

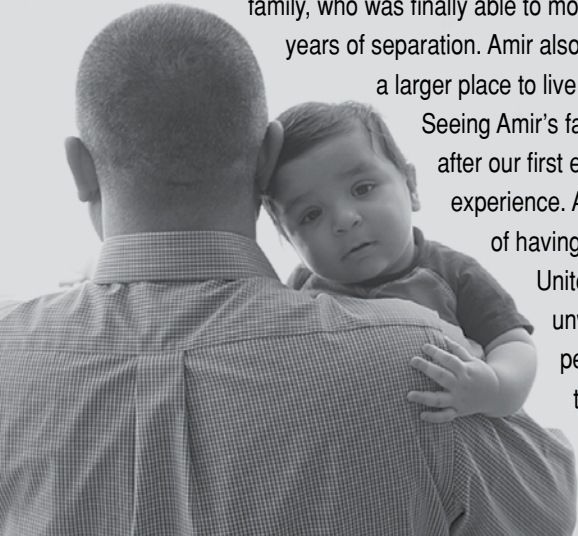
Community Action celebrates successes.

After having his life threatened by politicians in his home country, Amir had no choice but to leave his wife and three children behind and flee to the United States. After achieving asylee status in Vermont, Amir moved to Lincoln hoping to find a job and a safe place to call home. Without his family or a safe place to stay, it was critical that he find shelter. Amir found temporary shelter, but with rental deposit assistance through Community Action's Emergency Services program, he was able to secure an apartment of his own.

After getting settled in his new apartment, Amir's main priority was to save enough money to transport his wife and children from his home country to the United States. Amir maintained regular contact with his case manager at Community Action. He set a goal to take classes to become a Certified Nurse's Assistant. After months of hard work and saving, Amir had saved up enough money to pay in full for his certification classes. He was proud to report that he had graduated from his program, and is now working as a Certified Nurse's Assistant at a major medical facility in Lincoln. Amir independently pays all of his monthly bills, is succeeding in a well-paying career, and is in safe, affordable housing.

On Christmas Eve, Amir made a surprise visit to Community Action to introduce his family, who was finally able to move to the United States after two years of separation. Amir also shared that he was able to find a larger place to live to accommodate his family.

Seeing Amir's family within our doors two years after our first encounter with him was a joyous experience. Amir was able to make his dream of having his family safely with him in the United States come true through unwavering hard work and perseverance. We feel honored to have been a part of Amir's remarkable journey to achieve economic stability.



Our Programs

Rent, Utility, and Deposit Assistance | *The Gathering Place* | Early Head Start Head Start | Homeless Voucher Program | Supportive Housing Program Representative Payee Program | Matched Savings Accounts | Money Management Education | GED Instruction | Health Insurance Enrollment Affordable Housing | Weatherization | Tenant Support Services Tax Preparation Services | LanguageLinc Translation & Interpretation Services Education and Career Advancement Training



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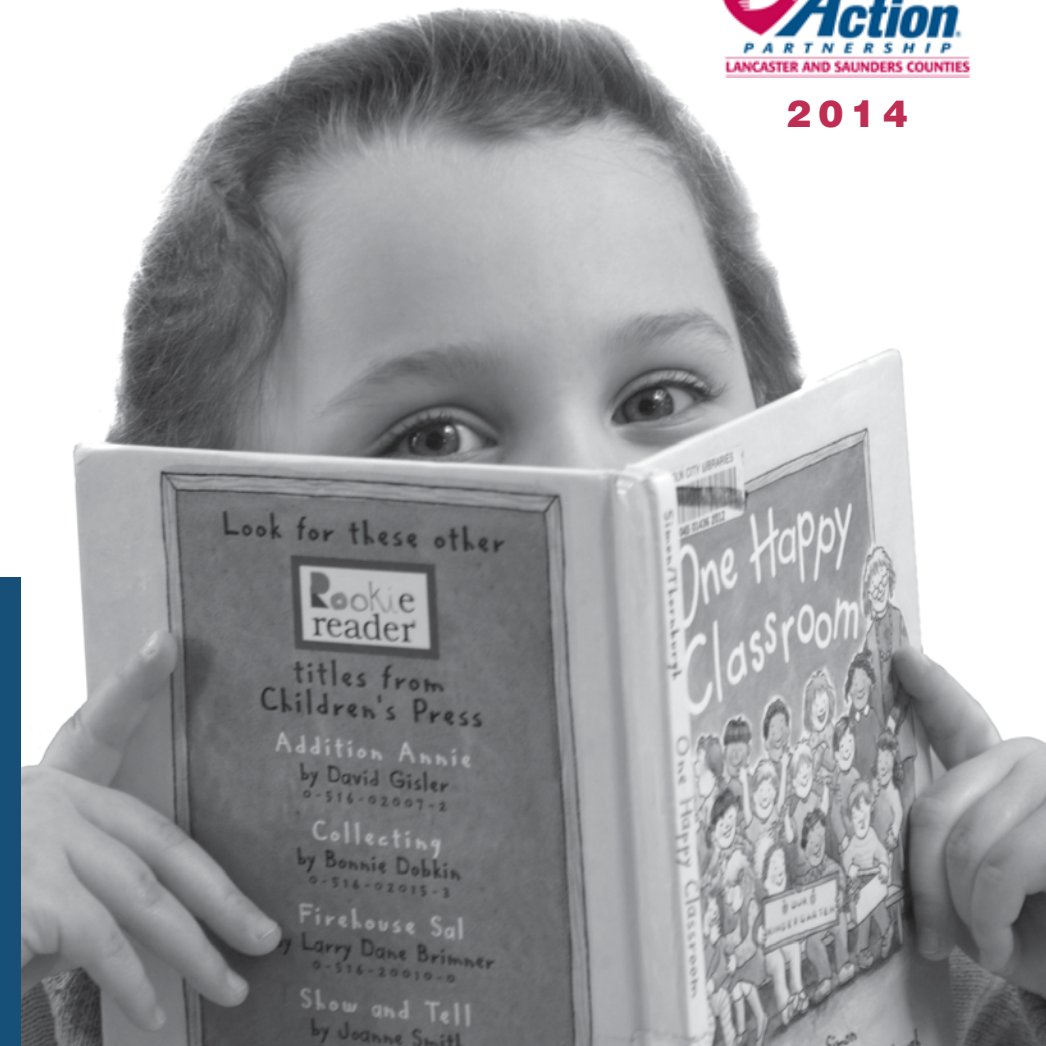
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2014



