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Senior Center
A SERVICE OF PROJECT NOW

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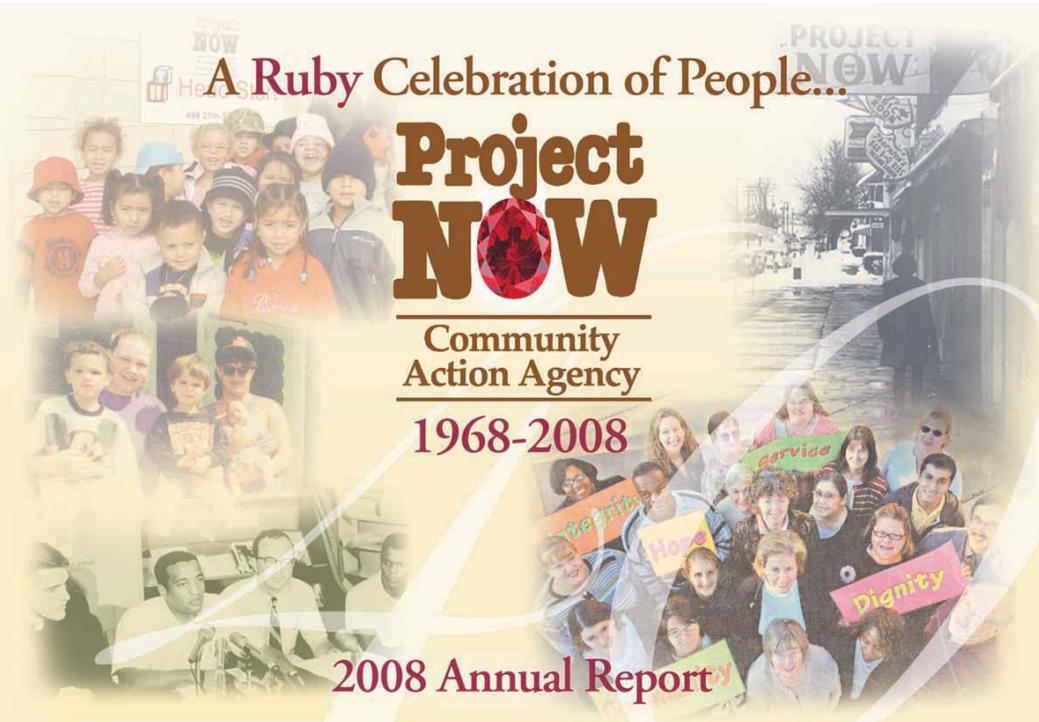
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21 Years

Head Start



Leigh Egger
Head Start Director

Created in 1965, Head Start is the most successful, longest-running national school readiness program in the United States. Project NOW Head Start began in 1975 and in 2008 we served 444 children in 422 families, with an average monthly enrollment of 360. 97.7% of these children received medical exams and 97.5% received dental exams. The total percentage of eligible families served was 56.3%.

Project NOW Head Start's goal is to ensure that enrolled children gain the knowledge and skills necessary for Kindergarten. To achieve this children are accessed three times yearly in the major curriculum areas. Last year, 99.9% of the age-eligible children successfully transitioned into kindergarten.

Project NOW was awarded a Blue Certificate for our November, 2007 Federal Review - meaning no findings.

3 program options are available: Center-Based, Home-Based and Extended Day.

We have 18 classrooms at 10 different sites in Moline, East Moline, Silvis, Carbon Cliff, Colona, Kewanee and Aledo.

Parents are encouraged to become involved in classroom programming, community activities and programming governance; this helps develop parenting and leadership skills.



Since we opened our first classroom in 1975, Project NOW Head Start has educated over 10,000 children and their families.



A Ruby Celebration of People...

