



# May 2024

## Community Action Month

### Mission:

We are dedicated to alleviating the conditions and causes of poverty by building partnerships and strengthening people through quality services.

Join us as we highlight Community Action, spread awareness, celebrate a rich history, and press onward in our mission.

1. Take a look at our [2024 May Calendar](#) or the [2024 National Partnership's May Calendar](#)
2. Join us for a staff presentation. These are free and open to the public. They will be held at the Burlington Public Library meeting room on Wednesdays from 9-10 AM with a time for questions. View the [presentation flyer](#).
  - a. May 1st – Poverty Overview
    - i. Executive Director Sheri Wilson
  - b. May 8th – Community Action of Southeast Iowa Program Overviews
    - i. Planning Director Rachel Albrecht
  - c. May 15th – Housing Programs at Community Action
    - i. Weatherization Director Jim Blackwell and Center Director Lisa Nafziger
  - d. May 22nd – Education Programs at Community Action
    - i. Head Start Director Matthew LeClere and Center Director Lisa Nafziger
  - e. May 29th – Nutrition Programs at Community Action
    - i. WIC & CACFP Director Christine O'Brien and Center Director Lisa Nafziger
3. We will be sending out short weekly e-newsletters. Sign up or look at past issues here: <https://caofseia.org/newsletter-sign-up/>
4. Sign up to volunteer with us. This link will be open all month and one of our staff will contact you in June to see about how we can partner together.
  - a. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/24VolunteerInterestForm>
5. Raise funds with Fundraiser Fridays. Join our staff who can pay \$2 and wear jeans on Friday's in May. See about doing the same at your workplace. Use this [Jean Day Fundraiser flyer](#) and donate the funds to your [local Community Action Center](#).
6. Coordinate your wardrobe with us on Tuesdays. [Print and hang the flyer](#) to remind you. Share pictures with us by email or text: [Community.Action@caofseia.org](mailto:Community.Action@caofseia.org) or text 319-457-6244.
  - a. May 7<sup>th</sup> - Community Action Swag and/or Wear Maroon.
    - i. Pick up a button or one of our logo temporary tattoos at any of our locations.
  - b. May 14<sup>th</sup> - Birthday Anything: pins, sashes, tiara, shirts, hats, etc.
    - i. We're celebrating Head Start's 59<sup>th</sup> Birthday!



- c. May 21<sup>st</sup> – Team Attire: wear your favorite team jersey, hat, or other item.
    - i. Working together as a team is important!
  - d. May 28<sup>th</sup> - Hat Day.
    - i. At a mid-sized non-profit organization many people wear multiple hats.
7. Look at pictures from [2023 in our Google Photo Album](#) for Community Action Month.
    - a. Watch for pictures being uploaded to [this year's album](#) during the month.
  8. Take a picture with [our Community Action love sign](#). Share the picture with us by email or text: [Community.Action@caofseia.org](mailto:Community.Action@caofseia.org) or text 319-457-6244.
  9. Take a virtual tour of some of our locations with our [YouTube Location Playlist](#).
  10. Relax and do some [coloring of the Huggy Heart](#).
  11. Share area resources with others from our Resource Webpage: <https://caofseia.org/resources/>
  12. Watch some of our short videos on [our YouTube channel](#).
    - a. Register for [Community Action 101](#), a free webinar on June 26th at 1pm by the National Community Action Partnership.
  13. Follow Community Action on Facebook:
    - a. Our local page: <https://www.facebook.com/CommunityActionofSoutheastIowa/>
    - b. [Iowa Community Action Association](#) celebrates all 16 Iowa Community Action Agencies covering all 99 Iowa counties.
    - c. The [Community Action Partnership National Office](#) links over 1,000 Community Action Agencies together all across the United States.
    - d. Use or look up the hashtags: #CommunityAction #CommunityActionWorks #BeCommunityAction #HelpingPeopleChangingLives
  14. Learn more about us by exploring our website: <https://caofseia.org/> or listening to a webinar about [Community Action's History](#).
  15. Send us pictures to show how you're joining in celebrating with us and you may be featured on our Facebook page or e-newsletter.

Please pass this along to help us highlight Community Action and spread awareness as we press onward in our mission! This can be viewed online here: <https://caofseia.org/events/>

Contact us with any questions:

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Thank you for your partnership!

We couldn't do what we do without you.