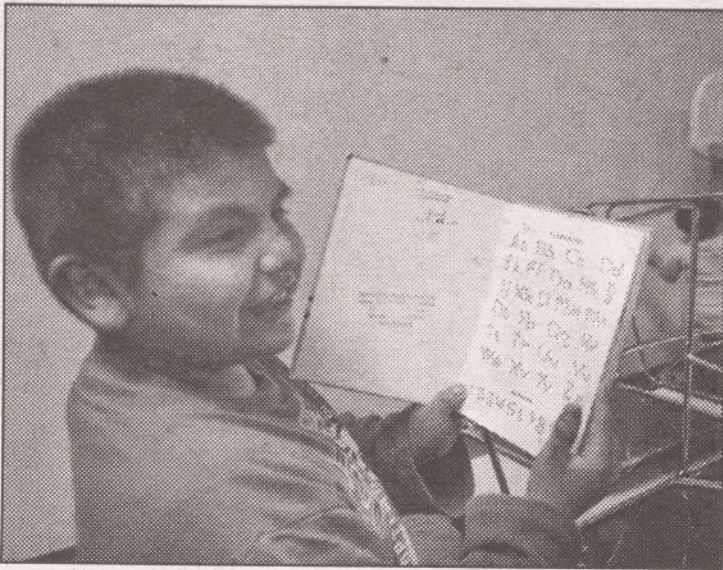


Right, girls listen as Angela Cail from Oregon State University talks with them about the different kinds of foods pictured on the pieces of paper that were folded inside plastic eggs used for an egg toss. Pictures of fresh food such as bananas were placed on the wire tree before them. Other types of food were placed in the miniature shopping cart on the table. Accompanying her were OSU students who work with students on academics. Below, a student holds a book to practice the alphabet.

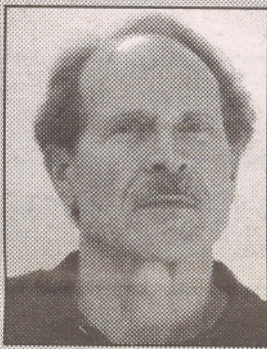


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"Street Roots strives to serve an often-forgotten population within our community. I offered my services to assist in this project that showed an organization's effort to increase proper shelter and childhood education for people in its community."



"Caring for others — I just wanted to honor that with my camera. But, as is often the case when spending some time on a project, I learned as I worked with my camera. I saw good people working hard to assist others in their quest for a better life."

Alan Borrud is an experienced freelance photojournalist with a newspaper and editorial background, living in Portland. Over the years his work has included documentary work on a domestic abuse shelter, a small town high school prom, a skateboard church preacher and a Russian Orthodox Old Believer teaching in a Woodburn grade school.

To view these and more photos from the complete farmworker project, go to news.streetroots.org

Land of plenty

Between 90,000 and 150,000 farmworkers keep Oregon's billion-dollar agricultural industry humming throughout the year. But its statistically unlikely that their children will follow in their footsteps. It's a fact not lost on the children growing up in families working to better their future.

On these two pages, Street Roots presents the second of a two-part photo series by photographer Alan Borrud, illustrating the families transformed by the Farmworker Housing Development Corporation. The FHDC, a nonprofit based in Woodburn, is working to fill the enormous deficit, building community-based properties to provide stable, supportive housing for this vital labor force.

Central to the organization are services for the children, from the community environment of the organization's housing complexes to early children literacy and after school programs. Most of the families in the FHDC units come from impoverished backgrounds — 90 percent were technically homeless before they arrived. The organization emphasizes programs to prevent the next generation from experiencing the same.

These pages offer a look inside the work of the FHDC youth programs.



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"Cinco, cinco!" Excitement runs high as Ana Plascencia, a mother and volunteer, reads from a book about numbers and elicits responses from younger children gathered around her at the after-school program. She also teaches other mothers to read and write. Fabiola Camacho, the after-school director, is unequivocal in her belief the program couldn't function without volunteer support.

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