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PRESS RELEASE

Sheriff's Office Employees and Foundation Donate to CASA

March 13, 2015—Washington County Sheriff's Office employees donate proceeds of October fundraiser to the Washington County Sheriff's Office Foundation and CASA Helps Kids. The Foundation is a volunteer non-profit organization that supports various Sheriff's Office programs through donations.

On March 10th, 2015, the Washington County Sheriff's Office Foundation presented CASA Helps Kids with a check in the amount of \$4,271.09 during the Sheriff's Office Swearing In and Employee Recognition Ceremony.

Annually, The Washington County Sheriff's Office participates in a county-wide Employee Giving Campaign. In October 2014, Sheriff's Office employees, in coordination with the Washington County Sheriff's Office Foundation, hosted a chili luncheon sponsored by Hillsboro-based biotechnology company <u>Genentech</u>. In addition to the chili luncheon, the event, which raised a total of \$4,271.09, included a silent auction and raffle.



Employees selected a local not-for-profit program, Casa Helps Kids, as the recipient of the fundraising proceeds. Casa Helps Kids is called upon when a child who has been abused or neglected is experiencing the trauma of having to navigate the court system. CASA volunteers advocate for children in the foster care system and work tirelessly to guide them, and get them into a home safely, permanent quickly efficiently. The role of local programs such as the CASA for Children of Multnomah and Washington Counties is to recruit, train and support the volunteers who work with the

children in their community. Since 1985, CASA volunteers have helped 16,000 children find a safe and permanent home.

If you live in Washington County and are interested in serving on the WCSO Foundation Board, contact the Sheriff's Office at: (503) 846-2608 or by email (lindsey_dober@co.washington.or.us) to obtain an application.

For any additional information about the Sheriff's Office or various volunteer opportunities please call 503.846.2700 or check us out on-line at the following web address: www.wcsheriff-or.com.