Community Action offers support and inspires hope.

Community Action believes its participants are remarkable people.

There are nearly 44,000 (15%) individuals in Lancaster and Saunders Counties living in poverty. For a family of four this translates to an annual income below \$24,250. 56% of these families are headed by single females. At Community Action we create solutions to eliminate poverty. We offer 16 programs to ensure that everyone, regardless of their economic situation, has the opportunity to thrive.

Community Action creates opportunities for success. Our high-quality early childhood education programs ensure that our community's most vulnerable children are ready for kindergarten, and more likely to graduate from high school. Families learn and save in our matched savings program as they work to purchase their first home, launch or expand a business, or continue their education. At Community Action, individuals build their skills in order to achieve meaningful employment. We offer the critical next steps in establishing and maintaining long-term economic stability.

Our participants are remarkable people. They take responsibility for making lasting changes in their lives by making use of their own unique strengths. As a result, they are better able to manage their living situations, and make positive steps toward economic stability.

With the click of a button, you can change a life today." Please join us at www.communityactionatwork.org and click the "donate now" button on the home page.

Thank you to all who generously contribute to Community Action. Without your support, our work would simply not be possible.



Community Action changes lives.

In 2014 we served **17,805** unduplicated individuals.

What's new this year?

Matched Savings program leads to stable futures for youth

When young people age out of the foster care system, their support systems abruptly end. Many in our state are coming together to create change in this system. During 2014, Community Action joined this effort in launching The Opportunity Passport program. It is a comprehensive matched savings program that provides resources to eligible youth to build a financially stable future through establishing sound financial habits, saving, and then purchasing one of the following assets: *housing, transportation, medical, debt reduction, investments, micro-business start-up or expansion.*

Kortnie, 21, was the first participant to make a purchase through Community Action's Opportunity Passport program, using her matched savings account to purchase a 2011 Ford Fusion. "Having a vehicle will allow me to get a better job, and continue my education. I feel more independent," said Kortnie. Having a safe, reliable vehicle will make it possible for her to stay on track to achieve her goals, and she has many. Kortnie recently completed schooling to become a registered nurse and is now pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing. Kortnie is just one of many young adults working toward a brighter future with support from the Opportunity Passport program.

2014 Revenue

\$11,502,827

Grant Revenue	78.1%
Program Revenue	15.0%
Donations	3.6%
Misc. Income	3.3%

2014 Expenses

\$11,197,048

Basic Needs	4.4%
Child & Family Development	61.3%
Community Services	7.9%
Employment & Training	1.5%
Homelessness Prevention	5.7%
Housing	4.7%
Money & Savings	0.5%
Management	14.2%

Community Action meets needs.

In 2014:

17,805 individuals received over **60,000** services

120 people were employed by Community Action

3,322 people were prevented from becoming homelessness through emergency rent, utility, and deposit assistance

27,500 meals were served at The Gathering Place to those struggling with hunger

769 children were provided early childhood education and services through Head Start and Early Head Start

22,183 volunteer hours were contributed

10,813 interpretation services were provided to the non-english speaking community via LanguageLinc (a subsidiary of Community Action)

\$6,239,831

was returned to the community as a result of free tax preparation services