40 Years of Partners Strengthening Our Communities!

QC Bank and Trust
Enterprise Housing
Moline Foundation
The Doris and Victor Day Foundation
Kewanee Social Services
Bridgeway
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Robert Young Center
The City of Rock Island
Trinity Visiting Nurses
Rock Island County Federation of Women's Clubs
Homeless Vet Center
Alternatives for the Older Adult
Rauch Family Foundation
1st United Methodist Church of Port Byron

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Kewanee
The John Deere Foundation
Local Area Food Pantries
Kewanee Helpenstall Foundation
United Way of the Quad Cities
Federal Emergency Management Agency
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
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Alternatives for the Older Adult
Rauch Family Foundation
St. Joseph Worker House
1st United Methodist Church of Port Byron

Mercurer County Crisis Center
Illinois Association of Community Action Agencies
Winnie's Place
Riverview Food Bank
John Lewis
Western Illinois Area Agency on Aging
Martin Luther King Center
St. James Lutheran Church
Rock Island National Community Action Foundation
QC Dollarwise
Success Partners
ALCOA
Salvation Army
National Equity Fund
Illinois/Iowa Center for Independent Living
Warm Neighbors
Churches United of the Quad Cities
Illinois Housing Development Authority
MidAmerican Energy Company
Partners in JOBS Training
Geneseo Community Chest
The Rock Island Community Foundation
US Bank
City of Aledo
Catholic Social Services
City of Kewanee
National Head Start Association

Rock Island County Healthlink
THE National Bank
Illinois State Board of Education
Kewanee Area United Way
National Community Action Foundation
QC Dollarwise
Rock Island County Mental Health Board
The City of East Moline
MetroLink of the Quad Cities
U.S. Department of Energy
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Henry County
Community Foundation of the Great River Bend
AARP Transitions
Senior Service of America, Inc.
RSVP
Blackhawk College
Illinois Department of Human Services
Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
US Bancorp
New Boston Fire Station
National Community Action Partnership
Illinois Ventures for Community Action
Illinois Department of Transportation
Blackhawk College

Project NOW Salutes Our Volunteers!

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Alanz, Eddie
Albertson, Kelly
Alberston, Marla
Aldene, Betty
Allen, Jim
Alvarez, Carmen
Amerine, Brittany
Anderson, Donna
Anderson, Harry
Anderson, Ivan
Anderson, Les
Anderson, Mark
Anthony, Cate
Bachelder, Chris
Bailey, Doreen
Banfield, Melanie
Barber, Linda
Barisas, Joan
Barnes, Shirley
Bartn, Maryann
Bean, Jean
Benson, Gary
Beverline, Keith
Bileddo, Carolyn
Billinger, Charlie
Bingham, Wendy
Bowens, Maria
Bowles, Pat
Branagan, Carol
Brown, Nancy
Browning, Denise
Buffington, Victor
Bullen, Don
Bull, Carrie
Bull, Eddy
Bull, Scott
Burrill, Glen
Butters, Delores
Butters, Jack
Camargo, Violet
Carizey, George
Carlson
Carlson, Betty
Cass, Lena
Colbese, John
Coogan, Janet
Crandall, Arin
Curtis, Polly

Delitt, Shirley
Dennison, Stella
Dezkunkas, John
Dickens, Jean
Dietsch, Mary
Dillie, Julie
Dillon, Scotty
Dillon, Scotty
Dixon, Elaine
Donaldson, Billie
Donner, Maris
Dooley, Louie
Dotson, Mickey
Dunn, Molly
Dunn, Rose
Eble, Jeanne
Eckhardt, Helen
Eldlen, Kathy
Emmert, Bilva
Engelrecht, Chris
Engh, Vic
Escamilla, Theresa
Ehington, Ray
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Fentam, Joyce
Fisher, Bill
Florence, Jane
Frank, Bob
Frank, Rhoda
Fritsch, Judy
Fuhr, Helen
Gayman, Jean
Gill, Brad
Glenn, Patsy
Greer, Tommy
Gregory, Marlene
Gridley, Sherry
Griffith, Betty
Groh, Bill
Gupta, Anju
Gustafson, Bill
Hahn, Donna
Hamrick, Donna
Hanlin, Dr. Brent
Harrison, Clara
Harter, Arthur
Hartley, Judy
Hartman, Bill
Hartman, Ruth
Haskins, Joyce
Hauman, Pam

