

## May is Community Action Month

Clinton County Community Action has been in operation since 1965 serving the low income residents of Clinton County providing services to meet a multitude of needs. Over the years Community Action has operated a range of different programs with the following being a recap of what services were provided during 2019. Community Action is continuing to provide these services during the COVID 19 crisis. For assistance the agency can be reached at 937-382-8365.

- ❖ The agency manages four senior housing projects – Blanchester Senior Villas, located on Madalyn Loftin Drive in Blanchester; Clinton Commons I, located on Commons Lane in Wilmington, Clinton Commons II, located on Jeanie Wilson Way, located in Wilmington and Community Commons on Community Drive, also located in Wilmington. In addition the agency manages two family housing projects – Clinton Glen, located off of Thorne Avenue and Wilmington Apartments located on Howard Street, both complexes are in Wilmington. The properties combined consist of 262 apartments. In 2019 housing was provided to 455 individuals. The complexes are Tax Credit funded which is housing for individuals who make too much for subsidized housing but not enough for market rate housing.
- ❖ The food pantry served 1,262 boxes, assisting 2,239 individuals with food valuing \$96,975.
- ❖ 54 gas cards were distributed to assist clients with medical transportation for appointments outside of Clinton County.
- ❖ The Home Weatherization Assistance Program (HWAP) weatherized 69 dwellings with an average value of over \$7,541 materials installed.
- ❖ The Home Delivered Meals program delivered 31,110 meals across Clinton County, while 6,617 meals were served to senior participants in the Congregate Meals program. In addition 4,180 Passport meals were delivered.
- ❖ 6,204 rides were provided to seniors for a variety of needs such as medical appointments and grocery shopping.
- ❖ Other senior assistance programs include: 40 households received monthly food boxes providing food assistance to 50 individuals, 769 hours of wellness activities provided to senior participants, and 295 seniors were assisted with Supportive Services such as Medicare Part D/Medicaid applications and assisting with bill payments.
- ❖ Cleaning services were provided through the Homemaking Program to 211 different clients on a weekly or bi-weekly basis.
- ❖ Head Start provided high quality preschool to 116 children, including 18 children with disabilities (identified by the school district). 98 of the 116 children were eligible because their family income fell below 100% of the Federal poverty guidelines. 10 children were identified as homeless, five were in foster care and three were children who were living with someone other than their parents and the family was over-income (Kinship Care). 34 children were enrolled in our 7.25 hour/4 days a week program, 68 children were enrolled in our 3.5 hour/4 days a week program attending either the morning or afternoon session.
- ❖ 3,885 applications were completed to assist families with their heating and cooling bills through the home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP), Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP), Winter Crisis Program (WCP), and Summer Crisis Program (SCP).
- ❖ At the end of 2019 the CARS Program had 12 current loans for a total amount of \$71,506.25 with an outstanding balance of \$47,418.62. During 2019 two individuals were able to pay off their vehicle and obtain the title.