# Five things that set us apart

- 1. We secure and invest more resources to fight poverty in Rock & Walworth counties than any other not-for-profit organization. Each year, we invest approximately \$10 million in our communities.
- 2. We are a 100% local and independent organization, with entirely local leadership who are focused on our communities' unique local challenges. No national parent organization sets our agenda.
- 3. We help people by empowering them with opportunities to help themselves; focusing on long-term benefits, not quick fixes.
- 4. We provide people and our communities with solutions to a wide spectrum of poverty problems, rather than focus on one single issue. To achieve this, we offer myriad programs in Rock & Walworth counties.
- 5. By reducing poverty's negative impacts, which affect us all, we make our communities a better place to live for every person in them.

# **Community Contributions are Critical**

Community Action, Inc. of Rock & Walworth Counties is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that relies on government grants and gifts of financial support from individuals, families, churches, organizations, businesses, foundations, and United Way. Detailed information is posted at community-action.org/financials





# **Dedicated to People & Communities**

At Community Action we provide access and opportunity for those we serve and those who support our efforts. Through innovative programs and strong community partnerships we eliminate barriers, establishing clear pathways to economic self-reliance.

Since 1965, Community Action has worked hard every day to achieve this mission, by reducing poverty that already exists in our communities, and preventing it from happening to local families and individuals in the first place.



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# Serving our local communities since 1965





# A variety of programs to meet our communities' needs

# Housing

#### WI Help for Homeowners (WHH)

WHH can help with overdue bills like mortgage payments, property taxes, and utilities. The program is open to homeowners in Wisconsin who meet income and other eligibility requirements. Apply online at community-action.org \*Program is available as funding allows.

#### Rapid Rehousing

Aims to help individuals or families experiencing homelessness move as quickly as possible into permanent housing and achieve stability in that housing through short term rental assistance and supportive services.

#### **Permanent Supportive Housing**

Provides housing stability services to chronically homeless individuals and families with a physical or mental health disability. Participants are provided the opportunity to develop skills and access resources needed to support permanent housing.

#### **Twin Oaks Shelter for the Homeless**

Twelve units of emergency shelter for individuals and families in rural Darien, available for stays of up to 60 days.

### Homeownership opportunities

Community Action has four single family homes for rent within the City of Beloit intended for households looking to purchase within one year. Beloit Fresh Start completes one single family construction each year for purchase, available late fall.

#### Weatherization

Energy conservation to lower utility costs for income-eligible households in both counties. This program is funded by the Wisconsin Department of Energy, Housing and Community Resources. To be considered for Weatherization, candidates must first contact Energy Services, Inc.

Rock Co. (608) 363-9200 Walworth Co. (262) 427-8505

#### **Child Care**

Our Janesville Learning Center and P4J provides your child with professional educators, developmentally appropriate curriculum and an environment that promotes life-long learning.

- -Serving children ages two weeks to 12 years old.
- -Open Monday-Friday 5:00am-11:30pm
- -Morning and afternoon P4J sessions
- -Rated five-out-of-five stars on the YoungStar scale

For more information about these programs and the latest Community Action updates, visit community-action.org or call (608) 313-1300



# Training

#### **Beloit Fresh Start**

Beloit Fresh Start offers members the opportunity to earn a high school diploma in an alternative education setting and hands-on construction experience building a home while making a difference in the community. Enrollment begins each spring.

#### **Drivers Licensing Program**

Awards drivers education scholarships and financial assistance to pay DMV fees for drivers license reinstatements and renewals.

# **Project Thrive**

Formerly the Fatherhood Initiative, this program has expanded to help qualified parents in Rock County develop job skills to become gainfully employed and enhance their parenting skills.

# **Skills Enhancement Program**

If you are working at least 20 hours a week, meet income eligibility, and want to continue your education toward an in-demand occupation, Skills Enhancement may be able to assist you with tuition, books, and training related expenses.

## **Transitional Jobs Program**

Provides employment opportunities and coaching to unemployed/underemployed residents in Rock and Walworth counties meeting eligibility requirements.

#### **Adolescent Health**

# Personal Responsibility Empowerment Program (PREP)

Empowers youth 13-19 years old to make the successful transition to adulthood by providing resources and education to reduce the risk of unintended pregnancy, build healthy relationships and advocate for their health.

#### Teen Outreach Program (TOP)

A nationally-recognized, evidence-based program empowering youth ages 10-19 to build social-emotional skills, strengthen relationships and avoid risky behaviors.

#### Outreach

#### AWARE in Evansville

Engages Evansville residents through a variety of programs including weekend food distributions, emergency assistance, school supplies, driver's ed scholarships, toy and meal distributions, mentoring programs, and more.

#### **The Emergency Food Assistance Program**

Community Action administers the distribution of TEFAP food commodities to participating pantries in Rock and Walworth counties.

#### **Merrill Community Center**

Community Action offers a variety of programming to youth and seniors at the Merrill Community Center in Beloit.

#### **Merrill Community Sharing Garden**

In Beloit's 1300 block of Porter Avenue, this biodiverse garden is open for all to gather and pick fresh produce. Volunteers welcome throughout the growing season.

# **NRSA Program**

Community Action offers one-on-one resource navigation to households in Beloit census tracts 16 and 18, encompassing the Merrill and Hackett neighborhoods as designated Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Areas.