

Community Projects

Food Drives—throughout the year schools, faith communities, scouts, businesses and civic organizations help replenish the CAP Agency Food Shelf.

Give Where You Live—fundraising campaign to support services and programs of the CAP Agency.

School Supply Distribution—children in Scott and Carver counties start school with backpacks full of school supplies. The backpacks and school supplies are donated by community members, businesses, civic organizations and faith communities.

Hope for the Holidays—adopt-a-family holiday gift sponsorship project ensures a happy Holiday for children and families in Scott and Carver counties. To ensure that no child is forgotten during the holiday season, CAP welcomes **Toy Drives** to provide gifts for children whose families did not participate in the adopt-a-family project. Parents can select from the gifts and toys that are donated through toy drives. Last year, over 5,000 individuals received holiday gifts.

Minnesota FoodShare Campaign—CAP participates in the March statewide campaign which supports local food shelves.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers—1,895 volunteers donated approximately 70,571 hours of time last year to help bring CAP services and programs to area residents. Among the volunteer opportunities are; Meals on Wheels, Crisis Nursery, Head Start, Food Shelf, CHORE, Thrift Shop, and Childcare.

Data reflects 2008-2009 services.

Community Support

Donations—to support the programs and services of the CAP Agency, you can send your donations to the CAP Agency at 712 Canterbury Road South, Shakopee, MN 55379. Credit card donations are accepted online at www.capagency.org or by calling 952-496-2125.



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*The CAP Agency assists and empowers people
to achieve social and economic well-being
by providing services in partnership
with our communities.*

Investing in People, Building Community

The CAP Agency is a private non-profit organization serving children, families, and older adults in Scott, Carver, and Dakota counties. The agency is part of a national community action association focused on reducing poverty through Case Management, an integrated service approach that addresses strengths and barriers and creates a plan for increased self-reliance. Organized in 1965, the CAP Agency's various programs "fill the gap" by providing assistance not available elsewhere. The agency provided services to approximately 42,000 residents in the three county area, October 2008-September 2009.

Programs and Services

Nutrition

Meals on Wheels—annually provides home delivery of more than 53,500 nutritious, hot meals to 350 home-bound residents in Scott, Carver, and Dakota counties.

Senior Dining—each year offers 99,000 nutritious, hot noon meals to nearly 1000 older adults at 20 congregate dining sites throughout Scott, Carver, and Dakota counties.

Food Shelf—a five-day supply of nutritionally balanced food is provided to 1,000 individuals and families each month in Scott and Carver counties.

WIC (Women, Infants, and Children)—promotes good health by providing nutrition information and counseling along with supplemental foods to over 2,400 women, infants, and children every month in Scott and Carver counties.

Education

Head Start—a family-centered preschool program providing education, social services, and health and nutrition services to more than 500 children 3 or 4 years old (before September 1) and their families living in Scott, Carver, and Dakota counties. **Early Head Start** is a home-based, year-round program for infants and toddlers (ages 0-3) and their parents residing in Dakota county. Group activities for the entire family are also provided.

Healthy Families—supports new and expectant parents from Carver and Dakota counties in the areas of child health and development, positive parenting skills, and a safe home environment through a home visiting program. Referral required.

Childcare and Crisis Care

Crisis Nursery—offers families in Carver and Scott counties up to 24 hours of overnight care or up to 5 days of day care for their children when the family is in crisis. Additional services are also available to help parents resolve the situation. 59 families, with 207 people, turned to Crisis Nursery for help.

CCR&R (Child Care Resource & Referral)—connects families to childcare and supports childcare professionals in Scott and Carver counties.

Energy-Related Assistance

Energy Assistance Program—provides financial assistance to help renters and homeowners in Scott, Carver, and Dakota counties pay a portion of their energy bill. Funds may also be available for energy crisis situations and energy-related repairs. Last year 6,322 households received energy assistance and 2,480 households received crisis assistance.

Weatherization—helps reduce heating and cooling costs by providing insulation, caulking, minor furnace repairs, and furnace replacement services to more than 160 homeowners in Scott and Carver counties.

Energy Related Repair Program—assists homeowners in correcting hazardous and life-threatening safety or no heat problems due to malfunctioning or nonfunctioning heating systems. Last year, 138 homeowners in Scott, Carver, and Dakota counties received the safety repairs and installations.

Conservation Improvement Program—over 1,200 families in Dakota and Scott counties received electric conservation services and materials. CAP Agency partners with Dakota Electric, Minnesota Valley Electric and Shakopee Public Utilities to promote electrical conservation.

Clothing and Items

Thrift Shop—gently used clothing and small household items are available to residents of Scott, Carver, and Dakota counties at reasonable prices. The Thrift Shop is located at the CAP Agency office in Shakopee.

Emergency Services

Emergency Services—helps families in Scott and Carver counties get through an immediate crisis when all other resources have been exhausted. Families receive a grant or loan to assist with housing, employment, medical or personal issues.

Housing and Homeless Prevention

Permanent Supportive Housing—provides a CAP owned, rental unit for homeless individuals and families with disabilities in Scott, Carver, and Dakota counties. Last year, this program housed 28 households.

Mainstream Section 8 Housing—provided 60 rental vouchers for individuals and families with disabilities in Dakota county.

Transitional Housing—provides a CAP owned rental unit to homeless families and individuals in Scott and Dakota counties (limit of two-year occupancy.) 29 families with 69 individuals received assistance last year.

HUD Transitional Housing—provides a rental voucher for homeless families living in Scott and Carver counties.

Other Programs and Services

Chore—volunteers help with indoor and outdoor home maintenance for Scott and Carver county older adults so they can live independently in their own homes for as long as possible.

FAIM (Family Assets for Independence in Minnesota)—helps qualified wage earners in Scott, Carver, and Dakota Counties to save for post-secondary education, first time home ownership or starting a business. FAIM matches \$3 for every \$1 saved. Financial literacy classes are required.

Food Support Outreach—helps Minnesotans with low-income get the food they need for sound nutrition and well-balanced meals. Under the guidance of the USDA and DHS, monthly benefits are issued in the form of a re-usable Electronic Benefit Transfer card.