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Community Action Partnership wishes everyone a happy holiday and prosperous New Year. Thank you for your continued support as we celebrated 45 years of helping people, changing lives throughout 2009.

It has truly been a busy year, as we worked to expand services and employment opportunities to meet the changing needs of our community. We were glad to provide a comprehensive array of programs and services to individuals and families in Darke, Greene, Montgomery, Preble and Warren Counties. However, we recognize that our work is never done. We must always strive to do more.

We move into 2010 with a commitment to fulfill our mission to eliminate the causes and conditions of poverty and to promote individual independence and self-sufficiency. We promise to continue serving the Greater Dayton community more efficiently and effectively than ever.

For more information about the agency, including programs, services and activities going on throughout the year, please visit us online at [www.cap-dayton.org](http://www.cap-dayton.org).

Community Action Partnership also welcomes in-kind, financial and volunteer contributions from the community. Visit us online or contact us at (937) 341-5000 to learn how you can contribute. We depend on your ongoing support for our success.

## **Coming in 2010 ... Mark Your Calendars!**

Jan. 18 - April 15, 2010  
VITA FREE tax filing services

Tuesday, April 13, 2010  
Annual Meeting Luncheon

Thursday, May 20, 2010  
3rd Annual Blue Moon Affair

## Winter Crisis Program Well Under Way!

Community Action Partnership of the Greater Dayton Area is again providing emergency utility assistance this winter for eligible households. The Winter Crisis Program began Monday, Nov. 2, 2009 and continues through Wednesday, March 31, 2010, or until funds are depleted.

Through the Winter Crisis Program, eligible households may receive up to \$175 for a utility emergency and \$600 for bulk fuel. The Winter Crisis funds can assist with a customer's initial payment for the Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP), a PIPP default, a reconnection fee or a deposit. Users of bulk fuel, propane or bottled gas or solid fuels may also be eligible for assistance. A customer may receive a delivery of fuel if their tank contains 25 % or less of its capacity.

Income eligibility for the Winter Crisis Program has increased to 200% of the federal poverty guidelines this year. For a family of four, household income cannot exceed \$44,100 a year. They must be on PIPP or sign up for PIPP or another payment plan.

"We are pleased to expand our services in Montgomery County by opening a new satellite office at 1912 Needmore Rd. The new facility will serve customers in Northern Montgomery County," said Tim Donnellan, President & CEO of the Community Action Partnership of the Greater Dayton Area. "We explored several possible locations for the new office, but Needmore Rd. made the most sense for our customers."

Customers in all counties are encouraged to schedule an appointment to determine if they are eligible for the Winter Crisis Program. In Darke County, please call (937) 548-8143. Greene County customers should call (937) 376-7747 or (937) 427-3377. Montgomery County customers must schedule appointments through our automated appointment line. The number is 1-866-504-7379. Customers in Preble County should contact (937) 456-2800 for assistance. Scheduling an appointment will avoid a utility disconnection, as long as the appointment is made and kept. Walk-ins are available on a limited basis, but are not guaranteed.

## Weatherization Program Expands to New Building

Community Action Partnership is pleased to announce the opening of our new Weatherization Program facility. The building, which is located at 701 South Patterson Blvd. in Dayton, is 39,000 square feet and houses the agency's Weatherization Assistance Program. The program moved from the Main Street location to the new building in early November.

Currently, there are about 65 employees that work out of this facility. With stimulus funding, the agency plans to continue to expand the Weatherization Program. We expect to hire about ten more staff for the program over the coming months.

"We are pleased to accommodate the agency's growing needs by moving into the building," stated Tim Donnellan, President and CEO. The building is centrally located near Downtown Dayton and our administrative offices, and is well-designed to accommodate not only the Weatherization Program, but other agency activities," he continued.

In addition to offices and warehouse space, the building includes a large conference room, classrooms, an underground garage and a small fitness room.

The new Weatherization Program phone number is (937) 331-9360. Individuals who are out of the area may call the toll free number, 1-800-617-2673.



Front of Weatherization Building

# What's going on in Darke County?

## Agency Holds Commodity Distribution Day

Community Action Partnership's Darke County Office held a Commodity Distribution Day at the agency in late fall to provide individuals and families from the community with boxes of commodities.

"The event was a success," shared Tonya Estell who reported providing 143 families and 414 individuals with boxes of commodities.

The drive started at 9:00 a.m. and by 10:15 a.m., the agency was completely out of food.

The parking lot was packed, but staff members worked very hard so customers wouldn't have to wait long to receive their items. Those helping Tonya included Melissa Sparks, Stephanie Baumgardner, Gail Dynes, Carole Schafer, MaryAnn Ridenour, Kathy Cool, John Christman, and Steve Deem.

