Human Services Commission
Budget Preservation Plea

**No Cuts**
to the Human Services Fund
or Staff

Public – Private Partnerships
Provide the Safety Net

- Efficient use of dollars
- Rely on volunteerism
- Focus on prevention and early intervention
- Leverage County dollars
- Pay now or later

Funds are Leveraged

- Mandated Matches
- Other governments
- HUD, MAA, Title IV-E
- Informal Leveraging
  - Private donors
  - Foundations

$8 raised to every County $1 allocated

Non-Profits are Active Contributors
to the Local Economy

**Citizens' "Top Issues"**
- Crime/drugs/gangs
- Homelessness
- Affordable housing

**Non-Profits' "Top Issues"**
- Crisis intervention
- Substance abuse treatment
- Protection from violence, abuse, and neglect
- Food
- Mental health treatment
- Shelter

Money Serves the Most Vulnerable

The Entire County is Served
Non-Profit Partners Face More Stress in Clients

- More anger expressed
- More people forced into homelessness, especially families and children
- More children left without supervision

Non-Profit Partners Face More Demand Due to Recession

- 48% Rise in People Seeking Food
- 60% Rise in Amount of Food Needed to Meet Demand
- Increased Demand for Counseling
- No Jobs for People with Disabilities

Non-Profit Partners Face Loss of Funds from Others

- $2.5 million in government programs already reduced
- $920,000 from private sources reduced

12.5% Cut in Funding is 27% due to no COLA since 2001

- COLA of 2.5% in 2008-09
- Previously, No increase in 6 years
- $1 then = 73 ¢ today

We are Linked

- 1 in 3 people over the course of their life will rely on a non-profit’s service
- This could be your friends, your family, YOU.

$182,500 and ½ FTE in Proposed Cuts

- Retain the $1,219,200 Budget from 2008-09
- Retain two FTEs in Human Services Staff