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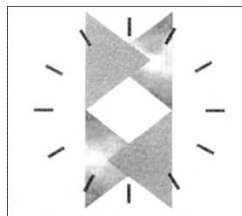
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### Community Action Month is Near!

Each year in May, Community Action Agencies nationwide take time out to celebrate our efforts to end poverty. Find out more about local celebrations on page two!



## Community Action Partnership Celebrates 44 Years of Surviving the Storm

Community Action Partnership of the Greater Dayton Area celebrated 44 years of *Surviving the Storm* at our 2008 Annual Meeting and Luncheon, which was held Monday, April 14, 2008.

Approximately 175 board members, staff, partners and friends came out to the event, which featured President and Chief Executive Officer of the National Community Action Partnership, Donald W. Mathis as our special guest speaker. In addition to Mr. Mathis, guests were entertained by the Stivers School for the Arts Chamber Chorus and highlights from the agency's 2007 Annual Report.



Stivers School for the Arts Chamber Chorus

Diane Gentile, partner in the law firm Cooper, Gentile & Washington, received the Charles W. Peckham Award for Humanitarian Leadership. Gentile was recognized for her work on homelessness in Dayton and as a volunteer mediator for the Dayton Mediation Center, which helps manage conflicts and solve problems between citizens.

The Preble County Head Start Program received Community Action Partnership's Commitment to Programmatic Excellence Award. The program helps 152 pre-school children improve their readiness for school at sites in Eaton and Camden.

Tamara Day, Program Specialist Supervisor for the agency's Weatherization Department, received the agency's Award for Exemplary Service. Day helped coordinate 750 home weatherization projects in six counties that lowered energy consumption in these homes by 30 percent.

Natisha Pardue received the Marion K. Stockham Award for Volunteer Service for her many hours volunteering with Community Action Partnership in Greene County. She helps as a receptionist.

We appreciate our board members, staff, partners and friends who continue to support the agency and our mission by attending the Annual Meeting & Luncheon. It is one way we continue to share our efforts to help people and change lives!

## Community Action Month is Around the Corner!



National Community Action Month (NCAM) was created in May 1997 as "National Community Action Week" and became "National Community Action Month" a year later. NCAM offers the network a specific time frame to spotlight the creative ways in which Community Action is helping people and changing lives, to demonstrate our strength and unity as a network, and to increase our national visibility as the country's largest anti-poverty network.

Throughout the Greater Dayton Area, we are excited to again offer a number of events and activities to highlight the Community Action spirit. Below are details of the upcoming agenda for the month of May. We hope that you will join us for many of the exciting activities!

In **Darke County**, seniors, residents and friends are invited to attend a **Senior Citizens Luncheon** on Wednesday, May 21, 2008. The event will be held at the Greenville Moose Lodge, 1200 Sweitzer Street, and will

feature lunch, entertainment and door prizes. In addition, seniors, age 60 and older can register to win tickets to the Johnny Appleseed Classic (details on page 3)!

Reservations are required to attend the luncheon. A suggested donation of \$2 per guest age 60 and older and \$6 for persons under the age of 60 is requested. To reserve your spot or for more information, please call (937) 548-2727 by Wednesday, May 14, 2008.

**Greene County** residents and friends are invited to attend our **Annual Celebration** at the Shawnee Park Pavillion in Xenia, Ohio. The celebration, which will be held on Friday, May 23, 2008 from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., will feature a light lunch, informational booths and giveaways. In addition, Central State University's DJ will provide entertainment! The event is free and open to the public. Please contact (937) 376-7747 for more information and to RSVP.

**Preble County** families can enjoy a **circus themed celebration** as the Preble County Head Start children perform on Tuesday, May 13, 2008. The event will be held at the Eaton Head Start Center, located at 151 Industrial Drive in Eaton, Ohio. Children will perform both in the morning and the afternoon beginning at 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The event will also feature a light lunch! Invitations to follow. Please call (937) 879-1070 for more information.

In **Montgomery County** we will host our **2nd Annual Rally on Poverty, Surviving the Storm**, on Saturday, May 24, 2008. The event will be held at W.S. Mc Intosh Park (formerly Riverview Park) in Dayton, Ohio. Rallyers will enjoy entertainment, giveaways, health screenings, informational booths, food and most importantly, a call to action! 2008 National NACCP Image Award winner, Dayton native and Wright State University/Sinclair Community College graduate, Charles B. Schooler will address the crowd during the event. The rally is free and open to the public.

That evening, join us at our First Annual **"Blue Moon Affair"** at the Schuster Center in Dayton, Ohio. This upscale event will feature a reception and book signing, dinner, a keynote address by Mr. Schooler and entertainment by the group *Touch*. Proceeds from the event will benefit our agency's Youth Department. More details regarding this event and invitations coming soon!

Please contact (937) 341-5000, ext. 128 or 146 for more information on both Montgomery County events.

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

### The rebates are coming, the rebates are coming!

Starting in May, the Treasury will begin sending economic stimulus payments to more than 130 million households, thanks to the \$168 billion economic stimulus package passed by Congress. Here are some quick facts that you should know:

1. To receive a payment, taxpayers must have a valid Social Security number, \$3,000 of income and file a 2007 federal tax return.