Hayes, Sheri
Hebeling, Josh
Hensberg, Dorothy
Hensley, Sharon
Herbert, Bill
Hess, Libby
Hofer, Donald
Hofer, Lucille
Hoff, Paul
Holstein, Geograbelle
Holstein, Walter
Humphrey, Nancy
Hymes, Paul
Isbel, Cassie
Ivers, Doris
Jahn, Clarissa
Jahns, Sandy
Jean, Beau
Jensen, Phil
Jensen, Shirley
Johnson, Kevin
Johnson, Letisha
Klingamon, Sue
Klumb, Kristen
Konecky, Jan
Krueger, Bob
LaFollette, Shirley
Lancioti, Dr. John
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Layer, Dee
Lee, Bob
Lemon, Evelyn
Lemon, Richard
Lester, Al
Lester, Elaine
Linkenfelter, Don
Long, Donna
Louck, Doris
Loveless, Mindy
Loving, Audrey
Lucas, Joyce
Lucas, Joyce and Bill
Lute, Ute
Mack, Joni
Maitland, Gene
Maitland, Geri
Martin, Ethel
Marvin, Emily
Marvin, Ralph
Masengarb, Marilyn

Miller, Lisa
Miller, Louise
Mitter, Rose
Moody, Pat
Morthland, Betsey
Moyer, Grace
Mudler, Frances
Murphy, Fran
O'Donnell, Sally
Ortberg, Milic
Paulsen, Judy
Paulson, Werner
Pauwels, Robert
Pavinato, Stacy
Pearson, Julie
Peck, Nancy
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Peterson, Stacey
Pfauf, Marv
Pile, Arlene
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Platt, Karen
Ramsey, Claude
Ramsey, June
Randall, Erin
Randall, Megan
Redington, Juli
Reed, Scott
Reidenouer, Cheryl
Reynolds, Bertha
Rhine, Edna
Rockwell, Donald
Ruiz, Margaret
Rutherford, Delores
Rutherford, Jim
Ryan, Joan
Saunders, Sharon
Schellenberg, Doris
Schellenberg, Wilt
Schnepp, Marcy
Schweppe, Lynne
Scranton, Jim
Sedam, Betty
Segura, Delores
Scitz, Therese
Sharp, Don
Sheesley, Don
Sheesley, Jan
Shepard, John
Shovar, Pat

Siegmund, Ella
Sims, Mary Kay
Skafidas, Becca
Slater, Jack
Sletten, Betty
Snidach, Karen
Sookeman, Mary Ann
Stallings, Olive
Starr, Florence
Stewart, Gustie
Stewart, MaryAnn
Stoner, Leatha
Stout, Lila
Streider, Henry
Stroup, Carin
Sweetland, Joy
Tanaka, Liz
Taylor, Jean
Teague, Sesame
Thomas, Vince
Thompson, Lillie
Thompson, Roger
Thompson, Vera
Titterington, Phyllis
Topper, Carolyn
Tribbett, Paul
Tullock, Barbara
Vance, Mary
VandeVennett, Cleon
VanDyne, Donna
Vorac, Jake
Vroman, Edna
Warren, Roxanne
Way, Dale
Weber, Ryan
Weis, Lawrence
Welvaert, Todd
Williams, Ray
Williamson, Jim
Witherspoon, Dorothy
Wolber, Marvin
Wolfe, Olga
Wood, Hope
Woodford, Mildred
Wuerdeleman, Loreta
Wyant, Mike
Yods, Kevin & Family
York, Irene
York, Marylou



