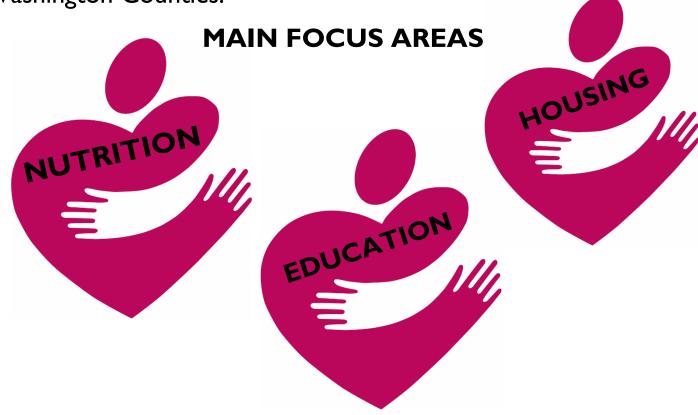
# Community OF SOUTHEAST IOWA



2021 ANNUAL REPORT

# Community Action of Southeast Iowa is dedicated to alleviating the causes and conditions of poverty by building partnerships and strengthening people through quality services.

We are a local organization registered as a 501(c)3 nonprofit. We have been helping people and changing lives in southeast Iowa since 1966. Programs focus in Des Moines, Henry, Lee, and Louisa Counties. We also provide some services in Muscatine and Washington Counties.



#### THE COMMUNITY ACTION PROMISE

Community Action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire community, and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.

#### **LEADERSHIP**

The agency is led by Executive Director Sheri Wilson. Twelve board members provide oversight to our agency and serve as advocates for the economically disadvantaged. Six program directors oversee our 20+ programs and services. We have 130 local employees who share and accomplish our mission every day. Staff were provided **3,512** hours of training during the year.



## QUOTES FROM OUR 2021 CLIENT SATISFACTION SURVEY

- [Community Action] has made a difference in making life easier.
- They're always there and made it where I am in a better place overall, I don't know what I would've done without you guys, truly.
- If not for Community Action, I would be on the streets.

#### **POVERTY IN SOUTHEAST IOWA**

In fiscal year 2021 we served 13,363 individuals in 6,016 households, which is 12.76% of the population of southeast lowa.

- 13.08% of persons in southeast Iowa are below 100% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).
- **32.11%** or 32,389 individuals in southeast lowa are living in households with income below 200% FPL.

200% of the FPL is \$25,760 for one person and \$53,000 for a household of four.

- 51.7% of public school students are eligible for free or reduced lunch (at or below 185% of the FPL) in southeast lowa.
- **7.55%** of the total population are minorities.
- 22.5% of our clients were minorities in FY2021.
- 42% of our clients had income from employment.
- 46% of our clients had another income source such as social security, child support, pension, unemployment, etc.

### Clients by County Served FY21



#### NUTRITION

## Special Supplemental Nutritional Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)

• 4,334 Individuals were provided with nutrition and health services

• \$1,806,708 was provided in WIC vouchers

#### **Five Food Pantries in four counties**

• 3,159 Food boxes were provided

#### **Child and Adult Care Food Program**

167,856 Healthy meals and 99,053 snacks were reimbursed

#### **HOUSING**

#### **Weatherization**

51 Homes have improved energy efficiency

#### **Rent Payments**

• 152 Individuals were prevented from being evicted

#### **Utility Payments**

- 4,418 Households received energy assistance
- \$2,350,422 was given in LIHEAP assistance awards

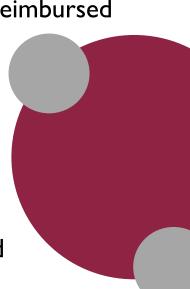
#### **Senior Home Repair Improvements**

Individuals were helped to remain safely in their homes









#### **EDUCATION**

#### **Head Start**

• 234 Children were educated, challenged and empowered

#### **Early Head Start**

• 89 Households were strengthened with provided child care

#### **Preschool Scholarships**

 31 Households were supported in sending their child to preschool

#### Parents as Teachers (PAT)

I4 Households strengthened

#### Family Development and Self Sufficiency (FaDSS)

• 123 Families assisted with their goals

#### **Employment Counseling**

• 136 Individuals provided with job leads

#### **General Information and Referral**

• 882 Individuals provided other resource information

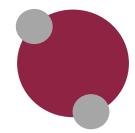


#### **FISCAL YEAR 2021 EXPENDITURES**

Head Start Expenditures	\$4,570,621
LIHEAP Program	\$3,223,815
WIC Program	\$2,571,622
Weatherization Assistance	\$971,038
Child Care Food Program	\$575,529
Community Services Block Grant	\$362,913
Family Development	\$319,471
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$117,135
Other Programs	\$598,340
Total Agency Expenses	\$13,310,484



Thanks to our wonderful donors, supporters, employees, and volunteers!



Volunteers Donated	3,204 Hours
Number of Donors	755
Agency Partnerships	240
Private Donations	\$212,962
Value of In-Kind Services	\$401,784



#### **CENTER LOCATIONS**

Open 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

#### **Central Office**

2850 Mt Pleasant St, Suite 108

Burlington, IA 52601

Phone: 319-753-0193

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#### Des Moines County Neighborhood Center

700 Jefferson St Burlington, IA 5260 I 319-753-2893 (phone) 319-753-0849 (fax)

## Marie Tallarico Community Action Center

220 S. 22nd St Keokuk, IA 52632 319-524-6383 (phone) 319-524-3017 (fax)

## **Eichacker Community Action Center**

3433 Avenue O Fort Madison, IA 52627 319-372-4471 (phone) 319-372-4476 (fax)

#### Community.Action@caofseia.org

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#### **Community Action Center**

1303 West Washington St.

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319-385-2310 (phone)

319-385-2877 (fax)

## **Louisa County Community Action Center**

202 E. Access Road, Suite D

PO Box 29

Columbus Junction, IA 52738

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