

COMMUNITY ACTION, INC.
COMMUNITY SERVICES TEAM
QUARTERLY REPORT
January 1, 2010 – April 30, 2010

KEY STRATEGY: *To design, develop, and implement a comprehensive and innovative service system for all clients who seek to enhance their quality of life.*

ENERGY ASSISTANCE:

The Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) program year is January 1 – December 31. We began this year with funding in the amount of \$645,539.00, which is only slightly less than last year's record funding level of over \$700,000. The CEAP funds are used to assist eligible households in Hays, Caldwell and Blanco Counties with their energy bills and replacement of inefficient heating and cooling appliances. As of April 30, the CEAP staff has already assisted 540 unduplicated households and has committed and/or expended over 50% of the funding allocation. In addition, the team also assisted 44 households with funding from local utility companies (PEC and SMEU).

CSBG CASE MANAGEMENT:

There have been two households (8 individuals) enrolled into the CSBG Case Management Program during this reporting period. Our annual goal for persons to transition out of poverty is 22 this year.

HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION (ESGP):

The ESGP program year began September 1, 2009. As of April 30, a total of 55 households (182 individuals) have been assisted in Hays and Caldwell Counties with almost \$30,000 in rental assistance to prevent evictions, payment of first month's rent to help secure permanent housing, and utility assistance to help prevent homelessness.

SENIOR CITIZEN CENTERS:

BLANCO: The Blanco Senior Center has been very busy the first few months of this year. After being notified by the Gem of the Hills Community Center Board of their intent to terminate our lease agreement, staff has been busy trying to find a suitable space in Blanco to house our Senior Citizen Program. In spite of that, the Center was still able plan a field trip for the senior participants. CARTS transported ten seniors to Austin to eat Chinese food and attend a movie at the Regal Westgate Theatre. Trips like these are made possible by generous donations from the Blanco community. The Blanco Senior Center would like to thank Pedernales Electric Cooperative (PEC) for its recent "Light the Way" donation to our program. We are proud to be recognized by PEC as an organization that provides invaluable support and services to the community.

SAN MARCOS: The San Marcos Senior Citizen Center started the new calendar year with a new Center Director. The new Director is very enthusiastic and comes to the Agency with a wealth of local knowledge and community resources. The Center has been "uplifted" with new curtains made by the seniors with material that was donated to the Center. The seniors celebrated Easter with a well attended Easter Egg Hunt and luncheon. The Mayor of San Marcos even stopped by to say a few words. The San Marcos Senior Citizen Center offers a variety of services daily to all seniors age 60 and above.

Case management services are provided in Hays, Caldwell and Blanco Counties through the programs listed above. Please see the agency website at www.communityaction.com for additional information.

If you have any additional questions, please contact Tina Morrow, Community Services Director at 512-392-1161, ext. 309 or by email at tmorrow@communityaction.com.