

*American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)*

Since 2009, Community Action Program, Inc. of Western Indiana received over \$5,000,000 in ARRA funding which provided an array of services to an eleven county area. Support of our Housing Division provided for housing development, rental assistance and apartment management, Budget Counseling, Foreclosure Counseling, Homeownership Counseling, packaging Rural Development Direct Loan Applications, Individual Development Account's, and Microenterprise lending. Our Head Start program was able to enhance Parent Education Services, recruit and train in-home child care providers as well as expand the Early Head Start program in three counties. Our senior programs were able to acquire new technology services benefitting our senior population. Support was provided for Mentoring At-Risk Youth; ABE/GED classes; and support services for low-income individuals attending higher education. On-the-Job training and Internships matched unemployed individuals with local companies and businesses. On-the-job training was paid for with ARRA funds with the ultimate goal being that the company would hire the employee once assistance ended. Over \$1,000,000 was utilized by our Employment and Training Division to fund occupational skills training to over 400 individuals through institutions such as Ivy Tech and Purdue University in Benton, Carroll, Clinton, Fountain, Montgomery, Tippecanoe, Warren and White counties. Over \$3,000,000 was utilized through our Weatherization program. The purpose of this program is to provide construction measures on homes that will reduce fuel consumption and thereby reduce the costs to heat and cool the home. CAPWI received two rounds of ARRA Weatherization funding. The first round of funding ran from September 10, 2009 to May 31, 2010. We were able to weatherize 174 homes and assist 471 people in Benton, Fountain and Warren counties. The second round of funding began June 1, 2010 and ended November 30, 2011 weatherizing 429 homes and assisting 1,126 people in six counties. Much of this work was done by local contractors and materials used purchased through small businesses in Benton, Fountain, Montgomery, Parke, Vermillion and Warren counties. ARRA funding has now ended and the program will be utilizing Department of Energy funds through March 31, 2012. In total, ninety-five jobs were created and nineteen preserved within the service area of CAPWI. American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding has allowed our agency and many other Community Action Agencies across the State of Indiana and the nation through programs such as family development, Head Start, Weatherization, and more. (continued on Page 2)



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### *Individual Development Accounts (IDA)*

CAPWI is currently taking applications for our IDA program which is a four-year savings plan intended to help families with limited income to develop a budget, set goals, establish savings habits and invest money in an asset. Applicants must be a resident of Indiana, have earned income (part time or full time) and are able to put a small amount into the program on a monthly basis. This is a good time of the year to get on the program because families or individuals could use their tax return to help get their first year match in. This year the match is four to one, in other words for every dollar invested, the program will match it with four dollars (you invest \$400 you will be matched \$1600, thus \$2000 saved in your first year). If you complete the four-year program at the current rate of match you will have a significant amount to invest in an asset (business, education, homeownership, or rehabilitation of current home). For more information about the program and/or to get an application, contact Alice Young at 793-4881, Ext. 1209 or by email at [ayoung@capwi.org](mailto:ayoung@capwi.org)

### *ARRA continued*

These programs strengthen local economies and families, change people's lives, improve communities, and make America a better place to live. For more information visit our website at [www.capwi.org](http://www.capwi.org). The Indiana Community Action Network has developed Public Service Announcements (PSA's) in an effort to educate the Indiana general public about how Community Action Agencies have used funds entrusted to them through the ARRA. With the help of ARRA funding, Community Action Agencies have been able to further their local impact. Statewide more than 450,000 individuals have been served and more than 1,600 new jobs created. All PSA's developed are available for viewing at [www.incap.org/media.html](http://www.incap.org/media.html)



These are the values that set the foundation of our program:

Quality Services  
Team Work  
Responsibility  
Honesty  
Integrity  
Professionalism  
Compassion  
Lifelong Learning  
Success

