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Stimulus Funds Go to Work! A Snapshot of CAP's ARRA Funding plans

Community Action Partnership was pleased to receive Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) stimulus funding earlier this summer to assist in stabilizing families affected by the depressed economy. We are proud to administer the funds in very distinct ways in each county between now and September 30, 2010. Below is a brief snapshot of the ways in which we are making the stimulus monies work for you!

Darke County:

Stimulus funding is being used to support the Meals Program in Darke County, to pay for additional staff hours for those working in the Senior Programs. To date, Darke County has already provided approximately 6,780 congregate meals to seniors this year. In addition, funds have made possible the purchase of two vehicles for the Home-Delivered Meals Program and the repair of a freezer used for the Meals Program.

Greene County:

Stimulus funding supports the Meals Programs and pays for additional Nutrition Program staff hours. It also replaces funding by the Ohio Housing Trust Fund for Harding Place, the Transitional Housing Program in Greene County. A training program to teach unemployed and homeless individuals food service skills will be implemented (see page four for details). Lastly, stimulus funds will be used for Greene County's Work Ready Program, which provides needed assistance for individuals requiring items that are necessary to get or maintain a job (work boots, clothing, tools, etc).

Montgomery County:

We are using stimulus funds to stabilize families in crisis. Funding supports the expansion of the Housing Foreclosure Prevention, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, Benefit Bank Access, Rental Assistance, Computer Literacy, Youth Empowerment Center, Medical Transportation and Energy Assistance Programs. We are securing additional staffing to support these programs. The additional funds will also be used to provide additional supports to those wishing to obtain or maintain employment. This may include assistance with car repairs, bus passes, gas cards, interview and work clothing, etc.

Preble County:

Stimulus funding in Preble supports the Emergency Shelter and Meals Programs. In addition, funds are being utilized to purchase used vehicles for the Transportation and Meals Programs. Lastly, funds are being utilized to pay for staff necessary to implement programs.

Warren County:

Within Warren County, stimulus funds will be used to support homebuyer classes, the Employment Readiness Program, Benefit Bank Access and provide assistance for car repairs. In addition, funds support the Kinship Navigator Program, which provides assistance to grandparents raising grandchildren.

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Community Action Partnership is moving at high speed finding effective and creative ways to connect with our customers, partners, agency supporters and those wishing to learn more about all we do to help people and change lives. Check out all of the outlets we use to help you connect with CAP:

E-News: We have e-mail based newsletters for our Greene and Montgomery County Programs. In Greene, individuals can receive bi-monthly updates of the agency's activities and programs. Montgomery County businesses and residents can benefit monthly from both our Housing Highlights, which gives updates on our housing efforts (homeownership, mortgage and rental programs), as well as our general Montgomery County E-Newsletter which provides information on programs, services and current events. Visit

www.cap-dayton.org/news to sign up to receive any of these newsletters.

Social Media Outlets: Yes, we have bravely stepped into the social media world! We can be found on both Facebook and Twitter, where we post current updates and announcements about the agency. Become a fan of Community Action Partnership on our Facebook page by searching our business name. Follow us on Twitter at www.twitter/cap_gda.



Website: This summer we ignited a new, user friendly website, www.cap-dayton.org. The new site includes information about our programs and services, current news and events, employment opportunities and photo galleries from events in our service area.

As always, we are pleased to offer our printed **Multi-County Round-Up Newsletter** each quarter. However, as we look at more efficient ways to conserve the agency's resources, we are looking to move to quicker, more paperless options. We would like to see this happen with this publication as well.

If you are willing to receive this quarterly publication as an email (Adobe PDF document), or would like to sign up to receive our other publications by email, please let us know! Simply email us with your email address of choice at info@cap-dayton.org. Or fill out the information below and return it to:

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- Greene County's e-newsletter (bi-monthly)
- Housing Highlights (monthly)
- Montgomery County e-newsletter (monthly)
- Youth Empowerment Center newsletter (quarterly)

Summer Happenings in Darke County

Annie Oakley Parade in Greenville

It was almost a washout for the Annie Oakley Parade in Greenville on July 25, 2009, but the group from our Darke County Office still had fun! We rigged up a float with the theme "Are You 60+? Come Eat With Us!" and had several seniors ride, as well as "Future Seniors". Float participants shared information about our Senior Programs and candy with onlookers.

The rain held off through downtown Greenville, but the heavens really opened up and poured buckets on the way back to the office! Fortunately, everyone had umbrellas on the float, but the girls walking and pulling wagons really got soaked! Next time, we'll build an ark!



The float is all set and ready to show!



Guests enjoy lunch at the Senior Picnic in the Park.

