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## Self Enhancement Grandparent Support Group Has Thanksgiving Meeting

**F**ifty-three grandparents met at Woodlawn School, November 20th, for an SEI Grandparent Support Group gathering.



SEI Parent Coordinators, Ada Reed Tellis and Antoinette Jones, have combined their efforts to extend support and enhancement to community seniors on an outreach for school, social and community involvement.

The Self Enhancement Grandparent Support group is one of four different support groups in the outreach component of the SEI Parent Involvement Program. SEI Woodlawn support group honored an SEI Great Grandparent who announced her wedding at the Nov. 20th gathering. Rev. Mary Smith, an SEI Grandparent was recognized for her community involvement and extended family support. One senior who attended was awarded a Thanksgiving turkey for having had the most grandchildren (64). The oldest senior attending was 81 years old.



Grandparents as primary caregivers of SEI students, as well as community seniors joined their hands together to affirm "We're Not Retired, Just Refired."

## The Private Industry Council Relocates Job Training Services

Job Training services offered by The Private Industry Council have been relocated in the Portland and East Multnomah County areas. During the last two months, the council has moved its downtown Portland administrative office and Older Worker Training Program, expanded services at the Northeast Employment and Training center, and relocated its East County Employment and Training center, now open. Plans are under way to open an office in Southeast Portland (Southeast Employment and Training) during the first week in December. All moves were made to decrease operation costs while making services more accessible to those in need.

The following is a description of location changes.

Administrative Office and Older Worker Training Program:

On November 12, 1991, The Private Industry Council's administrative services and Older Worker training Program moved to smaller quarters in the Morgan Building, 720 SW Washington, Suite 250, in Portland, Oregon.

The phone number is 241-4600. Adult GED classes, formerly offered at the downtown location, have been moved to the Northeast Employment and Training center.

Northeast Employment and Training:

A modular classroom has been added to the Northeast Employment and Training center to expand space for pre-employment training, life skills training and GED classes. At the same time, this expansion allows for the addition a job search resource room and a computer skills training area. The center will begin to offer evening classes beginning in December.

Northeast Employment and Training targets services to North and Northeast Portland's chronically unemployed adults, especially African American men and welfare recipients. The center is located at 3034 NE Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. in Portland, Oregon. The phone number is 241-4644.

East County Employment and Training:

The East County Employment and

Training (ECET) center moved its office to 55 NW Third Avenue in Gresham, Oregon, on October 3, 1991. The phone number is 667-7056. The larger location offers more room to serve low-income families who live in the East Multnomah County area, and provides space for on-site life skills classes. The move also places the office closer to the area's Hispanic population, which makes up a large portion of the center's clientele.

Southeast Employment and Training:

The Southeast Employment and Training center will open on December 2, 1991, to provide low-income adults with pre-employment and life skill training, job placement and retention services, and referral to other job training opportunities.

The Southeast Employment and Training Office is housed at 3534 SE Main, in Portland, Oregon. The phone number is 230-8996.

For more information about The Private Industry Council, please contact Terri Haworth at 241-4600.

## Job Corps Helps Graduates Achieve Dreams

by Lana Barr

Shannon Stewart 22, graduated from Springdale Job Corps, located near Troutdale on September 27, 1991 after completing the certified Nurses AID program. Formerly a graduate of Grant High School in Northeast Portland, Shannon found that completing high school was only the beginning. As a little girl, Shannon wanted to be like her mother, then a nurse at Emanuel Hospital and dedicated to caring for others. Her dreams seemed shattered when in 1987 cancer took her mother's life and Shannon found herself pregnant and alone in the world.

Shannon went on welfare to survive and take care of her baby girl, Lanise, now three years old.

In Oct. of 1990 she was referred by welfare to a program called "Steps to Success", through Mt. Hood Community college. This wonderful program began with the new welfare Reform Act and is designed to access a persons potential in the job market, provide life skill training so that the client can cope with the variety of issues that go with parenting and being a single parent. Also high school completion, GED, classes are provided.

Job corps, a federally funded program for low-income students between the ages of 16 and 24, is one of the vital options in this assessment process and works cooperatively with the welfare program to offer educational and vocational training opportunities that will help to break the cycle of poverty that exists around us.

Shannon chose Job Corps as her



Shannon Stewart Comforting Patient at Fernhill Manor

option because it offered her the nurses certified training she wanted, drivers education, counseling and center support as well as being able to keep her housing, food stamps, medical and child care that welfare provides.

Job corps provided additional benefits during her training such as uniforms and clothing, dental care additional on-site medical care and a \$40.00 to \$60.00 per month stipend allowance.

