

Catholic Community Services

A Forever Home for Everyone

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NORTHGATE COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER RECEIVES SUPPORT FOR LITERACY

March 10, 2009, Salem, OR.....Catholic Community Services announced today that Altrusa International of Salem has granted \$300 to support the literacy program at the Northgate Community Learning Center. The funds will be used to purchase books for the after-school center. NCLC staff are working with the Salem-Keizer School District to identify books appropriate for the children who are enrolled at the Center.

Altrusa International is a group of community-minded citizens who build networks of friends and community through fellowship and service to others, achieving as a group what individuals cannot do alone. The Club focuses on literacy, and on women and children affected by domestic abuse. For more information about Altrusa: www.altrusa.org/Salem.htm and www.winechocolateandmore.com .

Northgate Community Learning Center, a program of Catholic Community Services, supports children to develop the skills and self-discipline necessary to succeed in school and realize their potential. *Homework Power Hour* and other educational activities help parents learn how to create a positive homework environment at home. Volunteer mentors provide children with additional support to help ensure their success. Community Partners supporting the program include Salem-Keizer 24J School District, Willamette Education Service District, United Way Mentor Center, CASA of Marion County, Mano a Mano, Salem Leadership Foundation, and Marion County Children and Families Commission.

For more information about the Northgate Community Learning Center: call 503-540-2929 or visit ccsvw.org/northgatelearningcenter.html.

CCS provides a full continuum of services to strengthen families and help individuals live responsibly and independently. The CCS stand "A Forever Home for Everyone" guides the organization's efforts to support families, including foster families, to raise their children well. For more information call 503-856-7015 or visit www.ccsvw.org.

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