Senior Picnic in Darke County

Community Action employees in Darke County served over 140 people at this summer's Senior Picnic in the Park. Attendees enjoyed bingo and corn hole games before eating hot dogs and hamburgers on an absolutely beautiful day! Members of the Greenville Craft Club once again provided the grill and helped with serving the seniors. Following lunch, circles were drawn with chalk for the ever-popular Cake Walk! Over 36 people gathered to try winning a cake or pie or maybe some brownies! All baked goods were provided by staff from CAP.

Stuff the Bus

The Darke County Office recently presented school supplies to the United Way's Stuff the School Bus Project to assist school children. Staff collected crayons, pencils, folders, paper and other items, which contributed to three busloads of supplies. Supplies were delivered to students at seven schools throughout Darke County.

Community Action Partnership is proud to partner with United Way for this campaign. It is well received throughout the Darke County schools. Moreover, we love the excitement of the children who look forward to the help they get with the supplies.



Employee, Carol Litman organizes a box for the campaign.

ATTENTION!

Community Action Partnership is partnering with the Eldora Speedway again for the Pack the Pantry Campaign. Details about events and your opportunity to contribute are coming soon.

Keep your eyes open!

Igniting a New Kind of HOPE in Greene County

Community Action Partnership in Greene County will use some of the government's stimulus funds to bring a new hope to our community. We are excited to ignite the HOPE (Helping Others Prepare for Employment) Café, a new employment training program and catering service to residents and businesses throughout the county. The HOPE Café training program, whose vision is "striving toward self-sufficiency through mentoring, training and employment," began July 30.

"The HOPE Café targets individuals participating in homeless and transitional housing programs in Greene County. We will provide valuable training in proper interviewing skills, dressing for success, interpersonal skills and customer relations, while focusing on specific training in culinary and catering services," explained Greene County Director, Gale Hutchinson.

The ultimate goal is to equip all participants with the skills necessary to gain full-time employment through hands on training, and to provide a "home-grown" catering service to the community.

Four apprentices have been chosen from Community Action Partnership's Harding Place Transitional Housing Program to start the eight week program. Participants begin the eight weeks with orientation. They then move into our agency's commercial kitchen, where apprentices will shadow the Cook I and II, Kitchen Aide and Dishwasher positions. All apprentices will be supervised by an on-site manager, as well as our head cook, Bonnie Owens.

In addition to preparing participants for the workforce, HOPE Café affords the agency an opportunity to serve the Greene County community. "We are excited to move our first group through the program by September 30, so that we may begin serving an abbreviated menu to area customers", Hutchinson shared. "By November 1 we plan to offer full catering services, with at least 12 HOPE Café graduates on staff!"

An open house is planned for Friday, September 18 from noon until 2 p.m. at 1855 Bellbrook Rd. (Greene County Office). Get ready to embrace the HOPE Café by ordering a meal or allowing the staff to cater your next event! For more information, please contact 937-376-7747.

Back to School Event a Success!

Greene County concluded another successful Back-to-School clothing and supplies giveaway on Friday, August 14. The event, which was held in the Greene County Department of Job & Family Services Media Room, provided clothing, school supplies and shoes to 384 children, and 145 families.

We extend sincere appreciation to Amerigroup, Bellbrook Family Resource Center, Caresource, Dan Wilson, Geyers Office Supplies, Greene County Health Department, Greene County Department of Job & Family Services, Ohio Department of Development, the Ohio State University Extension Office, United Way, Wright Place Senior Apartments and everyone who donated items and/or their time for the giveaway.



Information on the H1N1 Virus and other healthy tips were available.



Brothers are happy to receive bags filled with school supplies.

In addition, we thank our very own HOPE Café for providing a wonderful lunch to all of our volunteers. We look forward to serving the Greene County community again next year.

Huntington Bank Partners with YEC to Provide Tools for Success



A happy student poses with his new bag!

Community Action Partnership's Youth Empowerment Center was pleased to work with Huntington Bank to provide book bags to kindergarten through sixth grade students during a casual back-to-school giveaway on August 14.

"We educate our consumers about the importance of saving and life preparation every day. However in light of the current economic climate, we felt like we had to do more to support our community", shared Kendra Overbeck, Huntington's Vice President of Marketing and Public Relations.

Representatives from the bank passed out 70 book bags filled with paper, pencils, erasers and a Friendly's free meal coupon to children at the center. Ivy Williams, Director of Marketing for the agency, shared a brief message with students thanking Huntington and addressing the importance of community support and working together toward success. Light refreshments were served to the students and guests.



Huntington and YEC Staff come together to work for the success of our youth.

We are grateful to receive such valuable resources for our students. They were excited to receive the bags. The school bags are one step toward a great start for a successful school year!

If you are interested in learning more about our Youth Empowerment Center, or how you can get involved, please contact (937) 837-5165.

