

# Welch Family Challenge fundraiser for CAP winding down

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With just two days to go, the community has contributed \$36,000 to the Welch Family challenge, an effort to provide a stable financial future for Lower Columbia CAP.

Tim Welch and Lee Hutton Welch and several other donors collectively called "Friends of Tim and Lee" are matching community donations, which means the funds raised from the community so far will total \$72,000 for CAP.

The Welches and other donors are willing to match up to \$89,000 in community donations, meaning the effort has the potential to raise \$174,000. The campaign ends Sunday.

This is the second year the Welches have held the matching campaign. Last year's effort raised \$114,000. The Woodland couple's goal is to raise \$1 million over three years to put CAP on a firm financial footing as government and private money become harder to obtain. All money raised in the drive goes into CAP's endowment fund to earn interest, and the interest over time will help fund CAP services.

Lower Columbia CAP is the area's largest private social service agency, offering a number of services that include the Help Warehouse food bank, disabled and senior transportation, Meals on Wheels, disability services and other programs. Welch has been on a CAP board of directors since 2006.

Those joining the Welches this year in matching contributions are the Jerry Adams Family, Bill and Karen Boehm, Ben and Judy Coombs, Dan Evans, Bob and LaVina Jones, Bob and Pauline Kirchner, Ed and Dollie Lynch, George and Marilyn Ramirez, and Rick and Barbara Wollenberg.

People can still donate by credit card online at [www.lowercolumbiacap.org](http://www.lowercolumbiacap.org) or by mailing or dropping off a check at CAP, 1526 Commerce Ave., Longview (next to the Columbia Theatre for the Performing Arts).