### *Certified Workforce Development Professionals*

Cindy Hicks, David Kurth and Laura Moorehead with Community Action Program Inc. of Western Indiana have been awarded the Certified Workforce Development Professional (CWDP) credential by the National Association of Workforce Development Professionals (NAWDP). Cindy and David are members of the WorkOne Express in Monticello and serve Benton, Carroll and White Counties. Laura is the Coordinator for the Jobs for America's Graduates program out of the Tippecanoe county WorkOne office. Workforce Development Professionals facilitate the process by which individuals identify, prepare for, obtain and maintain employment and self-sufficiency; and assist businesses with accessing and retaining a quality workforce. The CWDP recognizes the training, experience and expertise of professionals in the field in 10 areas of competency including Workforce Development Structure, Career Development Processes, Labor Market Information, Diversity, Customer Service, Program Management, Communication, Technology, Collaboration & Problem Solving and Business and Employer Knowledge. NAWDP is a national association for individual practitioners in the workforce development profession, with approximately 4,000 members. Its mission is to be the national voice for the professional and to meet the individual professional development needs of its membership.

### *Independent Foreclosure Review*

Families or individuals who were in any type of foreclosure process or were foreclosed on from January 1, 2009 thru December 31, 2010, should watch for a mailing from the office of the Independent Review Administrator. This mailing will allow them to request an independent review of their mortgage situation especially if they feel they were financially injured as a result of the mortgage foreclosure process. The packet is being mailed in an oversized envelope which will make it easy to distinguish from regular mail. The Independent Review Administrator started mailing the packets November 1, 2011 and will continue thru December 31, 2011. If families or individuals don't receive a packet they can call 1-888-952-9105, Monday thru Friday from 8:00 am to 10:00 pm ET or Saturday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm to see if they qualify or send an email to [IndependentForeclosureReview.com](mailto:IndependentForeclosureReview.com). Those needing assistance in completing the packet can contact Alice Young at 793-4881, Ext. 1209 or by email at [ayoung@capwi.org](mailto:ayoung@capwi.org)

### *Child Care Services*

Effective October 1, 2011 Child Care services are no longer handled by CAPWI. These services will be handled by Children's Bureau, Inc. who has served as the intake agent in other counties since 2005. They are a well established social service agency working on behalf of children and families in Indiana. After October 1st, please contact them at:

Children's Bureau, Inc.  
2529 Schuyler Avenue, Suite 500  
Lafayette, IN 47905  
1-855-228-4024 (toll free) or 765-838-3805

### *Joan Cline Memorial Scholarship Available*

Community Action Program, Inc of Western Indiana is again offering the Joan Cline Scholarship to graduating high school students. These scholarships are being offered in Memory of Joan E. Cline. Joan was the Executive Director of Community Action Program Inc. of Western Indiana until her death in December 2004. Joan was Executive Director for 35 years, offering outstanding service and dedication to the agency, staff, and most importantly to those individuals and families that were served everyday through the agencies services. The scholarship is rotated annually through our six county service area. This year we are focusing on graduating seniors in Benton and Fountain counties. Preference will be given to low-to-moderate income families. Scholarships will be provided for 4 year, 2 yr, or Trade Association degrees. Scholarships will be \$1,000 for each year they attend higher education up to a maximum of 4 years. They must be enrolled for a minimum of 12 credit hours or full time equivalency and carry a 2.5 grade point average to be eligible to receive the award for the next year. Applicants that have a relationship to a CAPWI employee or Board Member are eligible to apply. Completed applications must be received by CAPWI by the close of business on March 1. Recipients will be announced by April 1st.

The application is available on our website at [www.capwi.org](http://www.capwi.org) or by contacting Kathy Walker at 793-4881 or [kwalker@capwi.org](mailto:kwalker@capwi.org).

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### *CAPWI Mission Statement*

To help eliminate the causes of poverty in our community by the planning, development, and administration of programs that will intervene at critical points in the causes of poverty and that will enable families and individuals to become more self-sufficient. We also resolve to provide decent, safe, sanitary housing that is affordable to low and moderate income people.

### *Rental Properties Available*

The following rental properties are available for rent: two bedroom apartment in Covington, three bedroom homes in Covington, two bedroom apartments in Oxford, one bedroom units are available in Perrysville and Rockville for those 55 or older or handicapped/disabled (handicapped accessible). We also have three bedroom homes available for rent in Kingman, Rockville and Perrysville. Contact Donna Vanetta for more information at 793-4881 or [dvanetta@capwi.org](mailto:dvanetta@capwi.org)



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