

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. Kick-off event is “A Vine-a-Fare” held each year in mid-November.

School Supply Distribution—over 4,200 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 6,300 individuals received holiday gifts.

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

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers—1,829 volunteers donated approximately 62,552 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.

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 by calling 952-496-2125. All donations to the CAP Agency are deductible to the extent allowed by law.

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Committed to promoting and sustaining social and economic self-reliance for the residents of Scott, Carver, and Dakota counties

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. Each year, the agency provides services to approximately 32,000 residents in the tri-county area.

Programs and Services

Nutrition

Meals on Wheels—annually provides home delivery of more than 53,000 nutritious, hot meals to home-bound residents in Scott, Carver, and Dakota counties.

Senior Dining—each year offers nutritious, hot noon meals to nearly 1,000 older adults at 20 congregate dining sites throughout Scott, Carver, and Dakota counties.

Food Shelf—located in Shakopee, a five-day supply of nutritionally balanced food is being 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.

Dakota Healthy Families—supports 52 new and expectant Dakota county parents in the areas of child health and development, positive parenting skills, and a safe home environment through a home visiting program.

Childcare and Crisis Care

Crisis Nursery—offers families in Carver and Scott counties up to 72 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. Last year, 88 families turned to Crisis Nursery for help.

Kid Connections Child Care—open to families seeking childcare by qualified, caring, licensed staff.

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 4,950 households received energy assistance and 1,127 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 55 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, 84 homeowners in Scott, Carver, and Dakota counties received the safety repairs and installations.

Conservation Improvement Program—over 1,533 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.

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.) 26 families and 13 individuals received assistance last year.

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

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.

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.

Healthy Living Education Series for Seniors—offers monthly seminars for Carver County Seniors featuring speakers on a variety of health related topics, various health screenings, and opportunities for social interaction.

Ways to Work— assists qualified households in Scott, Carver, and Dakota Counties to purchase affordable transportation. Must be employed, have minor children in the home and be able to make monthly payments for 2 years. Insurance coverage and financial literacy classes are mandatory.

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.