2. The Treasury will be sending checks of up to \$600 for individuals and \$1,200 for couples. (when you receive your check is based on the last two digits of your Social Security number. You'll get your rebate sooner if you have it directly deposited into a savings or checking account).

3. Most households will get the checks, although individuals with adjusted gross incomes of more than \$75,000 and couples making more than \$150,000 will see less or nothing at all. Additionally, families will get \$300 per child.

4. If you owe any back taxes, they will be deducted from the initial amount.

5. Finally, the rebate will be counted as taxable income on your 2008 tax return (next year).

6. The hope may be that you'll spend this money as quickly as possible to give the economy a shot in the arm. However, doing what's right and responsible for your own finances will leave you better off and will probably be better for the economy in the long run. Here are some suggested ways to spend your rebate:

- ◆ If you have any credit card debt, pay it off. Just remember that paying off a chunk of debt won't get you ahead if you just wind up charging up the cards again.
- ◆ Once you have your tax-rebate check in hand, consider satisfying the urge to splurge by spending a small portion of the check -10 to 20 percent - and saving the rest.

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## Congress Signs Head Start Reauthorization Act

In December 2007, Congress passed and President Bush signed Public Law 110-134, authorizing Head Start through Sept. 30, 2012. The new law contains several revisions to the previous Head Start Act.

Provisions to the Act include a mandate that, over the next five years, 50 percent of Head Start Teachers have a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education and Assistant Teachers have a Child Development Associate credential. In addition, it requires that all Head Start Programs align with K-12 curricula to promote school readiness, and that the Governing Body be composed of:

- ◆ At least one member with a background and expertise in fiscal management and accounting;
- ◆ At least one member with a background in early childhood education and development;
- ◆ At least one member who is a licensed attorney familiar with the issues coming before the governing body.

"Last year we were pleased to receive a rating of "compliant in all areas" on our audit and we want to be sure that this continues," stated Preble County Director Rita Daily.

To do so, the Head Start Program continues to work hard to ensure that they are compliant with new stipulations, as well as previous requirements. In addition to already using the same curriculum that is used in the Preble County Educational Service Center's Preschool Program, staff is working with the local school district to ensure they are aligned with K-12 requirements. As part of ongoing monitoring of the program, management staff, board members and policy council representatives will participate in a risk management meeting in Chicago on May 20, 2008.

Visit [www.eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov](http://www.eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov) for more information about these and other changes in the new act.

### Get a Head Start on Education!

The Preble County Head Start Program is currently enrolling students at the Eaton and Camden locations for the 2008-2009 school year.

Re-enrollments, siblings of currently or previously enrolled children and new children may sign up. A returning child who was income eligible for the 2007-2008 school year is automatically eligible for the upcoming school year.

We are accepting children who will be ages three to five by August 1, 2008. Preference is given to low-income families (see income guidelines to the right).

Please return applications by July 1, 2008. Visit the Preble County Office at 2080 State Route 127 North, Eaton, Ohio, or contact us at (937) 456-2800 for more details and an application.



2008 Poverty Guidelines from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services:	
Family Size	Income Level
1	\$10,400
2	\$14,000
3	\$17,600
4	\$21,200
5	\$24,800
6	\$28,400
7	\$32,000
8	\$35,600

For families with more than 8 persons, add \$3,600 for each additional person.

## Point-in-Time Study Scheduled for June!

The Darke County Continuum of Care Committee has scheduled a point in time study for June 13, 2008 to identify the number of homeless individuals and families living throughout the county. During the 24 hour review, the committee will do a count of homeless persons living under bridges, on campgrounds, at the local shelter and with relatives and friends.

The summer study is set to prepare the group for one that is mandated by Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to be performed in January 2009. In addition, it will give the Continuum of Care committee an opportunity to compare the summer study with last year's winter study. This is especially essential because often, when the weather is extremely cold, families will allow relatives to stay with them temporarily. However, when the temperature breaks, these individuals are forced out of the temporary housing, often on short notice.

"The last time we performed a point in time study the temperature was seven degrees below zero, and there were very few people actually out on the streets," advised Janey Christman, Darke County Director. "The hope is that with a milder climate, more people will be visible."

Ms. Christman also noted that some still believe that homelessness doesn't exist in Darke County. Her response to this myth was, "Just look at our homeless shelter."

We will keep everyone abreast of the findings from the point-in-time study. If you would like more information on the Darke County Continuum of Care Committee, please contact (937) 548-2727.



### Win a ticket to the Johnny Appleseed Classic!

Race fans age 60 and over can win a ticket to the Johnny Appleseed Classic, which will be held on Sunday, May 25, at Eldora Speedway. The Darke County Community Action Partnership Office is coordinating the giveaway. We will provide transportation to and from the event.

