

portland children's investment fund



Contact: Mary Gay Broderick/503-823-2947
or mgbroderick@ci.portland.or.us

Sept. 14, 2007

Two new members join Children's Investment Fund Allocation Committee

The Portland City Council and the Multnomah County Commission recently each appointed a new member to the Portland Children's Investment Fund Allocation Committee. They are respectively: **Alissa Keny-Guyer**, a consultant for foundations and nonprofits; and **Adrienne Livingston**, executive director of the Black United Fund of Oregon.

Both Keny-Guyer and Livingston have spent much of their professional careers devoted to improving the lives of others, especially the youngest and most vulnerable in our society.

The Children's Investment Fund annually allocates about \$10 million to programs throughout Portland in areas of early childhood, after school and mentoring and child abuse prevention and intervention. A five-member Allocation Committee meets publicly to make funding decisions for the Fund.

Other members include City Commissioner and Allocation Committee Chair Dan Saltzman, County Commission Chair Ted Wheeler and Ron Beltz, vice president of Commonwealth Partners Management Services, LP.

In addition to having reps from the City Council and County Commission, the other three members are each appointed by the city, county and Portland Business Alliance respectively.

About the Children's Investment Fund:

In 2002 Portland voters passed Measure 26-33 creating the Children's Investment Fund. The Fund provides approximately \$10 million a year for five years to support 65 programs in early childhood development, after-school and mentoring and child abuse prevention and intervention. Programs annually help more than 10,000 of the city's neediest children and their families so youth enter kindergarten prepared to succeed, stay engaged in school and safe after school and families most at risk for abuse and neglect receive support and intervention services.

#####