

## Housing Authority of Yamhill County Participates in Housing America Campaign

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**Did you know?** October is Housing America month. The Housing Authority of Yamhill County (HAYC) has joined with affordable industry partners across the country in supporting the Housing America campaign, which aims to educate decision makers and the general public about the importance of affordable housing and community development programs, as well as the challenges facing these programs.

*“Today, 15.6 million households pay more than half of their income for housing; homeless estimates are nearly 750,000. America is the best housed nation on earth, yet for a growing and more economically-diverse number of families, children, senior and persons with disabilities, affordable housing in quality communities is illusionary. As individuals, organizations, and a nation, we must do more and do better to help those least able to help themselves. Safe, decent and affordable housing is pivotal in our society-beyond providing basic shelter, it positively impacts the economy and improves the quality of our environment.” (Housing America campaign message).*

As part of increasing awareness of the Housing America campaign, HAYC recently held a poster contest for local youth residing in HAYC owned and/or managed housing around the theme, “What Home Means to Me?”. The poster contest not only provided an opportunity for the children to express themselves through their artwork but to have open conversations about what having a home really means to them. Some of the pictures from the contest can be found [here](#).

**Did you know?** HAYC celebrates 60 years of serving the community this year! The HAYC was established in January 10, 1951 by resolution of the Yamhill County Board of Commissioners. HAYC serves over 2000 families residing in Yamhill County every month and puts over eight million dollars back into our local economy annually through our various programs.

**Did you know?** HAYC was recently featured in the national publication of American Builders Quarterly! If you would like to see the article and learn more about HAYC, you can find it [here](#).

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