



# Newsletter

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## Our Mission

Saginaw County Community Action Committee, Inc. Mission is to serve as a proactive and dedicated community organization providing programs and services that will help low-income individuals and families achieve economic security.

## Welcome

We would like to welcome you to the 2nd Volume of Saginaw County Community Action Center's Newsletter. We are excited to share with you what's going on with our agency. We hope to provide you with some insight on our agency's programs and what we are doing in the community. We wish to provide you with some news you can use and information you will be excited to share.

We would love to hear your comments and please share our newsletter with interested friends or colleagues.

## WHO ARE WE?

Saginaw County Community Action Center, Inc. is a community action agency that provides resources to low-income and elderly residents of Saginaw County. We are one of 30 community action agencies serving the State of Michigan and part of a network of over 1000 community action agencies serving the entire nation. This network affords the Saginaw County Community Action Center access to a helpful network of community action problem solvers.

On August 20, 1964, President Lyndon Johnson signed the Economic Opportunity Act (EOA) establishing the Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) in the Executive Office of the President. Community Action Agencies help the underprivileged in the areas of self-sufficiency, employment, housing, education, management, information, and referral.

*"Research shows that masks can greatly reduce the chance of spreading COVID-19, especially when approximately 40% of those who have COVID-19 may be asymptomatic. We can only contain the virus and keep Michigan open if everyone stays careful and masks up when they leave home, whether they feel sick or not."*





# Census on the GO

The City of Saginaw have set up shop in various location within Saginaw County to help make it convenient for the citizen to complete their census and provide aide to those who are in need. The City has also provided lunch, music and treats to the community for coming out to their events.

Saginaw County is currently in 20th place amongst Michigan's neighboring Counties with a 73.8% response rate, Saginaw City has a 60.4% response rate.

Why does the 2020 census matter? Every adult, teen, child and infant counted accounts for \$1,800 annually for vital Saginaw programs like Head Start, WIC, food assistance, public transportation, roads, housing assistance, Medicaid and Medicare, and support for firefighter to name a few.

You have until the end of September to complete your census, if you have not done so already. To complete your 2020 Census online today, visit <https://my2020census.gov/>.



## SCCAC STAFF SPOTLIGHT



**Warren Griffin**, Technology Instructor  
11 Years of Service

*Mr. Warren is really enthusiastic about technology. He enjoys helping our Seniors learn how to use their smart phones and computers.*

## Positive Note

*"Hello! Just wanted to shoot a quick positive note your way... My ring doorbell went off earlier while I was at work and I opened the app. A vehicle with your logo on the door was in the driveway and a gentleman went up to the door and placed a package, a minute or so later he came back and retrieve the package... obviously it was the wrong address and they realized their error. At first I was extremely nervous because I didn't understand why a stranger was approaching my house when I wasn't expecting any packages. But during this process, he waved to my camera both times walking up to the door and with the vehicle door open the logo on the door was clearly visible. It definitely put me at ease and was an honest mistake. I just thought it was very nice and respectful of him (especially when he had to go retrieve the package because it was at the wrong address) to wave, the situation was handled well. And thank you for everything you do for our community. :)"*

- Kayla 8/13/2020

That Gentleman is **Craig Presley**.





# Community Organization Spotlight

## *Youth Development Corporation, USA*

**YOUTHDevelopment  
Corporation, USA**



Youth Development Corporation, USA is a nonprofit organization that provides free education services, training programs, YouthBuild, and employment assistance to young men and women between the ages of 16 and 24 years-old, as well as Veterans, and individuals who have aged out of foster care.

Youth Development Corporation, USA was established in 2015 by Eric Eggleston. YDC was established as a result to the growing concern of poverty-stricken youth not having enough resources or opportunities to have strong career

paths. YDC Educational Services provides young men and women whom have dropped out of high school an chance to earn their diploma and get a foot in the door of a trade program. YDC Training Programs provides individuals with an instruction and workforce experiences that aims to give them a sense of purpose in hopes that it will echo throughout the community. YDC YouthBuild program provides channels that aim to help underprivileged youth unleash their own positive energy to help rebuild their communities and their lives.

Youth Development Corp., USA is a positive addition to the community. YDC is located at 126 S. Weadock Ave. If you know of an individual who can benefit from this program, please have them call 1-888-SOS-CREW (767-2739) or email [angelaaday@ydc.work](mailto:angelaaday@ydc.work) with name and contact information of the individual who is interested in the program.

## How Are We Doing

COVID-19 has really been keeping all of us busy here at SCCAC. As a Community Action Agency, it is our duty to serve our Community.

In June, July & August, we have:

- hosted 3 Food Giveaways in additional to our normal food distribution
- provided 113 families with fresh veggies and herbs from our Community Garden
- aided 97 families (and counting) with our CARES Program
- distributed 3,600 cloth face mask to Saginaw County Residents
- distributed 21,390 disposable face mask, 205 face shields, and 9,700 cloth face mask to homeless shelters within the Bay City, Flint, & Saginaw Area

It hasn't been easy, but we are truly grateful to service our Community through it all.





# WHAT’S GROWING ON

Mr. Warren has been keeping busy in the community garden since the computer lab is closed due to COVID -19. He’s been growing all kinds of good things. There’s okra, tomatoes, bell peppers, banana peppers, beets, cantaloupe, carrots, cayenne peppers, cherry tomatoes, crookneck squash, cucumbers, green beans, jalapeno peppers, mustard greens, onions, turnips, turnip greens, and zucchini. And it’s FREE to the community Monday thru Thursday from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM. All we ask is that you not pick the produce from the garden. Mr. Warren will have them picked and ready between those times.



# 211 IS HERE TO HELP

Just three simple numbers can make a big difference in your life! When you or someone you know is in need just call 211!

GET HELP

CALL

Dial 211 on your phone

TEXT

Text your ZIP to TXT 211

CHAT

Click Here! Live Chat 24/7

SEARCH

Community Resource Directory

211 is a free, easy-to-remember telephone number that connects people in need with people who can help—24 hours a day, 7 days a week. 211 Northeast Michigan Mission is to provide Northeast Michigan with referrals and information to assist with essential needs.

## SCCAC Program List

- Dream Catchers for Life
- Stepping into Success Youth Leadership Afterschool
- Community Housing Development Organization
- Commodity Food and Nutrition
- Urban Gardening
- Weatherization Assistance
- Minor Home Repair
- Getting Ahead of Your Finances
- Back in Stride Again
- Case Management
- Emergency Support Services
- Senior Outreach and Advocacy
- Elderly and Disabled Home Repair
- Keep It Moving Senior Fitness
- Senior and Technology (New Tricks)
- Deliverable Fuel
- Hall Rental



*If you would like more information regarding the many services we offer, please feel free to contact us at 989-753-7741. If you would like to be added to our email distribution list, please email us at [infosaginawcac.org](mailto:infosaginawcac.org) with the subject of Add to Email Distribution List.*