TITLE
LIGHTS, CAMERA, COMMUNITY ACTION!

LOCATION
NORTH CENTRAL AND NORTHEAST KANSAS

CAMERA
ANNUAL OUTCOMES REPORT - 2016
Community Action, Inc. is a local, private, non-profit organization. We are a part of America’s poverty fighting network.

Community Action Agencies are private non-profit or public organizations that were initially created in 1964 by the federal government, through partnerships with local communities, to combat poverty in geographically designated areas.

Today, status as a “Community Action Agency” is the result of an explicit designation by local or state government. There are over 1,000 Community Action Agencies nationwide. Our organization, Community Action, Inc., provides poverty-fighting services in 26 Kansas counties.
ACT I: Kansans in Poverty

The impact of poverty in the United States has affected over 46 million people, a poverty rate of 14.7%, with the state of Kansas following close behind with a poverty rate of 13.8%. With over 360,000 Kansans struggling to climb out of poverty, 18% of that population are children under 18 years of age.

Our direct service area expands over 26 counties in Kansas, providing resources based on the needs of each community to help individuals and families escape from and stay out of poverty. According to a recent community needs assessment, the area we serve has a 13.8% of people classified as "in poverty," while Shawnee County has continued to rank the highest in terms of need.

Through our partnerships, advocacy, and programs, our vision is to continue to fight the cycle of poverty in North Central and Northeast Kansas at any stage of an individual's life.

ACT II: Finance

How We Are Funded

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Our Investments

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Through our partnerships and programs, we are able to provide resources to the most vulnerable living in poverty—our children.

**Head Start & Early Head Start**

We offer a wide variety of full-day and part-day program options where children can experience quality pre-school learning and socialization, and receive important health and nutritional services. Families benefit from no-cost, quality care, more confident parenting, and attention to meeting the needs of both the child and overall family.

- **Head Start:**
  - 130 Preschool Children Served
  - 30% of preschoolers received special education services

- **Early Head Start:**
  - 86 Infants/Toddlers/Pregnant Women served
  - 41% of infants & toddlers received special education services

**Healthy Hearts Food Program**

We partner with in-home childcare providers to strengthen their businesses and improve the health and nutrition of children in their care. Licensed providers receive help paying for nutritious meals and snacks served each day to the children in their care.

**Highlights of 2016:**

- New electronic processes have made participation in the program easier to manage and more accountable.
- Home childcare providers received a minimum of 4 hours of professional nutrition and physical health training.
- 330 of home visits by staff demonstrated that children cared for by HHFP providers were receiving age-appropriate, healthy meals from quality, licensed caregivers.
SPOTLIGHT:

In August, at the Shawnee County Back-to-School Fair, 676 children received free school supplies, and, 110 children were served at the Back-to-School Fair in Wabaunsee County.

Community Action staff and volunteers, including the Junior League of Topeka, surveyed over 150 customers from the Back-to-School Fair in Topeka, gathering valuable needs assessment and advocacy data to better serve families in the Topeka community.

“The First Tee of Shawnee Co.

We are a proud chapter of The First Tee national initiative using the game of golf to instill youth with positive life values. The program is open to Shawnee County kids, ages 7-18. Options include after school, summer, and private clinics. Our curricula is also taught in Phys Ed classes at 12 area elementary schools.

Highlights of 2016:

★ Program staffing was doubled to facilitate high-quality outcomes for TFTSC participants.

★ The governing board’s very active TFTSC Committee grew to include a strong mix of community members from diverse backgrounds, including a youth participant.

★ TFTSC hosted the 2016 “More Than A Game” networking and service meeting for over 75 youth and adults from The First Tee programs across Kansas.

SAFE SEATS PROGRAM

Community Action and Safe Kids provide free and low-cost car seats for infants and toddlers. Our trained safety technicians help with proper installation and parents learn tips and tricks to keep their little ones safe inside vehicles.

3,800
Children received life-skills coaching through the game of golf

175
Kids had enhanced safety through car seats & certified installation

786
Children Received School Supplies at the Back-to-School Fairs

“We appreciate all the help we got at this event from very kind people, eager to help. With my partner losing his job this year, this is a great blessing to us and our family. Thank you!”

- Brooke, Topeka, KS
ACT IV
Adulthood

Helping families and communities thrive by building solutions to poverty.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING
Community Action’s Rental Housing Program provides quality, safe and affordable housing to low-income families. We were able to provide 42 units of low and moderate income housing in NE Kansas, and 14 permanent homes to formerly homeless individuals with severe and persistent mental illnesses, with the support of on-site case management from Valeo.

We serve several locations:
1) McKinley Apartments, Clay Center, KS
2) Community Action Homes, Topeka, KS
3) Swingle House Apartments, Leonardville, KS
4) Meriden Heights, Meriden, KS
5) Tanglewood Supportive Housing, Topeka, KS

People were housed in rental housing

90

ELDERLY SERVICES
Our Elderly Services program provides supports that help senior adults maintain their personal independence and health. We primarily target lower income adults, 60 years of age and older.

People avoided becoming homeless

74

HOMELESS PREVENTION SERVICES
Our interventions with rent, deposit, and utility assistance help homeless families, and those facing eviction, retain affordable, safe housing.

People avoided becoming homeless

679
INCOME TAX PREPARATION
Each year, between February and April, certified AARP volunteers and Community Action staff members provide hundreds of residents with annual income tax preparation assistance.

Just this past year, 609 individuals who filed taxes were able to return $1,739,304 back into the community’s economy, while saving an average of $215 on filing taxes.

LATINO FAMILY DEVELOPMENT
Hundreds of families are helped each year to navigate the maze of educational, legal, and immigration paperwork. We also teach English Language Learner classes.

WEATHERIZATION
Community Action’s Weatherization Assistance Program uses cutting edge technology and professional installers to improve the safety and energy efficiency of homes occupied by low-income families. After receiving assistance from the Weatherization program, families save an annual average of $264 in utility costs.

SPOTLIGHT:
The Latino Family Development program recently incorporated a financial literacy curriculum to the English Language Learners Course.
**ACT V: Board of Directors**

Our volunteer Governing Board serves as the voice of the people in North Central Kansas. The 33-member, volunteer group includes publicly elected officials, private sector interests, and people democratically selected by low-income people in our service area.

**BOARD OFFICERS**

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- **Lynn Gentine**
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- **Harriett Johnson**
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  - *Maná de Topeka*
- **Darrell Doty**
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  - *Interfaith of Topeka*
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  - *East Topeka*
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  - *South Topeka*
- **Sue Wheatley**
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- **Tammy Miles**
  - *Topeka At Large*

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- **Patrice Coleman**
  - *City of Topeka*
- **Councilwoman Sylvia Ortiz**
  - *City of Topeka*
- **Councilwoman Sandra Clear**
  - *City of Topeka*
- **Neva Martin**
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**Shawnee County At Large**

- **Derek Harrison**
- **Kayla Moore**
- **Martin Graham**
- **Ruth McCurry**
  - *Dickinson County At Large*
- **Tammy Wallin**
  - *Wabaunsee County At Large*
- **Linda Jeffrey**
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- **Lynn Gentine**
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  - *Shawnee County At Large*
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- **Ron Loomis, Commissioner**
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