A very special thanks goes to County Director Janey Christman, who truly displayed the "do whatever it takes" mentality, and ended up in the street directing traffic!

If you or someone you know is a Darke County resident and could benefit from receiving commodities, please contact (937) 548-8143.

## Annual Christmas Drive Makes Season a Little Brighter

Families in Darke County can rest a little more comfortably this season thanks to Community Action Partnership's Annual Christmas Drive. The drive began in November and will run through the holiday season.

Through the Annual Christmas Drive, nearly 200 families received a food voucher. This number surpasses last year's 160 families served.

"With the current economic situation, the need for assistance has increased immensely," stated Carol Schafer, public relations representative for the agency.

In addition, some families have been adopted by area individuals, church families and businesses. "We appreciate the support of everyone throughout the community," Schafer stated. "It is always great when we can join together to help make the season a little brighter."

Although the holiday season is coming to an end, opportunities are always available to help those in need. If you or someone you know would like to adopt a family for next year, or would like to support other programs and services, please contact Community Action Partnership at (937) 548-8143.



## Hope Café off to a Great Start!

Hope Café, a training program funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, is off to a great start providing training and catering services throughout the agency's service area.

Through the program, apprentices are selected from individuals residing in local transitional housing and shelter programs. They receive training at Community Action Partnership's commercial kitchen in Greene County. Along with basic skills required for food service, participants train on proper interviewing skills, how to dress for employment, interpersonal skills and customer relations.

Although Hope Café employs workers on a limited part-time basis, the goal is to place trained, capable workers in full-time jobs in the community.

"We have been working hard to meet our goal, and feel great about our efforts thus far," stated Greene County Director Gale Hutchinson. She shared that the first apprentices will graduate in January 2010, and that two were already placed, on an internship basis, at local restaurants. The plan is that these individuals will move into full-time positions once they have completed their internships.

Hope Café has received rave reviews. Individuals have shared that the food is delicious, hot and on time. In addition, the staff is friendly and able to accommodate both large and small parties.

Hope Café offers both a lunch and à la carte menu, as well as a catering service. The catering service is by appointment only. We offer several buffet-style menus to choose from that feature our tasty dishes. Staff work hard to make each event special, with unique touches, and excellent customer service provided by trained, courteous staff.

If you or your business is interested in ordering an a la carte item, lunch, or in hiring Hope Café to cater your next event, please contact the Café at (937) 673-0934 or by email at [hopecafe@cap-dayton.org](mailto:hopecafe@cap-dayton.org). You can also view the lunch and catering menus online by visiting [www.cap-dayton.org](http://www.cap-dayton.org).



## Family Fall Festival a Success

Community Action Partnership hosted more than 200 youth and families during our Family Fall Festival in October. The event, which was held at the Westwood Community Center, featured free activities and games, face painting, inflatable amusements, tasty treats and valuable information for the entire family.

The event also acted as an entrepreneurial experience for our Youth Empowerment Center and Juvenile Inventors Achieve Notable Successes (JIANTS) Programs. Students were involved in the planning of the event, from set up to close. Proceeds from snack sales benefitted youth programs.

The event could not have been a success without the help of a number of volunteers. Special thanks go to all of the agency



Face painted and balloon in hand, this young lady tries the inflatables.

staff that volunteered their time. In addition, the agency would like to thank the following individuals:

LaKiesha Brown, Debra Crawford, Sean and Jodi Dills, Jameson Florence, Trayvon Florence, Amanda Jackson, Dennis Jackson, Terri Littlejohn, Mr. Moses, Alicia Price, Shanee Pacley, Keith Sanders, Leslie Smith Robinson, Reverend Rob Wackerman and Westwood Community Center staff.



Attendees enjoy Hip Hop Aerobics

## Partnerships Provide Thanksgiving for Local Families

Community Action Partnership and J.T. Kool Breeze Heating & Air LLC partnered to again provide meals to families this past Thanksgiving. One hundred families from the area received boxes filled with the items necessary to prepare a complete holiday meal, including a turkey, side items, beverage and dessert.

The demand this year was even greater than last with nearly 200 referrals coming in. "While we cannot do it all, we were grateful to do our part to provide for our community and families during such tough economic times," stated Joyce E. Price, VP & COO of Community Action Partnership.

The event could not have been possible without the partnership with J.T. Kool Breeze, a vendor that we contract with for many of our weatherization projects. It is businesses like J.T. Kool Breeze who continually support us, and who are a true reflection of what it means to be a good community neighbor.

