



## **Getting Results for Families in Spokane and surrounding communities**

When Governor Gregoire took office in 2004 she inherited a \$2.2 billion deficit, the state had made massive cuts to education and healthcare, unemployment had risen and critical areas like transportation had suffered years of neglect.

The governor took on these and many other challenges and set out to make a difference in the lives of Washington's citizens and working families.

But there is still much work to be done and with Gov. Gregoire's leadership our state can continue to make progress and look forward to four more great years.

### **Strengthening the Economy**

- Gov. Gregoire was raised by a single, working mother and understands what it's like to live through tough times. She is building a stronger economy for our state.
- She inherited a \$2.2 billion deficit four years ago. Since then, she cut red tape and turned the state's deficit into a big surplus. The Pew Center on the States ranked Washington as one of the best managed states in the nation.
- Gov. Gregoire led the effort to create nearly 225,000 new jobs. Forbes Magazine ranks our state in the top-three to do business.
- To support the Health Sciences Service Authority (HSSA), she signed legislation to allow Spokane to keep .02 % of state sales tax for 15 years to be used to stimulate research in bio medicine and healthcare.
- Gov. Gregoire personally intervened when Premera Blue Cross discussed relocating out of state. She committed funds from the Economic Development Strategic Reserve Account and helped Premera expand, which created about 250 new jobs.
- Gov. Gregoire invested over \$1 million in new aerospace apprenticeships to help build the growing aerospace industry in Spokane and Eastern Washington.
- Under Gov. Gregoire's leadership, our highways are recovering from decades of neglect. From 2003 to 2004, only 12 transportation projects were completed. Thanks to Gov. Gregoire's focus on transportation, today we have 165 completed projects. In the next six months, 109 projects will start or complete construction.

- The completion of the North Spokane Corridor is a major priority for Gov. Gregoire. Thus far, two stages of the North Spokane Corridor project are underway, and drivers will see the first section to traffic in 2009.
- Since 2005, exports have doubled in Washington. Gov. Gregoire is helping keep regional agriculture strong by investing in repairing the Palouse River and Coulee City railroads to help farmers haul grain.

### **Protecting Children and Families**

As a mother and tough-on-crime former attorney general, Gov. Chris Gregoire understands what it takes to protect and help our children and families.

- Gov. Gregoire helped create the WWAMI and RIDE programs as well as a Masters and PhD program for nurses. These programs not only help fill the need for doctors, nurses and dentists in rural areas but also have gone a long way to establish Spokane as the center for health services in the Inland Empire. On Sept. 25, WSU-Spokane is hosting a party to celebrate the inaugural class of the WWAMI and RIDE programs.
- Under her leadership, Washington's crime rate is at a 14-year low. Nobody is tougher on sex offenders: she increased jail sentences for sex offenders, required electronic monitoring of the worst, and expanded the state DNA registry for those convicted of sex crimes.
- Gov. Gregoire increased funding for schools to reduce class sizes, increase teacher pay, and focus on math and science standards, so our children will be prepared for the global economy. In 2008, more than 91 percent of students passed the WASL.
- The state provided \$17 million to help renovate schools in the West Valley District. Orchard Elementary School was able to add a new gym and more classrooms; West Valley High School was completely modernized; and three other elementary schools received new classrooms.
- Gov. Gregoire made investments to add 230 enrollment slots and remodel facilities at Eastern Washington University and renovate Hargreaves and Patterson halls. At Spokane Community College, she made investments to improve classrooms, renovate buildings seven and 15, and to replace the Chemistry and Life Science Building.
- As a mother, Gov. Chris Gregoire believes all of our children deserve healthcare. She has expanded healthcare to 84,000 more children with the goal to cover all kids by 2010.
- Gov. Gregoire allocated funding to support the Mobius Science Center, Children's Museum, and Kendall Yards, a mixed-use development project. These will all help improve the local quality of life and stimulate the economy.
- Gov. Gregoire pushed for critical funding to complete renovation of the Fox Theater, which has become a cultural gathering point for downtown Spokane.

### **Creating a Cleaner Future**

Gov. Gregoire believes our environment is our greatest asset and legacy to our children and grandchildren. She is creating a cleaner, greener Washington.

- Gov. Gregoire is leading the nation's fight against global warming. Laws passed under her administration will create real reductions in greenhouse gas emissions.
- Washington is one of the nation's largest producers of renewable energy. Gov. Gregoire put the state on track to create 25,000 green collar jobs by 2020 in areas like renewable energy to continue Washington's leadership.
- She is working with businesses, communities, Tribes and elected officials to clean up Puget Sound, restore fish habitats and leave a legacy for future generations.

### **Honoring our Veterans**

Gov. Gregoire and First Mike have secured funding for the first state veteran's cemetery to be located in Spokane County.

## **Gov. Gregoire's Spokane County Investments**

**Governor Gregoire is getting results so that all our children have a world-class education. She is taking on this challenge by directing investments towards:**

- Adding 230 enrollment slots at Eastern Washington University
- Renovating Hargreaves Hall at Eastern Washington University
- Improving the Chemistry and Life Science building at Spokane Falls Community College
- Improving the Technical Education Building at Spokane Community College
- Remodeling Patterson Hall at Eastern Washington University
- Constructing campus classrooms at Spokane Falls Community College
- Renovating two music buildings at Spokane Falls Community College

**Governor Gregoire inherited a neglected transportation system four years ago. She is taking on this challenge by directing investments towards:**

- Adding new alignments from Francis Ave. to Farwell Rd. and from US 2 to Wandermere.
- Improving the Palouse River and Coulee City railroads—after decades of deferred maintenance—in efforts to preserve the state's largest grain-hauling system.
- Completing the Riverside extension project.
- Improving communication on I-90 from the Sullivan Road Interchange to the Idaho State Line by installing cameras, variable message signs, and vehicle detectors.
- Constructing two new lanes on US 395 between Farwell Road and Francis Avenue, re-grading the highway and building a new four-lane divided roadway between Wandemere and US 2, and creating a pedestrian/bike path along that same stretch.
- Constructing a new rail connection between the existing Geiger Spur and the Palouse River and Coulee City Railroad (PCC) near Medical Lake. This project will maintain rail access to the rail-dependent companies at Airway Heights Industrial Park and possibly attract new industries.
- Making driving lanes smoother and safer by removing existing concrete and replacing it with a new modified concrete driving surface in the westbound lanes of the I-90/Spokane Viaduct Bridge.

**To help and protect Washington families' communities, Governor Gregoire directed investments towards:**

- Providing each unit with one additional Community Corrections Officer (CCO), making it possible for existing CCOs to spend more time in the field.
- Upgrading communications systems at Eastern State Hospital.
- Supporting the Mobius educational and community projects for children in Spokane.
- Funding the joint YMCA/ YWCA project in Spokane.
- Funding the Greenacres Neighborhood Park Development.
- Building the Centennial Clean Water Program in Spokane.
- Maintaining the Washington State Veterans Cemetery.
- Repairing roads on Mt. Spokane.
- Renovating the Fox Theater.
- Repairing the Spokane Indians baseball stadium.
- Constructing the Fish Lake Trail.
- Relieving hunger through the Spokane Valley Community Center Food Bank.
- Improving Spokane's East Central Community Center.