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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 4th 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 and/ 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.



Greetings!

It's summer in Saginaw County!

I'm still getting acclimated in my new role as Executive Director. I'm so excited that we have the opportunity to serve our residents with all the many services and programs we have to offer.

As we gear up for Summer, please remain safe! Continue your regular routines of washing your hands, sanitizing, and wearing your mask in public areas. If you haven't received your vaccinations, do your research and trust the science. I promise you, we'll be back into the normal swing of things very soon.

We would love to hear from you, so please know that we are always here to help. Have a wonderful and safe month of June!



Community Organization Spotlight



The Ezekiel Project is a Community Organizing Collective committed to Saginaw, MI. Their mission is to empower people through organizing, relationship building, skill development,

information, and belief to transform communities with advocacy and activism. They use these tools, and others provided by the ever-evolving discipline of community organizing, to guide everyday people to be powerful leaders within Saginaw. Leaders who effectively impact the political, social, economic, and environmental decisions that affect daily life. They are not timid about stating how their long-term goals are tied to dismantling the very system that perpetuates inequity and injustice in our communities such as racism, sexism, and classism. Ezekiel presently consists of approximately two dozen member organizations, an army of leaders, a small staff, a devoted board, and an innumerable list of partners working towards improving people's quality of life through systemic/institutional change. Their organization functions on shared leadership and welcomes new faces to join in the work to make Saginaw, and the world at large, a more peaceful, equitable place by whatever means of participation. At the Ezekiel Project, they value and strive for radical inclusion and representation. Ezekiel is interfaith, interracial, respectful and inviting of the entire community.





Looking Back

Over the last quarter, our agency has been very busy in spite of our building being closed to the public. Here at SCCAC, we have provided:

- 17 families with Homeless Prevention services
- 51 households with Rental assistance
- * 58 households with Emergency Utilities assistance
- 133 Senior Citizens with Outreach and Advocacy services
- Over 150 families with commodity boxes during our first quarter food distribution, and
- Over 2,500 KN-95 face mask to residents.

Saginaw County, Thank you for allowing us to serve you!

Community Action Works

Back in December, SCCAC participated in a CARES-Digital Divide program that allowed us to distribute tablets to seniors and laptops (all along with a 1-year service MIFI hot spot) to low-income families, some with school age children whom had to unexpectantly transition to virtual learning.

Mr. Warren was working with a client who was working to earn her GED, but due to the agency and computer lab being closed, this client was trying to make it work with just her cell phone. Being the Technology Instructor, Mr. Warren was very involved with the Digital Divide with making sure the agency was getting the best deal and equipment for our clients. Through this process, he was able to share the program information with his client, who income qualified and received a free laptop, computer case, wireless mouse and hotspot. The client was able to complete her program with ease with her new laptop.

In total, SCCAC distributed 40 tablets to seniors and 59 laptops to lowincome families in Saginaw County. #CommunityActionWorks

Ways You Can Give Back to Your Community through SCCAC!

Community Action Agencies across the United States help people and change lives in so many ways. You can be a part of this worthy cause by giving of:

- 1. Your Time—Volunteers are always needed to help local programs make the biggest impact. For more information on volunteer opportunities, email mmcmath@saginawcac.org,
- 2. Talents-"Your gift will make room for you...", and
- 3. Financial resources—With some funding sources being hard to secure, private donations are essential to the success of the Community Action programs.

Please consider supporting the effort to reduce poverty in Saginaw County by donating today.

Options to give:

- Cashier check or Money order,
- <u>PayPal</u>
- <u>Give Lively</u>
- Donate A Car To A Nonprofit (careasy.org)









Honor Juneteenth



by committing to fight structural racism and injustice





SCCAC Program List

Leaders Exploration Development Emergency Support Services Community Food and Nutrition Case Management Services Weatherization Assistance *Keep It Moving Senior Fitness *Hall Rental Neighborhood Enhancement Program Minority Senior Outreach and Advocacy Urban Gardening Elderly and Disabled Home Repair Minor Home Repair *Senior and Technology (New Tricks)

TEFAP—The Emergency Food Assistance Program Community Housing Development Organization

* - Programs are not available due to COVID-19.

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 info@saginawcac.org with the subject of Add to Email Distribution List.