Community Action Agency | December 2022



It truly is the Season of Giving!

Thank you to each and every person who has donated their time, money, or energy to our agency this past year

We truly could not serve the ever increasing amount of people we do without the tremendous support of our community.

We would especially like to thank everyone who helped our agency make this holiday season special for many of the low-income families and individuals we serve. Our agency was fortunate enough to receive numerous food, coat, present, and monetary donations this year.

Thank you all for helping us bring warmth, joy, and love to our community.

Coats

Sioux City Professional Fire Fighters Association - IAFF Local 7 donated a total of 80 winter coats this year during their annual Coat Drive! In total, that is over \$2000 worth of warmth for families in need! Special thanks to Neal Paulson for helping organize the drive and to Julie Schoenherr for ordering us so many brand new kids jackets from Amazon!



We also received 100+ coats, hats, gloves, and monetary donations from various other donors! Thank you for helping keep our community warm this winter!

Food Drives



Spalding Park Elementary paired with Perry Creek Elementary in a competition to see who could raise more food! Winner received a hot cocoa party for the whole school! Congratulations to Perry Creek who won by a very small margin! Together the two schools collected over 2,300 lbs of food!



Iowa Department of Transportation donated 14 Thanksgiving Food Baskets!

The Missouri River Runners donated 385 pounds of food raised during their annual David Romo Memorial Turkey Trot!



This year Bryant Elementary School Student Council chose us as the recipient of their holiday food drive! They raised over 1,200 pounds of food for our agency!

We also would like to recognize the Lawton Carolers for donating 500 pounds of food, the Plumber's Union for their donation of Christmas Turkey Dinners, and St. Mark Lutheran Church for their donations of household hygiene items! We do not have any pictures of your donations but are so very grateful for your support of what we do!

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Holiday Gifts

We had so many wonderful individuals, families, and companies/organizations help us spread holiday cheer this year by providing Christmas Presents to those in need!

Over 200 households were served this Christmas Season equaling a total of over 600 children receiving presents!



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED MAKE THIS SEASON SPECIAL!

LIHEAP Open Until April 30th

We have seen a drastic increase in applications for the Low–Income Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) since opening October 1st. We believe that this increase could be the result of many things: inflation of fuel costs, state COVID-19 programs closing earlier this year, the national labor shortage, etc.

This program helps qualifying Woodbury



County residents pay a portion of their primary heating costs. Assistance is based on several factors, including total household income, household size, dwelling type, heating fuel type, among others.

For more information about LIHEAP or to apply online, please go to <u>www.caasiouxland.org</u>. We also offer inperson or over-the-phone appointments of which you can set up by calling 712-274-1610.

LIHEAP Online Application

Federal Poverty Guidelines

# in Household	Gross Annual Income
1	\$27,180
2	\$36,620
3	\$46,060
4	\$55,500
5	\$64,940
6	\$74,380
7	\$83,820
8	\$93,260
+	\$9,440

+For households with more than eight members, add the amount shown for each additional member+



Board Member Spotlight

Name: Mark Monson

Position: SW Rural

Board Member Since: May 15, 2007

What makes you have pride in the agency?

• All the people that we serve and the tremendous need that we are filling day in and day out.

What have you learned since joining the board that surprised you?

• At the beginning, it was going through the head start classrooms; seeing the little ones learn the skills necessary to learn and play well with others. I never knew the agency had such an impact on children's lives.

When you're not working, how do you enjoy spending your time?

• Traveling. I try to travel like crazy. I recently went to Iceland for a week long vacation. It was beautiful and I would really love to go back.

Where are you originally from?

• I am originally from Onawa. I moved to the Siouxland area when I went to Wayne State for my undergraduate courses. I then received my Master's Degree at USD and was hired to work for Woodbury County.

What is a fun fact about yourself that would surprise people?

• I love to put together jigsaw puzzles, art gallery 500 piece or higher, i like to do and finish them in the same lifetime

Which cartoon character would you most want to swap lives with?

• George Jetson, he is doing stuff in the future that I think we will be doing soon, so creative with the flying cars and kitchen devices.

Looking Forward...

01/01 - New Year's Day
01/02 - Offices Closed in Recognition of New Year's Day
01/04 - Early Childhood Education Resumes
01/16 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day (No Early Childhood Class)
01/27 - Early Childhood Professional Development (No Class)
02/14 - Valentine's Day



Ways to Show Your Support!



Career Opportunities

FaDSS Specialist

Executive Secretary

Licensed Teacher Head Start

Early Childhood Coach

Pre-K Teacher



To ensure everyone's safety, we ask that you stay home if you are feeling ill or have tested positive for COVID-19. Call us at 712-274-1610 to apply for assistance over the phone.

Our Contact Information

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