Melissa Griffin
Finance Director

2008



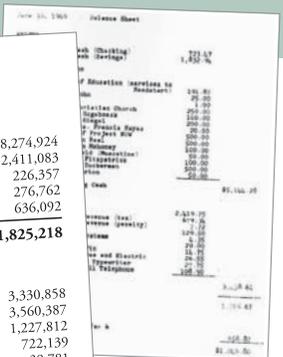
Diana Polk Board Chair 15 Years
Bob Hepner Vice Chair 20 Years
Frankie Atwater Secretary
Linda Work Treasurer 17 Years
Darlene Swim 13 Years
Jessie Lisle 13 Years

Past and Present Board Members

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|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Adams, Harold | Childs, Irvin | Gonzalez, Robert | Johnson, Kenneth |
| Allen, Harold | Choudhry, Ray | Grader, Marvin | Jones, Elenora |
| *Allen, Helen | Clark, Wanda | Greer, Arnold | Jones, Robert |
| Allen, Keith | Conley, Becky | Greer, Don | Kavanaugh, Jerry |
| Allston, John | Conway, Jim | Greer, Rufus | Kennedy, Norm |
| Anderson, Craig | Cooper, Wesley | Gregan, Pat | Kibling, Sharon |
| Anderson, Gale | Culver, James | Gross, Charles | Kickapoo, Cecil |
| Andrews, Ardelia | Davis, Jim | *Hageboeck, Jack | Kimionis, Anastasia |
| Armstrong, William | Davis, Norma | *Hale, Chester | Kinkead, Teresa |
| Ash, Art | Davis, Russell | Hammond, Wilbert | *Kinney, Bill |
| Ash, Earl | Decker, Bert | *Hankins, Grover | Kohler, Betty |
| Aubry, Richard | DeClerq, Vera | Hansen, James | Koplow, George |
| Babcock, Peter | Deopere, Dave | Hare, Phil | *Kursunis, Harry |
| Barber, Debbie | Diaz, Irma Aracely | Harrell, Rev. Thomas | Lampley, Pat |
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| Bear, Clarence Jr | Dothard, Linda | Harvey, Jerry | Langenohl, Mary |
| Berry, Helen | Dudley, Anna Marie | Hauk, Marcie | *Lardner, Peter |
| Blade, Thomas | Dunworth, Marsha | Heck, William | Lay, Barbara |
| Blanco, Jesus | Edwards, Marsha | *Heriford, Charles | Lilgigen, Alice |
| Botkin, Helen | Fleming, Neena | Hernandez, Eugene | Lincoln, Willie |
| Bowman, Rev. Richard | Flowers, Jim | Hofreiter, Elmer | Link, Tracy |
| Braud, Walter | Fonteyne, Susan | Honn, Debbie | *Lousberg, Pete |
| *Carton, Robert | Forsberg, Clarence | Hopkins, Heather | Lundberg, Debbie |
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| Cather, Rusty | Gallegos, Stephanie | Hussong, Carol | Magee, Christine |
| Charlton, Ollie | Garber, Jean | Jackson, Jennifer | *Marshall, George |
| Cheers, Rev. Roy | Garcia, Leticia | Jacobs, John | Maurus, Robert |
| Childs, Florence | Gende, Sue | Jamison, Theodore | Mayfield, Annabelle |

FINANCIALS FOR YEAR ENDING 6/30/08

REVENUE	
Federal	\$ 8,274,924
State	\$ 2,411,083
Local	\$ 226,357
Project Income, Donations & Other	\$ 276,762
Inkind	\$ 636,092
Total Revenue	\$ 11,825,218
EXPENSES	
Head Start	\$ 3,330,858
Utility Assistance	\$ 3,560,387
Senior Services	\$ 1,227,812
Outreach	\$ 722,139
Good Things NOW Clothing Stores	\$ 39,781
Weatherization	\$ 914,374
Transitional Housing	\$ 583,506
Housing	\$ 807,743
Property & Assets	\$ 523,372
Total Expenses	\$ 11,709,972



Diana Polk
Board Chair
15 Years

In the 1960s a new awareness captured the imagination of Americans as leaders spoke out against social practices that kept people entrenched in poverty. Following the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in 1968, the emotions of this nation raged against the injustice.

