



# Bienestar

Building housing, hope and futures

## Bienestar receives Grant from the Portland Timbers Community Fund

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In June, 2011 Bienestar received a generous grant for \$4,500 from the Portland Timbers Community Fund (PTCF) to support Bienestar youth soccer clubs. The award grant will be used to expand the soccer club to a year-round, co-ed program and to increase the number of children served.

Bienestar currently has soccer clubs at the Sunset Garden and Reedville apartments which together provide soccer instruction to approximately 50 children each week. The soccer clubs provide low-income Latino youth with the opportunity to learn fundamental soccer skills and participate in organized scrimmages. Many of the children in the Bienestar community love the sport of soccer but don't have access to organized soccer teams and therefore lack basic team skills. The soccer clubs help these children gain confidence on the field, get exercise, learn about playing soccer as part of a

team and develop their passion for the sport.



The PTCF has set a goal to donate more than \$100,000 to youth-focused initiatives each year. An advised fund of the Oregon Community Foundation, the PTCF supports charitable, non-profit organizations that fall under one of the following areas of focus: Youth education, specifically the K-12 grade levels; youth soccer related projects; childhood obesity; environmental awareness and activism with youth and families.

During the Timbers game On July 30<sup>th</sup> at Jeld-Wen Field, Bienestar's Youth Program Coordinator Javier Urenda, will be on hand to receive a check during halftime.

Bienestar is very grateful for the generous award from the Portland Timbers.