At the end of her training, which took Shannon ten months, she not only completed training as a Nurses Assistant, a drivers licence, placement by Job corps at Fernhill Manor (where her mother began her nursing) and \$900.00

readjustment to boot for sticking with the program.

Shannon's supervisor at Fernhill Manor, located off of NE 37th & Killingsworth, Caraline Schie, commented that, "Shannon is great to work with and her very best skill is her ability to really 'care' about the patients.

Shannon never lost sight of her dream and soon it became reality.

Shannon recommends Job Corps to others as an opportunity to train for the future and change your life.

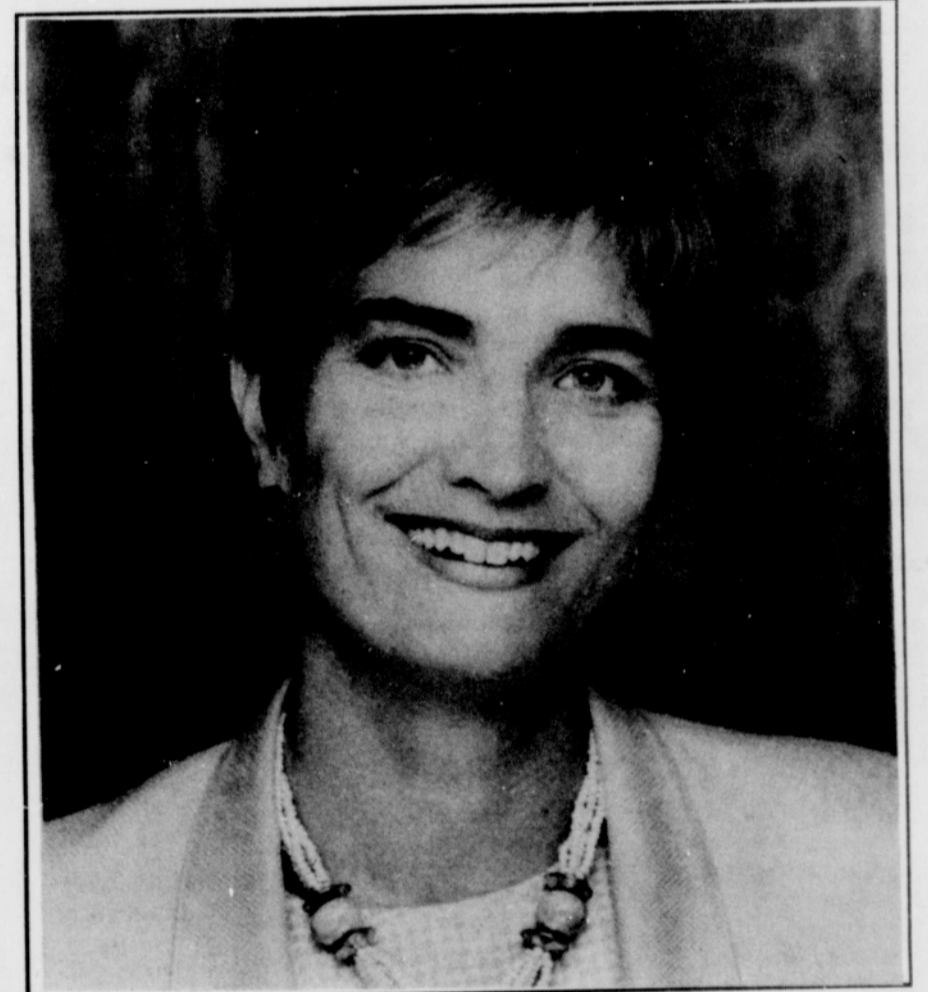
If you would like to know more about this program, call Lana Barr or Kim Bridwell at 229-5366 or 1-800-344-4349.

## U.S. Bancorp Names Assistant Economist

U.S. Bancorp has named Patricia B. Stanton to its new position as assistant economist. Stanton is based in Portland and is responsible for researching and speaking on regional and national economics. She is involved in formulating U.S. Bancorp's economic outlook and in responding to customer inquiries.

Stanton began her career with U.S. Bancorp in 1989 as a commercial account officer. Prior to joining the bank, she served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Honduras for two years and held positions in the non-profit sector. Stanton is a graduate of Montana State University and earned a master's degree from Princeton University. She is a member of the American Economic Association and the National Association of Business Economists. Stanton also serves on the board of REACH Community Development, Inc. She resides in Portland with her family.

U.S. Bancorp is the largest financial services company headquartered in the Pacific Northwest, with assets of \$18.6 billion as of September 30, 1991. Subsidiaries include U.S. Bank of Oregon; U.S. Bank of Washington; and U.S. Bank of California.



Patricia B. Stanton

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