

# Victories Everyday



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## Families Staying Warm This Winter

CAA's Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) will help over 20,000 families keep the heat on this winter. HEAP provides financial assistance to eligible households who are in disconnect status or have received a disconnection notice. The winter program, known as Emergency HEAP, began November 2 and will run until March 31.

## Weatherization Day 2009

In honor of National Weatherization Day on October 30, CAA invited community members and legislators to witness home weatherization first-hand. CAA's home weatherization team performed a variety of weatherization techniques on a home in Lincoln Heights. Guests, including State Rep. Denise Driehaus and Lincoln Heights officials, observed the weatherization process which included insulating walls and testing appliances.

## Join Us on the Web

Have you surfed around CAA's new website? Followed us on Twitter? Become our fan on Facebook?

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## Dates to Remember

### Cincinnati Manufacturing Certificates Graduation

Friday, Dec 4  
5:30 p.m.

Longworth Hall—Suite 148

### Fatherhood Initiative Holiday Kickoff Party

Wednesday, Dec 16  
5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

CAA—Life Learning Center

Thursday, Dec 17  
5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
Ted Berry Head Start

CAA will be closed on:

Friday, Dec 25  
Friday, Jan 1, 2010

## YouthBuild Construction & Training Program Comes to Cincinnati

Over one hundred young adults lined up outside of CAA's Executive Offices for the YouthBuild Kickoff Event on September 19th. Applicants were able to speak with staff about the new program and participate in on-site interviews. The YouthBuild staff will give 54 young adults the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in the construction field and obtain their GED. Staff will also work with students to encourage mental toughness and provide life skills training. The eight month curriculum is 50 percent education, 40 percent construction training, and 10 percent life skills development. Upon successful completion of the program, youth will earn a national certification in construction and receive assistance finding employment with their new credentials.



## Anthony Muñoz Helps CAA Celebrate 45 Years of Service

Former Cincinnati Bengals player and well-known local youth advocate Anthony Muñoz joined CAA to celebrate its 45th Annual Luncheon. The luncheon serves as a time to look back over the past year of service to celebrate successes, better understand the challenges that lie ahead, and reaffirm CAA's commitment to serving

low-income families in Hamilton County. Mr. Muñoz toured CAA's Executive Offices at Jordan Crossing, where he met with various departments, visited the Head Start Life Learning Center, and learned what special developments lie ahead for CAA's 46th year.

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## Anthony Muñoz Helps CAA Celebrate 45 Years of Service cont.

In his keynote address, Mr. Muñoz spoke on how the key to success is considering the impact on the community when making important decisions. CAA recognized six Bridge Builders for their commitment to our community: Bishop E. Lynn Brown, Christian Methodist Episcopal Church; Rosa Maria Moreno, Cincinnati State Technical & Community College; Cindy Givens, Duke Energy; Ron Gore, Cincinnati Central Credit Union; Allied Construction Company; and Success by 6. Judge Theodore N. Berry, son of former Cincinnati mayor Theodore M. Berry, presented the Ted Berry Employee of the Year Award to Josh Fletcher, CAA's Facilities Manager. PNC Bank and Cincinnati Children's Medical Center were Presenting Sponsors of this year's event.



## CAA News Briefs

After many months of hard work and perseverance, 37 young adults in CAA's **Blueprint for Success** program graduated to a better life. The sixth Blueprint class celebrated their success on November 12 with family members, friends, community partners, and future employers. Seven of the graduates have enrolled in higher education, 22 have secured employment, and two are working together to develop their own business with CAA's Greater Cincinnati Microenterprise Initiative.



On October 8, Head Start joined over one million readers for **Jumpstart's Read for the Record**. The one-day international campaign brings preschoolers and adults together to enjoy reading the same book on the same day. CAA teachers and guests read *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle to Head Start children.



On September 29, CAA's **Head Start Policy Council** attended the opening night performance of *The Color Purple*. The Cincinnati Herald and Broadway Across America generously donated the tickets to our Policy Council. By serving on Policy Council, Head Start parents work with CAA staff to plan activities and educational programming.



### Did You Know...

... that low-income families typically spend 17% of their total income on energy, versus 4% of other households?

**Tip:** To ensure proper air flow, make sure heating vents are not blocked by draperies, furniture or rugs.

*\*Tip provided by Duke Energy*

## Nutrition Education & Training Program

CAA has begun a new program to help families live healthier and grow up strong. The **Nutrition Education & Training Program** will teach low-income families how to make healthy food choices on the go and on a limited budget. Each two-class session will provide families with easy, affordable recipes and shopping tips. After successfully completing a session, participants have the opportunity to test out their newly acquired skills with a free bag of groceries. To learn more, call 513.569.1840 ext. 2414.