



Hello Friend,

This year has brought unprecedented challenges. We know that families in our community— our neighbors — are struggling. It is times like these that reveal the importance of standing side-by-side in partnership as a community family.

Folks like Courtney Smith have been hit especially hard by this pandemic. Last week, [WCPO told Ms. Smith's](#) story about the setbacks she has suffered because of the pandemic and how your Community Action Agency has been there for her. Since August, we have helped Ms. Smith and some 4,000 others in Cincinnati and Hamilton County struggle to pay rent, mortgage, or utilities.



Thank you for being with us as we work to help our neighbors. Thank you for your support, whether that is with a small donation, an offer to volunteer, a good word for us, or a gift that creates new momentum. I am grateful to have you with us now!

We will continue to make it through this together.

Best Wishes,

Mark B. Lawson, Esq.
President/CEO

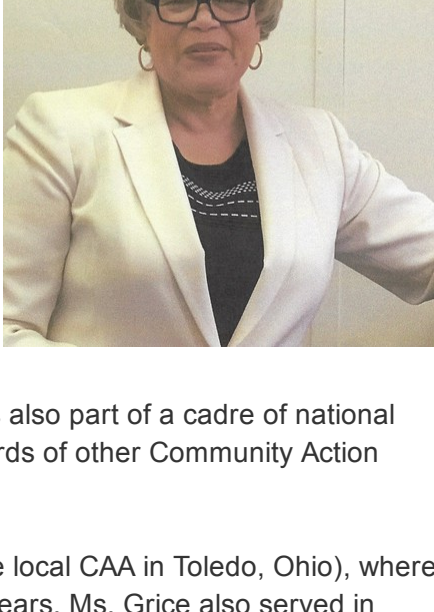
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CAA In Action

Cheryl Grice Joins CAA

Community Action Agency welcomes Cheryl Grice as Vice-President of Community Services.

Ms. Grice has been connected to the Community Action Network throughout her career. She worked for the State of Maryland, where she served as Deputy Director of the Maryland Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) and was later appointed to serve as Director of the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) of Maryland.



Much earlier in her career, Ms. Grice worked as a Training Officer at the Urban Services Agency, where she provided training to agency staff and their board of directors. She was also part of a cadre of national Community Action Agency trainers who worked with the boards of other Community Action Agencies across the nation.

Most recently, Ms. Grice served as CEO of Pathway, Inc. (the local CAA in Toledo, Ohio), where she retired in February 2020 after serving for just over five years. Ms. Grice also served in several leadership roles at IMPACT Community Action in Columbus, Ohio.

"We are excited to welcome Cheryl to the CAA team. Not only will she bring dedicated experience and passion to serving our clients, but she will be a great role model for each of our staff who come into contact with her," Mark Lawson.

Community Support

Rapid Re-Employment Opportunity

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Lost your job because of COVID-19?

We're here to help!

CAA in partnership with Cincinnati Works, Easter Seals and The Urban League will assist you in finding gainful employment using your current skillsets.

For more information contact:
 Beverly Schurig | Employment Coach
 Office: 513.924.2045
 Cell: 513.549.6439
BSchurig@cincy-caa.org

Ohio's Home Relief Program

OHIO HOME RELIEF PROGRAM

RENT, WATER, MORTGAGE, SEWER

Ohioans who are behind on their rent, mortgage, water, and/or sewer payments may be eligible for assistance through the Coronavirus Relief Fund made available by the CARES Act.

ELIGIBILITY

Households at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

LEARN MORE

cincy-caa.org/ohiohomerelief
 Call 513-569-1840, option #4 or email is at epa@cincy-caa.org

Home Energy Assistant Program (HEAP)

NEED HELP WITH YOUR ENERGY BILL?

SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT TODAY TO SEE IF YOU QUALIFY FOR OUR HEAP WINTER CRISIS PROGRAM!

Call 513-685- 4478 option #1 to schedule a 28 days out Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

For Same day emergency appointment call 513-685-4478 option #2 Monday –Thursday starting at 9:00 am to receive an afternoon appointment between 1:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Clients may also schedule appointment online at app.capappointment.com

For more info, visit energyhelp.ohio.gov

Hamilton County Cares

Rent & Utility Relief Program

Hamilton County CARES Rent & Utility Relief Program

Hamilton County Commissioners are teaming up with the Freestore Foodbank, Talbert House, and CAA to help cover rent & utility costs for eligible Hamilton County families affected by the COVID-19 pandemic:

- ✓ **Grants can cover up to 3 months**
- ✓ **For families with low to moderate incomes (80% of Area Median income) Ex. Family of 4 annual income is at or below \$69,050.**

Upcoming Events

LIVE ON FACEBOOK
facebook.com/cincinnatiheadstart

TAKE TIME OUT TUESDAY
Head Start: "It Worked For Me"
Tuesday, December 15
2:00PM - 3:00PM
MODERATED BY
Dr. Ebony Griggs-Griffin
 Director of Education, Head Start

#HeadStartHelps

Marie Davis
 Early Head Start Partnerships Director & Head Start Alumni

Amari Samya
 Head Start Alumni

Courtney Calvin
 CAA Board Member & Past Head Start Parent

COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

DECEMBER 2020 DISTRIBUTION CALENDAR

TUE 12/8 **The Welcome Project**
 2936 Coleraine Ave. Cincinnati, OH 45225
 11:00 a - 1:00 p

MON 12/14 **Tryed Stone New Beginning Church**
 5550 Reading Rd. Cincinnati, OH 45237
 9:00a - 11:00 a

WED 12/16 **Community Action Agency**
 1740 Langdon Farm Rd. Cincinnati, OH 45237
 2:00 p - 4:00 p

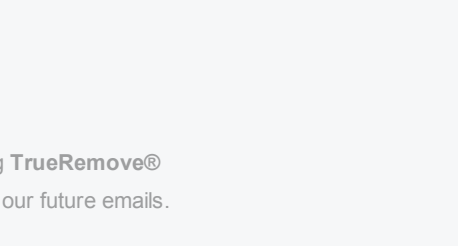
For a full listing of distribution locations, visit cincy-caa.org/mobilefoodpantry

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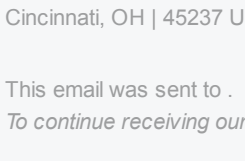
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