

Link to HELPLINE

Rental Assistance Need Becoming Acute

By Gabriela Salvidea, Housing Coordinator

Along with services like food bank referrals, clothing vouchers, prescription assistance, and beyond, Helpline is at the frontlines of combating homelessness in Walla Walla. As Housing Coordinator at Helpline,



I work closely with those who either are at risk of becoming homeless, or who already are homeless.

Each month, I work with a budget of about \$2,600 that I apply toward rental assistance or emergency shelter. And each month—even though we screen clients closely for need and we only help households with rental or shelter once a year at most—it's been a struggle not to exceed that budget. Where normally my budget allows me to help between 10 and 20 households, in December alone I helped nearly 40 households. While need has been especially high in December, each month has been climbing. The fact is that our budget barely scrapes the surface of the need in Walla Walla.

Though the recession has officially been declared over, jobs are still scarce and families are still hurting. In particular, beginning this year, many of our county's families will be cut from TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families). General Assistance benefits, awarded to those who are physically or mentally unable to work, are being reduced to \$266 monthly—and may eventually disappear altogether. Many of Helpline's

clients depend on these benefits as their sole source of income. These facts indicate that need will only continue to climb in the new year.

Donations toward this fund to keep families and individuals in their homes would be greatly appreciated.



Yes, I can help those in need in our community!

Please direct my gift as follows:

	STEP	
Utility Assistance \$ _____	Women's Shelter \$ _____	
Rental Assistance \$ _____	General Fund \$ _____	

Your gifts help to prevent or relieve homelessness. **Thank you!**

Please clip and return with your donation to:
Helpline • P.O. Box 776 • Walla Walla, WA 99362

Helpline is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing emergency social services to the residents of Walla Walla County. For more information, call Daniel Willms, Executive Director, at (509) 529-3377.

Helpline Teams With CCY For Bikes

The Community Center for Youth has opened a new shop on Main Street in downtown Walla Walla for the repair and donation of used bicycles for people who can't afford them, or for sale to the public. The shop is located at 226 E. Main.

Helpline, a partner in the project, will refer low income families and individuals needing bikes. Priority will be given to those without affordable transportation who meet federal poverty guidelines.

Bike Shop hours are initially 5:00-7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays, or by appointment. To donate bikes or other resources to the project, or for more information, please call 509-526-2571 or email abarbosa@wwccy.org or contact Helpline at 529-3377 or email dan@helplineww.org.



Members of the Homelink PTO present a check to Dan Willms, Executive Director of Helpline, for \$600. The funds were raised at the Homelink Hunger Banquet where Willms was the featured speaker on hunger in Walla Walla County.



Wendy Gonzalez, Assistant Director (right), celebrates her 8th year anniversary with Helpline. She is pictured with long-time volunteer and now Volunteer Coordinator, Gwen Handcox (left).



Dan Willms, Executive Director of Helpline, receives a check from Dennis Ledford, owner/broker of Coldwell Banker First Realtors, for \$2600 in support of the STEP Women's Shelter.

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November '10 to January '11

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County.



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