In Rock Island County, Illinois, a group of citizens gathered and committed to "get things done - NOW". Out of this environment, Project NOW (Neighborhood Outreach Work), was born.

We began by listening to the poor. We followed with action.

Since those early days, Project NOW has grown to cover 3 counties, employ 150 staff and offer creative services to tens of thousands of customers each year. This year we celebrate...40 years of Community, 40 years of Action!

Diana Polk

Diana D. Polk
Board Chair



Maureen "Mo" Hart
Executive Director
16 Years

Project NOW welcomes the arrival of our 40th year of service with a "Ruby Celebration of People". We celebrate the people of Community Action, our rich history, our current vitality and our vision for the future.

We move forward with an ever committed staff and strong programs. This capacity positions us well to deliver much needed resources to our communities, both currently and in the years ahead.

In this 40th year, we remain clearly focused upon and committed to our mission to strengthen our communities by helping people help themselves and one another.

Poverty is complex and the services we provide are varied. As you read through Project NOW's 40th Annual Report, please keep in mind the great need to reach the multitude of people who are trying to move OUT of poverty.

Maureen E. Hart

Maureen "Mo" Hart
Executive Director

1967 R.I. Catholic Interracial Council
 1968 Project NOW Inc. St Roberts, Interim Dir. Jim Collins, Dir.
 1969 First Annual Board Meeting
 1970 East Moline Office Larry Pollard, Dir.
 1971 C.A.A. Rock Island County
 1972
 1973 Weatherization Head/Home Start
 1974
 1975 1st Senior Meal Site Vince Thomas, Dir.
 1976 Utility Assistance
 1977 C.A.A. Mercer & Henry Aldeo Head Start
 1978 Summer Lunch Our Lady of Guadalupe Church Aldeo & Kovner Offices
 1979 400,000 Coupons Collected for Senior Van
 1980 Guadalupe Meal Site
 1981 Mercer County Home Start
 1982 R.I. County Senior Center R.I. Good Things NOW
 1983 Small Business Loans
 1984 Homeless Assistance
 1985 Distribute Government Surplus
 1986 New Boston Meal Site CSBG Scholarships
 1987 Self-Employment Training
 1988 Community Gardens
 1989 Transitional Housing
 1990 3 Buildings Rehabbed for Transitional Housing
 1991 Creative Kids Day Care Amigo Park
 1992



We envision the whole community working hand in hand to meet human needs, protect human dignity and restore hope



Celebrating 40th Years! A Ruby Celebration of People...



Throughout our 40 years, Project NOW Inc. Community Action Agency has been committed to helping people help themselves.

Starting in the 1980s, Project NOW began to spur employment through small business development. Over 500 entrepreneurs have participated in our Self-Employment Training Program; and a total of \$1,468,645 in loans have been made to small businesses

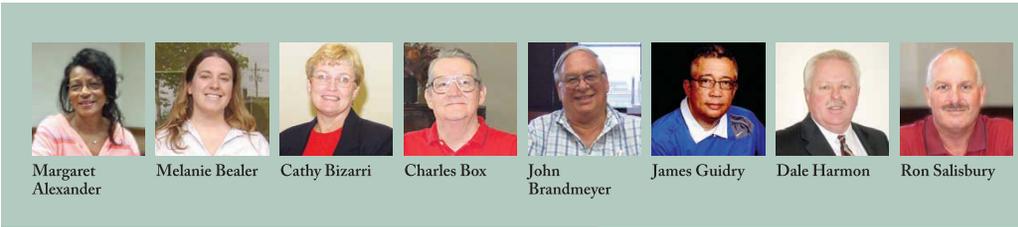
in Rock Island, Mercer and Henry Counties. Over the past year 38 entrepreneurs have participated in our program and a total of \$100,000 was loaned to businesses for expansion or start-up.

