

# Catholic Community Services

A Forever Home for Everyone

## NEWS RELEASE

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### RESPIRE HOME TO BE BUILT AT RAINBOW LODGE IN MCMINNVILLE

*September 18, 2008 McMinnville, OR...* Ground was broken today for the new Rainbow Lodge Respite Home, which is being built on the site of the old Rainbow Lodge on Baker Creek Road near McMinnville.

An innovative concept, the Rainbow Lodge Respite Home will serve biological and foster parents who are raising children with serious emotional and behavioral problems. Skilled treatment foster parents will live on site. They will provide both planned and crisis respite care to help stabilize children and provide a break for exhausted parents and foster parents. Distressed youth will receive a “cooling off” period in a calming, natural setting.

“Often, children with serious behavioral issues are taken into the foster care system because their biological parents do not have the support and resources to deal with their outbursts or other behaviors. They become exhausted or just give up. The same thing then happens to foster parents who try to raise the child, resulting in these children being bounced from one foster home to another,” stated Jim Seymour, Executive Director of Catholic Community Services (CCS). “We believe that, with the right support, biological and foster parents would be able to care for these children long term and help them become responsible adults able to contribute their gifts to society. The Respite Home will play an essential role in our efforts to assure these children a chance of success at school, at home and in the community,” he said.

Rainbow Family Services (RFS), a program of Catholic Community Services, has been a strong presence in Yamhill County for nearly 40 years, serving at-risk youth and families. Originally known as Rainbow Lodge, RFS was created in 1967 by the Yamhill County Juvenile Department as a residential care center for delinquent and emotionally disturbed boys. Catholic Community Services was asked to oversee programs and operations at the Lodge which was originally part of the family home and estate of Charles and Anne Metsker. The Metskers gave the land and the lodge to Yamhill County, stipulating its use as a place to serve youth.

Continuing that tradition, the Yamhill County Board of Commissioners arranged to lease the 3-acre site to the CCS Foundation for the new Rainbow Lodge Respite Home. The Rainbow Lodge Respite Home has generously been funded by the Salem Foundation Richard and Joanna Kreitzberg Fund.

CCS provides fourteen nationally accredited programs to strengthen families; facilitate independent living for adults with developmental disabilities and for youth aging out of foster care; and, family-like homes for those needing long term care, including eight homes for adults with developmental disabilities, and four homes for children in long-term foster care. For more information, visit [www.ccswv.org](http://www.ccswv.org) and [www.rfsvv.org](http://www.rfsvv.org) or call 503-485-5964.

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