials are available through the foundation's Portland office. Individuals or businesses interested in establishing a fund may contact the Portland office at 1221 SW Yamhill, Suite 100, Portland, OR 97205, 503.227.6846.

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