Small business development is just one of the ways in which we show every day that Community Action works ... by strengthening communities.

Mission:
We Strengthen Communities by Helping People Help Themselves and One Another.

Project NOW celebrated their 40th Year on October 9, 2008 at Watch Tower Lodge in Black Hawk State Park, Rock Island, IL.

A Ruby Celebration of People...



- McDonald, Bill
- McGaughy, William
- McKee, Debbie
- Mech, Robert
- *Mellisch, Rev. Stan
- Meysenburg, Anita
- Milani, Jo Ann
- Milani, Italo
- Mitchell, Lucky
- Moreno, Robert
- Mulcahey, Paul
- Murphy, Elizabeth
- Navarro, Ramon
- Neff, Angela
- Neff, Patricia
- Ney, Rev. Richard
- Nomura, Lee
- Norman, Barbara
- Norman, Florence
- Ohlsen, LaVerne
- Olsen, Ernest
- Olson, Phil
- Olson, Ray
- Ortiz, Favian
- Parker, Matthew Sr
- *Payton, Phyllis
- Peterson, Earlene
- Pollaro, Mary
- Powless, Matthew
- Prinz, John
- Quilty, Charles J.
- Quilty, LB
- Ralston, Marion
- Rasso, Mike
- *Real, Fthr. Jack
- Reed, Uriel "Corky"
- Reyes, Guadalupe Jr
- Reynolds, Harold
- Rind, Miles
- Rose, Floyd Jr.
- Sanchez, Bernard
- Sands, Albert
- Schneden, Kay
- Schwarz, Eric
- Seams, Linda
- Seevers, Perry
- Seward, Willie
- Seyller, Bernard
- Sheridan, Harold
- *Siegel, Louis
- *Smith, Neal
- Snyder, William
- Sobin, Cleo
- Spencer, Roscoe
- Sponsler, Mike
- Spring, Steve
- Starling, Opal
- Strandlund, Roger
- Stribling, Becky
- Tarleton, Robert
- Tatman, William
- Terry, Odessa
- Trujillo, Beatrice
- Ullis, Steve
- Vallejo, Jo
- Van Lauwe James
- Veasey, James
- Vickrey, Bob
- Villegas, Esperanza
- Virginia, Ben
- Walker, Vera
- Ward, Bill
- Watts, Jim
- Weber, Muriel
- *Weinberg, Rabbi
- Wendt, Earl "Buck"
- Whan, Robert
- Williams, John
- Williams, Mary
- Williams, Rev. Esau
- Williams, Veronica
- Wilson, Robert
- Wonderlich, Cathy
- Zukerman, Jack

Board Chairs

- Diana Polk '02-Present
- Favian Ortiz '97-'02
- Rusty Cather "88-'97
- Guadalupe Reyes "85-'88
- Sharon Langemach "85
- Obie Houston '84
- Tom Blade "82-'84
- James Veasey '80-'82
- Guadalupe Reyes '75-'80
- Chester Hale '73-'75
- Jim Davis '70-'73
- Peter Lardner '68-'70



*Project NOW Original Board

- Members:**
Helen Allen, Robert Carton, Jack Hageboeck, Chester Hale, Grover Hankins, Charles Heriford, Bill Kinney, Harry Kutsunis, Peter Lardner, Pete Lousberg, George Marshall, Rev. Stan Mellisch, Phyllis Payton, Father Jack Real, Louis Siegel, Neal Smith and Rabbi Weinberg.

