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Greetings



This is the debut of our new e-newsletter to keep you in the loop and in the know.

For grantees and other providers, it's a way for us to communicate about important issues, impending deadlines and news you can use.

We'd also like to help you connect with each other by publicizing your organization's events and noteworthy achievements. Feel free to let me know about items that would be of interest to your colleagues in the children's organization arena.

Name Change: CHIF to Portland Children's Levy

Many of you know us as the Children's Investment Fund. But the public best remembers us as the Portland Children's Levy, after having supported us in the past two citywide referendums in 2002 and Fall 2008.

The name change more accurately reflects who we are and what we do. We're confident that renaming the Fund to the Portland Children's Levy will increase public awareness for our mission of investing in proven programs in early childhood, after school, mentoring, child abuse prevention/intervention and foster care.



We've timed the name change to coincide with other exciting projects: a fresh look for our website, e-newsletters to inform our community and a Portland Children's Levy Facebook page to reach old and new friends.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Leverage Fund Update



We've been asked: "What's happening with the Leverage Fund?"

For the past few months, staff has been busy completing grantee contracts; we anticipate beginning groundwork soon on how the Leverage Fund will look and operate.

The Leverage Fund, created to match public dollars with private ones, was earmarked this spring with \$3 million by the Levy Allocation Committee for new partnerships.

During the first five years of the Levy, more than \$6 million in public-private matching dollars went to sustaining and expanding children programs throughout the city.

Upcoming Allocation Committee Meetings

Three Allocation Committee meetings have been scheduled; all are in City Hall Council Chambers:



- *1-3 p.m., Oct. 12th (this is a work session)
- *12:30-2:30 p.m., Nov. 13th
- *9-11 a.m., Dec. 14th

Check the Levy website at www.portlandchildrenslevy.org for agendas and more details.

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