You may register by detaching or copying the entry form on this page, and either dropping it off or mailing it to Community Action Partnership, 1469 Sweitzer St., Greenville, OH 45331. You may also send a sheet with your name, address (including city, state, and zip code) and a telephone number where you can be reached to the address listed above. Entries must be received by 4 p.m. on Wednesday, May 14, 2008. Winners will be announced at the Senior Citizens Luncheon, which will be held on Wednesday, May 21, 2008. For more details on the contest or the Senior Citizens Luncheon, please contact (937) 548-2727.

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## Agency Prepares for Annual Clothes Giveaway

Community Action Partnership's Greene County Office is in full gear preparing for their 3rd Annual Back-to-School Clothes Giveaway. The annual event, which will be held in the Greene County Job and Family Services Media Room in August, assists Greene County children and families by providing them with clothing for the school year.

The agency has partnered with a number of organizations including Caresource, Greene County Department of Job and Family Services, the Greene County Health Department and the Head Start Program.

Cedarville University students will begin to fill a large tractor trailer at the end of their school year in May. After they have made their contributions, they will park the trailer at the Greene County Office, located at 1855 Lower Bellbrook Road in Xenia, where additional donations will be accepted throughout the summer. Volunteers from United Way will assist by sorting and sizing all of the clothes before the event.

Gale Hutchinson, Director in Greene County advised, "We are in need of a variety of child and adult sizes for the families, particularly infant and toddler items."

If you have any additional clothing, shoes, or accessories that you would like to contribute, please do so by dropping it off at the Greene County office at the address above. If you need more information about the event, please contact the office Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at (937) 376-7747.



### Summer Event at The Greene

Greene County's Continuum of Care Education Committee will host a special event at The Greene in Beavercreek, Ohio on Saturday, June 14, 2008.

The event, which will be held from from 11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., will address information about homelessness in Greene County. Continuum of Care partner agencies will set up informational booths. The event will also feature games and activities for children and entertainment for everyone.

We are hoping to bring homelessness to the forefront of the entire Greene County community. Events like these, the committee's community meetings, and other special activities are ways that we do just that.

Be on the lookout for additional details about this event in the near future. You may contact (937) 376-7747 for more information.

### CAP Partners with Feed the Children Again

Community Action Partnership is pleased to again partner with the Feed the Children Network to provide food and personal hygiene items to the homeless. Feed the Children is an international Christian relief organization, headquartered in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The giveaway will be held at the Fairborn Community Center on Wednesday, May 14, 2008.

The organization requested a second partnership with the agency after a successful collaboration in November 2007 when 400 Greene County families benefitted from the efforts.

In addition to Feed the Children, Community Action Partnership will join with the Fairborn Community Center and Teleperformance for the project.

Individuals who wish to receive boxes will need to be pre-approved. Staff at the Community Action Partnership Office and the Fairborn Community Center are available to qualify prospective recipients. Please contact (937) 376-7747 to see if you qualify or for more information.

## Micro-Enterprise Business Development Program Update



Micro grad and computer recipient,  
Linfield Tabb.

"I've never won anything in my life!" These were the words out of Linfield Tabb's mouth after he won a computer through Community Action Partnership's Micro-Enterprise Business Development Training Program. He won the computer in a raffle that students who complete the class qualify to enter. Mr. Tabb was one of 12 individuals to graduate from the session which ended on March 13, 2008.

"I came to the class because I want to develop a service business in the area and needed to learn more about the process of starting a business," Mr. Tabb commented. He noted that the resource of having successful business leaders participating in the classes was a valuable way to gain knowledge.

The Micro Enterprise Business Development Training began its Spring Session on April 3, 2008. Each ten week session features the tools necessary to start and grow a second income, home-based business. Participants receive valuable entrepreneurship training that includes finding your niche, pricing your product, finding your market and writing a business plan. Graduates of the program may qualify to receive a

low-interest loan from Community Action Partnership.

While there is no Summer Session scheduled at this time, interested individuals may always request to be included on our mailing list to be notified of future classes. If you or someone you know would like more information or to be added to the list, please contact 937-341-5000, ext. 125, or e-mail [micro@cap-dayton.org](mailto:micro@cap-dayton.org).



### We are a HUD Approved Certified Housing Counseling Agency!

In light of the many foreclosures that have plagued the area, Community Action Partnership of the Greater Dayton Area has become a HUD-approved certified housing counseling agency. Through our Home Foreclosure Assistance Program, trained Housing Counselors are available to assist Montgomery County homeowners facing the threat of foreclosure.

Housing Counselors take each customer through a thorough process to identify the type of mortgage that they have (conventional, fixed rate or adjustable), and what options are available to help them achieve their goals. This includes working out plans with lenders to convert sub-prime adjustable rate mortgages to 30 year fixed rate loans.

"Over the past three months we have served more than 70 households who were threatened with foreclosure," advised Willie Harris, Director of Housing Development. "We are anticipating that number to grow significantly over the next quarter and throughout the year."

If you or someone you know is faced with the possibility of not making your mortgage payment, or simply have questions about your options, don't wait! Although Ohio's foreclosure process can take up to six months to finalize, proactive efforts are the key! Contact the Housing Department at (937) 341-5000, or [hfap@cap-dayton.org](mailto:hfap@cap-dayton.org) to schedule a private, pressure-free appointment.

