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May is Community Action Month

Cincinnati-Hamilton County CAA Advances Equity, Builds Resilience, Sustains Hope

[Cincinnati, Ohio] May 3, 2021 – 2021 marks the 57th year since the Community Action Network was established to help American families and communities overcome obstacles to poverty. Over 1,000 agencies across the country are working every day to create opportunities and transform the lives of their neighbors, making communities stronger and helping families across the U.S. thrive.

This year, Community Action Agency of Cincinnati and Hamilton County marks Community Action Month honoring families and their stories of perseverance and courage during this disruptive and difficult pandemic year.

“Each May, during Community Action Month, we reflect on the impact of CAA and our network has had on families,” said Mark B. Lawson, CAA president/CEO. “Whether it’s eviction prevention, emergency utility assistance, food pantries, take-home learning kits, or rapid re-employment pathways, CAA has served clients with life-changing services to help families achieve financial stability.”

“Now, more than ever, our work is all about advancing equity, building resilience and sustaining hope,” he added.

In that spirit, this month CAA is launching a year-long “Share Your Story” initiative to collect, document and share the obstacles families have overcome, lessons learned, transitions and transformations all brought on by the far-reaching effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Clients, in their own words, will be profiled on CAA’s website to honor remarkable tenacity and resilience.

For more information about the Community Action Agency, to share a story and/or to seek assistance, please visit cincy-caa.org.

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ABOUT HAMILTON COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY- Through our network of donors, employees and volunteers, YOUR Hamilton County Community Action Agency (CAA) provides

low and moderate-income individuals the opportunity to improve the quality of life for themselves, their families and their communities. CAA offers job training, housing assistance, heating assistance, entrepreneurial coaching, Head Start and Early Head Start. Established in 1964 by Theodore Berry Sr. as part of President Lyndon B. Johnson's historic "War on Poverty" initiative, the goal of CAA is to inspire dreams and improve lives.