## Healthy Births

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panic and American Indian, they never get the chance to celebrate their first birthday.

Since 1997, the Healthy Birth Initiative has received funding to reduce the infant mortality rate in Multnomah County, and is currently in its fourth funding cycle of promoting community-based maternal and child health programs that focus on the reduction of infant mortality, racial disparities, and low birth weight.

Because of the racial disparities in infant mortality, the last two cycles have served African-American families exclusively.

Program participants, along with community agency representatives and other community members, are engaged and actively involved in the quest to eliminate health disparities in their own lives and their community.

At the recognition event, the community partners were given credit for their dedication to the health of mothers, fathers, and children before, during, and in between pregnancies. The International Center for Traditional Childbearing, Urban League of Portland and March of Dimes, received certificates of appreciation for their long-term services to the community to help reduce infant mortality and increase healthy birth outcomes and experiences.

## Ronald McDonald House Makeover

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The organizations adopted a suite at the home and reopened it after an extensive improvement project featuring contributions from multiple local businesses. The project aims to help Ronald McDonald House provide an even better home away from home for families with seriously ill children.

The completed project incorporated sustainable practices from the demolition and recycling of all waste, to new finishes and eco-friendly flooring throughout the suite, carpet tile accents that look like a patch of fresh grass, low VOC-paints and adhesives, formaldehyde-free kitchen cabinets, solid surface countertops, window coverings, lighting, electrical, plumbing and energy-efficient appliances.

The dining, bed and living rooms were completely refurnished and redecorated and the living room features a flat panel TV and a video entertainment system.



## Day of Dignity

October 1, 2011 (Saturday) 12:00pm – 4:00pm

Islamic Relief Org. in partnership with Islamic Social Services
Of Oregon State and Oregon Islamic Chaplain Org. along with
other local sponsors will provide to our homeless:
Free Hot Meals • Hygiene Kits • Medical Check Ups

Hair Cuts • Supplies and more.



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Location:

Water Front at the Hawthorne Bridge For more information, contact: Laila Hajoo (ISOS): 503 259-2320 Derek Rasheed (OICO): 503 890-1510



