# Community Action Month May 2025

## A month for learning, sharing, and celebrating together.

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

- 1. Join us at one of the following events that are open to all: (Calendar Flyer)
  - a. Henry County
    - i. 5/15 from 3-5pm Glenwood Head Start Open House in Mount Pleasant
    - ii. 5/22 at 12pm, Inter-Agency Resource Monthly Meeting held at <u>ISU Extension Mount</u> Pleasant
    - iii. 5/23 from 10-12pm, Mount Pleasant Library Discovery Center (geared towards kids 0-5)
  - b. Des Moines County
    - i. 5/7 from 8am-5pm at the Southeastern Iowa Veterans Summit at Westland Mall
    - ii. 5/8 at 4:30pm Grant Reception with the Community Foundation of Des Moines County, Capitol Theater Burlington
    - iii. 5/12 at 12pm Inter-Agency Resource Monthly Meeting held at the Burlington Public Library
  - c. Lee County
    - i. 5/2 at 12pm, <u>United Way of the Great River Region Golf Fundraiser</u>, Sheaffer Memorial Golf Course Fort Madison
    - ii. 5/21 at 11am Keokuk Library for Story Time (geared towards kids 0-5)
    - iii. 5/21 at 12pm Inter-Agency Resource Monthly Meeting at the Hawkeye Restaurant Keokuk
  - d. Louisa County
    - i. 5/I at 8:45am Inter-Agency Resource Monthly Meeting held at ISU Extension Wapello
    - ii. 5/28 from 12pm-3pm Community Outreach Event Briggs Community Center Wapello
- 2. **Donate** this month
  - a. **Hygiene Drive:** Help ease financial strain by providing these basic needs to struggling families: laundry detergent, dish soap, shampoo, conditioner, toilet paper, diapers, wipes, pads/tampons, etc. Set up a collection point posting this <u>flyer</u>, or drop items off at <u>any of our Center locations</u>.
  - b. **Friday Jean Day Fundraiser:** Join our staff who can donate \$2 and wear jeans on Friday's in May. See about doing the same at your workplace. Use this <u>Jean Day Fundraiser Flyer</u> and donate the funds to your <u>local Community Action Center</u>.
  - c. **Community Basket Tickets:** Partnering with Burlington Bees Baseball for a drawing with two prizes: \$5,000 and a Community Basket on 7/20/2025. Tickets are \$5 each. Details: <a href="https://caofseia.org/burlington-bees-community-basket-tickets-2025/">https://caofseia.org/burlington-bees-community-basket-tickets-2025/</a>
- 3. Dress Up Spirit Tuesdays. Print and hang the flyer to as a reminder and share pictures with us!
  - a. 5/6 Community Action Swag and/or Wear Maroon
  - b. 5/13 Birthday Gear: Pins, sashes, tiara, shirts, hats, etc. Celebrating Head Start's 60th Birthday!
  - c. 5/20 Black Out: Wear all black
  - d. 5/27 Beach Day: Tropical prints, beach hats, sunglasses, etc.



#### 4. Follow Community Action on Facebook:

- a. Our local page: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/CommunityActionofSoutheastlowa/">https://www.facebook.com/CommunityActionofSoutheastlowa/</a>
  - i. Enter our May swag bag giveaway on our Facebook page before 5/31.
- b. <u>lowa Community Action Association</u> celebrates all 16 lowa Community Action Agencies covering all 99 lowa counties.
- c. The <u>Community Action Partnership National Office</u> links over 1,000 Community Action Agencies together all across the United States.
- d. Use or look up the hashtags: #CommunityAction #CommunityActionWorks #BeCommunityAction #HelpingPeopleChangingLives #CommunityActionMonth

### 5. Take a look back in **history**

- a. Read two pages about our agency history or take in more on our About Us Webpage.
- b. 2024 Pictures of Community Action Month
- c. 2023 Pictures in our Google Photo Album
- d. Location, history highlights, and success videos on our YouTube channel
- e. Watch for 2025 pictures being uploaded to our 2025 Community Action Month Album.

#### 6. Learn more

- a. Explore our website: <a href="https://caofseia.org/">https://caofseia.org/</a>
- b. Listen to a webinar about Community Action's History
- c. Read past monthly e-newsletters or sign up to receive them here.
- 7. Partner with us anytime. More details on our "I Can Help" webpage.
  - a. Relax and do some coloring of the Huggy Heart. Show us your artistic side.
  - b. Take a picture with our Community Action love sign and share it.
  - c. Give finances securely online here.
  - d. Volunteer at one of our food pantries, in a classroom, or another way.
  - e. Share area resources with others from our Resource Webpage: https://caofseia.org/resources/
  - f. Pick up a free sticker or temporary tattoo at any of our locations and show your support (while supplies last).

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/may-is-community-action-month-7/

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Submitted pictures may be featured on our Facebook page, e-newsletter, or 2025 Photo Album.

Thank you for your partnership! We couldn't do what we do without you.