Interested in Starting a Business?

If you're thinking about starting your own business, you might want to ask yourself the following questions: How do you solve problems? How do you manage time? How do you handle stress? What will be unique or different about your business?

How you answer these and other questions can make the difference between success and failure. Community Action Partnership's Micro-Enterprise Business Development and Training Program is helping prospective entrepreneurs start on the path to success.

The Micro-Enterprise Business Development and Training Program provides participants with experienced bankers, accountants and other business professionals who teach managerial skills, marketing concepts and other information needed to start and grow a business. A computer lab is available for researching business topics and childcare is available on-site. Individuals completing a business plan may be eligible to apply for a low-interest loan.

The next ten-week class session begins Thursday, Sept. 10 and continues through Thursday, Nov. 12. Classes meet on Thursday evenings from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Community Action Partnership office, 719 S. Main St. in Dayton.

Space is limited and pre-registration is required. To pre-register, contact micro@cap-dayton.org or (937) 341-5000, ext. 125.

A Notable Success in Family Self-Sufficiency

We are excited to share a success of a participant in the Family Self-Sufficiency Program offered through Community Action Partnership and the Preble County Housing Authority.

Joni Rutan, came to Community Action Partnership needing assistance stabilizing her home and managing her finances. She was enrolled in the Family Self-Sufficiency Program and began taking financial management classes. Through the program, families are rewarded financially for becoming more self-sufficient. Monies that are not spent in crisis support (i.e. rental assistance) are deposited on the customer's behalf into a savings account. Upon completion of the program (which typically lasts five years), the customer is eligible to receive a check in the amount of money that was saved according to their contract. The hope is that funds will support continuous stabilization for the family, and potentially assist them in purchasing a home.

Joni worked toward fulfilling her Family Self-Sufficiency Contract that described an action plan for becoming self-sufficient. It wasn't always easy. Joni completed the Family Self-Sufficiency Program, which included budgeting, homeownership classes and credit counseling, over approximately seven years. As she learned, Joni gained more confidence in her ability to save.

"I learned how to take care of my money better and manage it," Joni says. "I didn't go out and spend it unwisely, (but) save to afford a nice place."

Joni completed the program and was rewarded with a generous check. She is currently working steadily at Subway. Things are looking up for Joni and her sons, nine-year-old Brandon and six-year-old Spencer.



Joni Rutan (left) is all smiles with Janelle McKinley.

"Joni has created a more stable lifestyle for her and her children by the decisions that she's made," said Community Action Partnership employee Janelle McKinley.

"They've helped me with saving my money and how to manage it, as well as just being able to have a place to live," added Joni.

We are pleased to provide these services year-round. For more information, please contact (937) 456-2800.

Stop, Look, Listen, Ride!

We will be promoting our new Preble County TRAC Program on Dayton's CW and Clearchannel's WLQT over the next three months.

Check out the commercials and learn more about the program by calling (937) 456-2800.



Head Start Update

We have accepted more than 200 applications for Preble County's Head Start Program. Due to the overwhelming response, we have a waiting list.

We are working to expand Head Start Programs to meet the ever growing need in the county. Please contact our Head Start Program at (937) 456-2800 for updates and more information.

\$\$ Money Talk \$\$

Avoid H1N1 (Swine) Flu and Avoid Costly Doctor's Bills

The World Health Organization declared a pandemic of the H1N1 virus in June 2009--the first pandemic since 1968. Across the country, there have been more than 43,000 confirmed and probable cases of H1N1 infection, including more than 5,000 people who were hospitalized and more than 300 people who died.

So how do you prevent catching the Swine Flu and a trip to the doctor? The Center for Disease Control recommends the following:

1. Wash your hands regularly with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Or use an alcohol-based hand cleaner if soap and water are not available.
2. Avoid close contact -- that is, being within 6 feet -- with people who have flu-like symptoms.
3. Avoid touching your mouth, nose, or eyes. That's not easy to do, so keep those hands clean.
4. If you have flu-like symptoms -- fever plus at least cough or sore throat or other flu symptoms -- stay home for seven days after symptoms begin or until you've been symptom-free for 24 hours -- whichever is longer.
5. Wear a face mask (consider using an N95 respirator) if you must come into close contact with a sick person. "Close contact" means within 6 feet.
6. Wear an N95 respirator if helping a sick person with a nebulizer, inhaler, or other respiratory treatment.
7. People who have or are suspected of having swine flu should wear a face mask, if available and tolerable, when sharing common spaces with other household members, when outside the home, or when near children or infants.
8. Breastfeeding mothers with swine flu symptoms should express their breast milk, and the child should be fed by someone else.

For more information about the swine flu visit www.flu.org or www.webmd.com.

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