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### **(Benefit Brunch Helps Firefighters Help Citizens)**

Scrambled eggs, ham, sausage, country-fried potatoes and more--Sounds like a great Saturday brunch menu. It is! And, you can enjoy that with a donation to the TVF&R Community Assistance Trust Fund! Edgewood Downs Retirement Center is hosting a Community Benefit Brunch on Saturday, September 22, 2007, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at 7799 SW Scholls Ferry Road in Beaverton. The public is invited to joins us and help our firefighters help area citizens even more.

All donations collected will go to the Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue Community Assistance Trust Fund, a 501(c)(3) charitable trust designed for firefighters' use to help citizens with small, emergency needs. The program began in 1991 and now helps dozens of people every year.

“When firefighters respond to emergencies, they’re trained to put out the fire, perform the rescue, and treat the injury or medical problem. What often happens is they find an additional emergency that can only be solved with a quick, small infusion of money,” said Fire Chief Jeff Johnson. “While they can’t use taxpayer dollars to solve these emergencies, they can use up to \$100 from the Community Assistance Trust Fund to solve a citizen’s immediate problem.”

These problems range from a single mother’s need for baby formula or diapers, a traveling family stranded by a car fire and needing overnight lodging, or cab fare for a passenger to meet the injured driver of a wrecked car at the hospital.

The idea of the Benefit Brunch originated with Lynn and Shari Sanders, the managers of Edgewood Downs Retirement Center. “Firefighter/paramedics frequently respond to our facility to help our residents,” Edgewood Downs Manager, Lynn Sanders, said. “We realized we could show our appreciation for the firefighters’ work and help the community at the same time with a

great brunch where admission to the brunch was a donation to the Community Assistance Trust Fund. “

The win-win event features a menu of scrambled eggs, ham, bacon, sausage, country-fried potatoes, pastries, croissants, muffins, vegetables, fresh fruit and assorted fruit pies. Parking will be available at Whitford Middle School, 7935 SW Scholls Ferry Road. A shuttle bus will be provided by Edgewood Downs. Diners will have an opportunity to talk to firefighters, climb aboard a fire engine, and get fire and life safety information.