1993: Community Housing Development Corporation
1994: Homebuyer and Rehab
1995: Good Things NOW Alledo
1996: Rivercrest Apts, Keithsburg
1997: Continuum of Care Marigold Apts, Viola
1998: Old Chicago Apts, Rock Island
1999: New Boston Apts
2000: Youth Transitional Housing
2001: Senior Center Relocates to 11th St. Head Start Floreicente
2002: Lucinda Mohr, Dir. Knox Apts, Kewanee
2003: Maureen "Mo" Hart, Dir.
2004: Senior Meals for Mercer County
2005: Senior Center Relocates to Florence Aldridge Center
2006: Good Things NOW R.J. Facelift
2007: Weatherization ECHR
2008: Celebrating 40 Years!

Project NOW Salutes Our Employees!



Rick Early
25 Years



Tammy Harker
19 Years



Gwen Branch
18 Years



Lisa Lee
18 Years



Nellie McBride
18 Years



Alice Abbott
17 Years



Myrt Yodts
17 Years



Richard Kinkaid
17 Years



Joyce King
15 Years

Administration/Finance
Maureen "Mo" Hart,
Exec. Dir.
Melissa Griffin,
Finance Dir.
Rick Early
Michelle Ingersoll
Nellie McBride
Jeannie Smith
Jeni Bradshaw

Community Services

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Energy Coord.
Molli Barker,
Coord.
Alice Abbott
Manuel Almanza
Shari Armstrong
Patsy Bewley
Jacqueline Brown
Tony Cardoso
R.C. Dominguez
Kris Downey
Melissa Farrell
Helen Fowler
Mark Frederick
Gina Harris
Rachel Holmes
Jennifer Howard
Tom Johnston
Lisa Lee
Bill Logan
Mona Mejia
Marianne Moore
Josey Patrick
Angelina Puckett
Caiona Reece
Laurie Ricketts
Pam Dennis
Sybil White
Rose Willits
Pam Walker
Martha Sepeda

Head Start
Leigh Egger,
Dir.
Letty Cruz,
Manager
Monique Lampe,
Manager
Nancy Pulfrey,
Manager
David Anderson
Rachel Beers
Gwen Branch
Remus Burchette
Tracy Butler
Tina Carr
Maria Carrillo
Candice Conley
Sandra David
Sherry Deshane
Darcy Eggmann
Molly Elgin
Connie Erickson
Lynn Evans
Alma Flores
Alma Ford
Melissa Ford
Blaze Galindo
Denise Haga
Atsumi Hamilton
Donna Hymes
Amanda Gray
Elizabeth Guajardo
Carol Hamerly
Kristan Harden
Tammy Harker
Kim Hast
Patricia Hicks
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Jovce King
Elizabeth Kissell
Kathleen Lake
Larry Larson
Frances Lawrence
Rebecca Lutz

Antoine Marshall
Maria Martinez
Kristina McReil
Carine Medina
Mercedes Medina
Timanette Morrison
Laura Nauman
Angelica Ochoa
Maria Oviedo
Catalina Paredes
Tina Partain
Lupe Pollock
Doug Poston
Tammy Quillin
Lejeane Rahn
Heather Rahn
Erika Ramos
Mechelle Robinson
Karina Rodriguez
Linda Johnson
Richard Kinkaid
Lois Kropp
Aileen Lewison
Thelma Martin
Robert Moede
Diane Morford
Mike Pacheco
Karen Peterson
Elisa Pizano
Karlene Porter
Dana Potraz
James Range Sr.
Bernard Sax
Pat Serckie
Phyllis Strafford
Don Wold
Roberta Wood
Myrt Yodts
Inocencio Zuniga

Housing
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Dir.
Laura Pierson,
Property Mgr.
Stella Schneekloth,
WX Coord.
Connie Barrett
Ron Boland
Penni Chase
Chris Jackson