Appreciation also goes to Cub Foods, who also worked with the agency to provide the necessary items to fill the baskets. We appreciate the support and look forward to continued opportunities to serve the community!



The Henry/Davis family were happy to receive their basket of goodies!

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## Breakfast Site Moved to Midway Restaurant

The Senior Nutrition program has relocated its breakfast meal site to the Midway Restaurant in Lewisburg, Ohio. The restaurant is located at 601 West Cumberland Street. This move comes after The Country Café was closed and the owner Ms. Nancy Skiles invited the agency to join her at the new location.

“The location has worked well. Midway staff enjoy serving our customers and love to make them feel welcome at the restaurant,” shared Preble County Director, Rita Daily. “We have received good feedback from those attending concerning the location, the atmosphere and the staff.”

The Midway Restaurant is open Monday through Saturday, from 8 a.m. until 11 a.m. A \$2.00 donation is suggested to help offset the cost of providing meals.

Anyone interested in receiving more information about the restaurant or the Senior Nutrition Program can do so by calling (937) 456-2800. This program is funded in part by the Area Agency on Aging, PSA 2.



## Head Start Plus Family Advocacy Equals Success

Community Action Partnership provides the Family Advocacy Program to everyone enrolled in the Head Start Program. Through the program, Family Advocates provide one on one advocacy and support to families of children involved in the Head Start Program. This ensures that the entire family is receiving the support necessary to achieve self-sufficiency. Success at home equals success at school.

The Family Advocacy Program takes families through a goal-setting process. Parents are assisted in setting short and long-term goals for both themselves and their children. Goals for children may include tying a shoe or counting, while parental goals may focus on finances, employment or housing obstacles. Family Advocates are equipped to either support the goal process internally (through agency services) or by contacting partner agencies.

“The process of establishing goals for both the parent and child is very honest, clear and realistic,” Family Advocate Mason Montgomery explained. “Goals are unique to each family. By putting them on paper, it creates accountability for them, and ultimately pride. They like to see the results of their efforts.”

Mr. Montgomery shared that staff are pleased with the progress of the families. He shared that parents are actively involved in their children’s efforts, actively volunteering for school activities and programs.



In addition, Mr. Montgomery expressed excitement about fathers who are involved. “More fathers are actively engaged this year versus single mothers in previous years. It is promising to see the fathers’ involvement and pride for their children.”

We look forward to moving into a strong second half of the school year in 2010!

## \$\$ Money Talk \$\$

### Be a Smart “Goal Getter”



As we approach a new year, many of us often work to set “resolutions”. While this is important to do, sometimes we do not set realistic resolutions, and we resolve to fail.

This year instead of setting a resolution you may or may not be able to fulfill, set some short and long-term goals for yourself and your family. These goals will help you move toward achieving all that you need and desire. Part of spending and saving wisely involves planning wisely.

Here are some tips to help you in becoming a “**SMART**” Goal Getter.

**S-** Make sure your goals are **specific**, not general. You want to ensure that your goals describe clearly and concisely what it is you plan to do or obtain.

**M-** Goals should be **measurable**. In order to know if you have achieved a goal, you must have a clear vision of what achievement looks like. This measurement is unique to you and your goals.

**A-** Be sure goals are set with **action** in mind. Set your goals, then plan the process in which you will attack them.

In addition, enlist an **accountability partner**; that is someone who has your goal and your vested interests at heart. This may be a family member, mentor, friend, co-worker etc.

**R-** It is critical that you set **realistic** goals. Be clear and honest with the steps that it will take to achieve your goal, as well as what resources will be required. Consider where you are in achieving the goal. Do not set yourself up for frustration and distraction. However, do not be afraid of a challenge!

**T-** Set a **timeline** for when you will complete your goals.

\*Pieces of this information were excerpted from Dayton Daily News, Newspapers in Education.

## Congratulations!!!

Community Action Partnership of the Greater Dayton Area congratulates

### Joyce E. Price Vice President & COO

for being one of the  
**Top Ten Women of the Miami Valley**



Your hard work and efforts to help people and change lives is more than deserving of this honor.  
We applaud and appreciate you!

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Butler County 210 S. Second Street Hamilton, OH 45011 (513) 645-1401 <i>Weatherization Services Only</i>	Preble County 111 W. Somer Street Eaton, OH 45320 (937) 456-2800
Darke County 1469 Sweitzer Street Greenville, OH 45331 (937) 548-8143	Weatherization Department 701 S. Patterson Blvd. Dayton, OH 45402 (937) 331-9360
Greene County 1855 Bellbrook Road Xenia, OH 45385 (937) 376-7747	Youth Empowerment Center 716 E. Main Street Trotwood, OH 45426 (937) 837-5165



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