

SMALL BUSINESS LOANS

We assist Small Businesses with start-up or expansion funds, helping create & retain jobs for low-income persons.

This **Community Services Block Grant Funding** promotes economic growth in Henry, Mercer, & Rock Island Counties!

Up to \$20,000 per job created.

Find out more at: www.projectnow.org



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BUILDING

Community



Annual Report 2013



BUILDING Community

IMPROVING LIVING CONDITIONS ... IT'S A MATTER OF

Dignity

- 90 homes were **Weatherized** to create greater energy efficiency and housing safety
- 7,797 homes were made more livable with LIHEAP **Utility Assistance**
- 116 homes received additional energy related help through Mid American and Ameren funds.
- 544 families had **Utilities Restored** after being disconnected
- 68 families received **Emergency Furnace Repair/Replacement**
- 179 families received **Rent and Deposit** assistance, preventing or reducing homelessness.
- 3640 meals were served to children through the **Summer Food Program**.



INCREASING OWNERSHIP STAKE IN OUR COMMUNITIES

- 12 families became **Homeowners** through help with education, down payment, closing costs and major rehabilitation.
- 425 individuals attended Project NOW's monthly Homebuyer Education workshops.
- 500 **Farmer Market Coupon** Booklets sent seniors shopping at local Farmers' Markets for \$10,500 of fresh produce.
- 127 families (234 individuals) were housed in Project NOW's 91 **Affordable Housing Rentals**, strengthening families & neighborhoods.
- 6 families received substantial **Home Rehabilitation**, improving their homes to meet Housing Quality Standards.



Project NOW Staff making a career of "Building Community"

Service

									
Stella Schneekloth 32 years	Patsy Bewley 31 years	Rick Early 30 years	Nancy Pulfrey 30 years	Denise Haga 29 years	Elisa Pizano 28 years	Donna Hymes 26 years	Marianne Moore 25 years	Tammy Harker 24 years	Gwen Branch 23 years



INCREASING SELF-SUFFICIENCY restoring

Hope

- 566 Homebound seniors remained living independently with the help of 62,141 **Home-Delivered Meals**.
- 422 seniors got social by attending area **Senior Meal Sites** - enjoying 24,325 meals.
- 487 seniors lived independently thanks to 9,243 rides of **Transportation**.
- 5,409 units of Information/Outreach for 2,506 seniors.
- **PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION** via **RIM Rural Transit** is making rural Rock Island and Mercer Counties more mobile. 5,524 rides transported Rural passengers to many different essential destinations.

In Partnership with MetroLINK, The **84 Express** is up and running in 2013, carrying passengers to and from Upper Rock Island County for employment!

RIDE THE RIM!!



PROJECT NOW
CORE VALUES

Service
Dignity
Integrity
Community
Hope

BY...



ACHIEVING POTENTIAL

- **Outreach Services** were provided to **22,826** customers.
- **Transitional Housing** served **44** families including **86** persons with extensive case management & **13,818** nights of housing, helping them end homelessness & achieve their goals.
- **517** families in crisis received **Emergency Assistance**, including **119** medical needs.
- **22** families received **Supportive Housing Case Management**.
- **10** customers went to college/trade school thanks to **CSBG Scholarships**.
- **416** children from **388** families enrolled in **Head Start**
 - 100% (208) age eligible children transitioned to Kindergarten.
 - 94% of children were below the poverty level
 - 31% of families spoke English as a 2nd language
 - 10 families were homeless at enrollment
 - Over 10% of children received treatment for diagnosed disabilities.
 - 96% of children received medical & dental examinations
 - 100% of children had doctors & dentists leaving Head Start
 - Unable to serve 265 applicants. 36% of eligible children were served.
 - Average Monthly enrollment was 100% of the 360 funded children



Bill Logan
23 years



Lisa Lee
23 years



Alice Abbott
22 years



Monique Lampe
22 years



Leticia Cruz
21 years



Mo Hart
21 years



Lee Wates
20 years



Laurie Ricketts
20 years



Sherry DeShane
20 years



Rachel Beers
20 years



Joyce King
20 years



Richard Kincaid
20 years



HEAD START RESOURCES

Over **650** volunteers, including **237** fathers and father figures, supported Head Start. Family Engagement strengthens Partnerships with **\$20,000** of private funding & over **\$766,000** of donated services.

Head Start's 2011 Federal Review had **no findings**. Our Next review is in 2014.

Head Start's 2012-13 budget includes: **\$3.26 Million** in public (**\$2.63 Million**) & private funding.

The 2013-2014 budget will be the same as prior year.

Budget Expenditures Included: Personnel, In-Kind, Cost Allocation, Occupancy, Furniture, Equipment, Vehicles, Nutrition, Travel, Supplies, Parent Services, & Other Child Costs.

Building **Community** through...

Partnerships



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QUALITY USED CLOTHING

In **2013**, we served **677** families in need at no cost to them.

Build Community by donating to and shopping at **Good Things NOW!**

2000 3rd Avenue, Rock Island (309) 793-6353
605 SW 3rd Street, Aledo (309) 582-3244

Audited FINANCIALS - YEAR END 06/30/13

Revenue

Federal	\$ 8,758,612
State	\$ 1,924,705
Local	\$ 232,156
Project Income, Donations & Other	\$ 935,165
In-kind	\$ 187,201
Total Revenue	\$12,037,839

Expenses

Utility Assistance	\$ 4,861,228
Head Start	\$ 2,844,885
Weatherization	\$ 644,150
Outreach	\$ 477,915
Senior Services	\$ 1,209,159
Housing	\$ 544,502
Homeless Services	\$ 739,928
Property Rentals & Unrestricted Activities	\$ 653,512
Total Expenses	\$11,975,279

Project NOW received an unqualified audit opinion with no audit findings.

2013 Family of Distinction

The Takeisha Muhammad Family

In October of 2011, Takeisha Muhammad came to Project NOW in search of help for school-related expenses. At the time, she was an expectant mother working to complete her GED, but was struggling to cover the expenses of school along with meeting basic necessities. She was placed into Project NOW's

Family and Community Development (FCD) Program to provide her with case management and assistance to help meet her needs and achieve her goals of attending Cosmetology college. Through Project NOW's support and Takeisha's hard work and determination, she graduated from La'James Cosmetology College in March 2013 and immediately found work. She has transformed from an expectant mother with challenging circumstances into an accomplished single mother with a bright future ahead.

Our Mission

We Strengthen Communities by Helping People Help Themselves And One Another!!

Integrity

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Project NOW Community Action Agency has been **Building Community** for 45 years!

Although our multi-faceted programming may not jump out as you stroll through our communities, you can rest assured that we are very present to the families and individuals you meet along the way. Because of our services, they may have their utilities turned on, or have food on their table, their children enrolled in Head Start, their home weatherized, or their rent paid; be eating a Home-Delivered hot meal, renting from us, benefiting from a ride to an essential service; have actually purchased the home you are passing, or received major home modifications so they can live in decency.

Project NOW is part of a great community that gets involved to make things better. Project NOW's Board of Directors and staff take this time to thank our community partners for working with us in

Building Community!!

Maureen "Mo" Hart

Executive Director



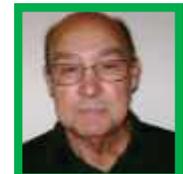
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