Terry Lee
Jeff Michael
June Way
Beth Yusko

Senior Services

John Lowery,
Dir.
Marie Alvin
Cate Anthony
Elena Arano
Mary Brasmer
Pam Campbell
Mickey Campbell
Kaye Cheshier
Charles Crocker Jr.
Dean Hall
James Harris
Michael Humphrey
Linda Johnson
Richard Kinkaid
Lois Kropp
Aileen Lewison
Thelma Martin
Robert Moede
Diane Morford
Mike Pacheco
Karen Peterson
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Phyllis Strafford
Don Wold
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Bill Logan
18 Years



Beth Yusko
18 Years



Monique Lampe
17 Years



Letty Cruz
16 Years



Lee Wates
15 Years



Laurie Ricketts
15 Years



Cate Antony
23 Years

Elisa Pizano
23 Years



John Lowery
Senior Services Director



Project NOW began serving meals to seniors in 1975 and by 1982 had opened the Rock Island County Senior Center which was officially recognized as the Community Focal Point for seniors throughout Rock Island County. Project NOW has been the sole provider of Senior Transportation in Mercer County since the 1980s and by 2006, Home-Delivered Meals and Congregate Meals were expanded into that county as well.

Services to persons aged 60 and over include: Home-Delivered Meals, Congregate Meals, Transportation, Outreach, Information and Assistance, Health Education, Seminars and Activities.

In 2008, we provided:

- Home Delivered Meals - 83,215 meals served to 736 seniors
- Congregate Meals - 53,215 meals served at 12 sites to 539 seniors
- Transportation - 8,155 of rides provided
- Information & Assistance/Outreach - 4,097 contacts
- Educational Seminars and Activities - 2140 participants



Since Senior Services programming started in 1975, we have served over 3 million meals and have provided over 700,000 rides to seniors.



A Ruby Celebration of People...



Patsy Bewley
26 Years

R.C. Dominguez
20 Years

Marianne Moore
20 Years



Stella Schneekloth
27 Years

Terry Lee
22 Years

Community Services

In 1968, Project NOW began helping residents of Rock Island by going door-to-door to find ways to address needs. This resulted in Project NOW developing extensive Outreach programs that allow customers to get help with basic needs.



Over the past 40 years our community services department has reached over 300,000 households in the three county area representing 1 million individuals.



Molli Nickerson
Coordinator

Lori Zavitz
Energy Coordinator

In 1985, Project NOW added Homeless Services followed by Transitional Housing Services in 1989. Today these programs provide extensive case management to families, youth and single women to help them address the issues that caused them to become homeless. Community Services operate throughout Rock Island, Mercer and Henry counties.

In 2008, we provided Outreach services to 8,381 households representing 19,063 persons:

- **Utility Assistance** - 7,568 Households
- **Basic Needs**
 - Rent and Security Deposits - 403 Households
 - Clothing and Furniture - 707 Households (\$17,235)
 - Food - 1331 Households
 - Miscellaneous Basic Needs - 227 Households
- **Homeless Services**
 - Transitional Housing - 44 Households /91 Individuals
 - Case Management and Outreach 566 individuals
- **Scholarships** - 12 Scholarships



Housing

Helping people find and maintain affordable, clean and safe housing has been a part of Project NOW's mission since our inception:

- **Weatherization** - 130 homes
- **Property Rentals** - 122 families representing 285 individuals
- **Homebuyer** - 6 homes
 - Homebuyer Education - 193 persons
 - Foreclosure Prevention - 24 persons
- **Rehabilitation** - 33 homes

Project NOW first started housing-based programming with home weatherization in 1977.

Project NOW expanded into rental property development in the 1990s to help individuals and families gain access to clean, safe, affordable housing. Project NOW has housed 3,000 persons in our affordable housing units.



Paul Fessler
Housing Director

Homebuyer and homeowner **assistance programs** were also added to the Housing Division in the 1990s. Our homebuyer education classes help make the American Dream a reality.



Since 1994 Project NOW has educated 2,106 people on how to purchase a home and we have helped 660 households purchase or rehab a home of their own.

