



**United Way
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Help Shape the Future of Thurston County

United Way of Thurston County is conducting a community assessment of the current economic, educational, environmental and social conditions in our county, as well as how they have changed since a 2003 community assessment. The findings from the study will help United Way and other organizations invest resources in the areas of greatest need and impact, and find ways to leverage our community's many strengths.

Thurston County residents are invited to participate in an on-line community survey about our community's asset, challenges and issues. Go to www.unitedway-thurston.org and click on the link to access the Community Member survey. The survey takes only 10 minutes to complete, and will be available March 1-7, 2009.

Survey results will be included in a community assessment report that will be published this spring and available on the United Way of Thurston County website. For more information contact Pam Toal, Executive Director at 360.943.2773 x 10 or ptoal@unitedway-thurston.org.