



## **Programs and Services 2002-2003**

### **Before and After School Care**

Community Action's A Kid's Domain provides families with safe, affordable care for their school-aged children, before and after school. The program is offered at four public schools and one learning center, and includes one-on-one tutoring, sports, arts and crafts, and field trips.

### **Child Care Resource and Referral**

Community Action works to strengthen the local child care and education system by providing information, support and education to parents, providers, employers and the community. Parents seeking care can call for a listing of providers in their area; providers can participate in classes in order to improve the quality of child care and school readiness in children.

### **Early Head Start/Head Start Preschool**

Early Head Start and Head Start are free child care and preschool for children ages 0-5 years whose family income falls below the poverty level. Enrolled children receive physical, emotional and developmental support in addition to top-notch curriculum. Parents volunteer in the classroom, serve on the governing board, and take advantage of educational opportunities including literacy, parenting and child development. Community Action operates Head Start in 26 classrooms at 15 public schools located throughout Washington County, supports children enrolled in at-home or institutional day care centers, and provides limited full-day care on a year-round basis. Care for infants to 3-year-olds is offered at three centers.

### **Energy and Emergency Services**

Community Action provides a variety of services to prevent homelessness and meet emergency and basic needs, primarily by offering rent and utility assistance so that families can remain in their homes. Community Action also provides access to weatherization products for low-income families to lower fuel costs and ensure families are warm during the winter. Community Action's Play It Again clothes closet provides free clothing to low-income families.

### **Homeless and Housing Services**

For 27 years Community Action has operated the Hillsboro Family Shelter for homeless families. Each year 70 families stay at the shelter for up to five weeks until they can move into stable housing. Shelter residents participate in goal setting, parenting classes, and housing and job search assistance.

### **Maternity Outreach**

Opening Doors is a Community Action program that seeks out low-income pregnant women who are not receiving prenatal care, motivates them to seek care, and provides the needed information, referral and advocacy to enable them to birth healthy babies. Services are provided by trained lay health workers who share similar life experiences with the women they serve. Opening Doors operates in collaboration with key healthcare providers and insurers in the area.

### **Social Services Information and Referral**

Community Action maintains Washington County's most comprehensive database of social service agencies providing programs for families in need. With this information, low-income families are connected to needed community services to alleviate short-term crisis and benefit from long-term intervention programs.



## Sampling of Accomplishments 2001-2002

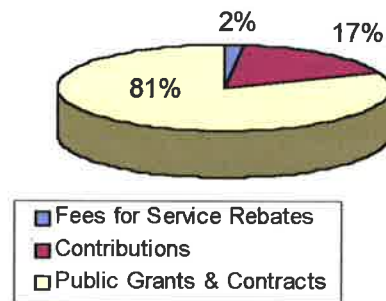
- **Prevented 414 individuals from becoming homeless** by providing rent assistance
- **Prevented the destitution of 217 people** by providing shelter and support
- **Prevented 7,674 households from losing their heat**
- **Brought 626 Head Start preschool children** to a level of health, social and educational readiness to assure their success in school.
- **Provided 152 children a safe and secure place to go** before and after school
- **Provided 2,098 families with child care referrals** and provided training to 1,134 child care providers
- **Ensured healthy pregnancies for more than 277 low-income women** by connecting them with on-going prenatal care and support services, resulting in 94% of their babies being born with a healthy birthweight.
- **Provided 73,430 articles of clothing** to 4,289 households in need

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## 2002 - 2003 Funding

### REVENUE 9.8 Million



### EXPENDITURES 9.5 Million

