

Press Release

Klamath & Lake Community Action Services would like to welcome Michelle Kinzie, AmeriCorps Member and newest addition to the KLCAS team. Michelle is part of the Oregon Community Action Corps (OCAC) which is a one time, one year AmeriCorps program funded through the America Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) stimulus funds. OCAC is a direct response to the economic situations that face rural communities in Oregon.

Graduating from SOU in Elementary Education, Michelle served as part of the Associated Students of Southern Oregon University. Michelle stated, "I loved the opportunity I had to do work that truly impacted our community. After getting my degree and my teaching license I began searching for a job. Since the elementary teaching positions looked pretty bleak in regards to openings, I began looking at different jobs that I would find fulfillment with."

Michelle's role at KLCAS will be to assist in the recruitment, development, and organization of community volunteers for several KLCAS programs including the Klamath and Lake Homeownership Center, Family Support and Connections and the new Sunshine Tykes Drop By Day Care Center. Another project in the works for Michelle is to launch a new volunteer website for the Klamath Basin. So keep your eyes open for these very exciting events that are happening this year. Michelle declared, "I am truly honored to be a member of OCAC and a part of the KLCAS team where I am given the opportunity to give back to my home community."