

The Community Crusader

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Allen County Community Action Center Holds Open House to Showcase Washington DC Newseum Exhibits on the History of Allen County and Kentucky – a Gift from the Turner Family Foundations.

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Photos above include the ribbon cutting by the Scottsville Chamber for the Newseum Exhibits, Western Kentucky University students working on a folk life oral history project for Allen County and the Faces & Voices of Allen County display & interactive kiosk.



Pictured left to right: City Commissioner Bruce Wilkerson, CA CEO Cheryl Allen, Transportation Director Donna Tooley, City Commissioner Melinda Hill, Public Transit Coordinator Ken Merideth, and Bus Driver Hattie Gardner.

Success Corner: GO bg Transit

The Commonwealth of Kentucky's Office of Transportation Delivery presented the 2011 Outstanding Statewide 5307 Agency Award to the City of Bowling Green's GO bg Transit, operated by Community Action of Southern Kentucky. Vickie Bourne Kentucky

Transportation Cabinet Executive Director highlighted GO bg's focus on customer service, employee training, national media recognition and continued ridership increases when presenting the award at the 2011 Kentucky Public Transit Association's Annual Conference.



Foster Grandparent Program's 2011 Old Style Supper & Auction took place on August 12, 2011 at Warren East High School and netted \$2,635 for Community Action's Foster Grandparent Program.



Thanks to the many people and organizations that made our event a success! Thank you to all of our sponsors, council members, auction donors, event volunteers and other supporters. Also, thank you to those who bought tickets, sold tickets or purchased auction items!

TAX PREPARATION VOLUNTEERS WANTED

No matter what your experience level, the Barren River Asset Building Coalition has volunteer positions perfect for you.

Community Action is a proud member of the BRABC and encourages you to volunteer to be a tax preparer, site greeter or ambassador.

- Learn valuable skills
- Build your resume
- Help the local economy
- Work flexible hours
- Volunteer close to home

If you would like to volunteer, please email volunteer@brabc.com to get started!

Weatherization Day is October 30th!

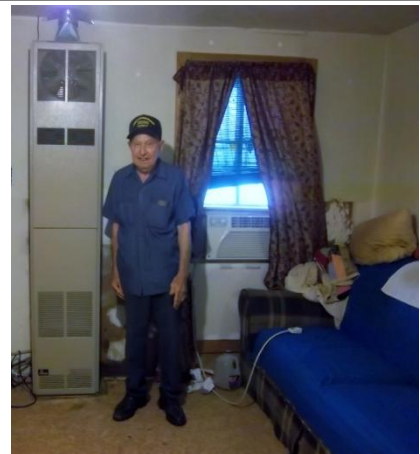
Governor Steve Beshear recently proclaimed October 30, 2011 as Weatherization Day and urged all citizens to mark this observance by recognizing the **important work done by Community Action Agencies across the State of Kentucky**. The goal of the Weatherization Program is to keep Kentuckians warm in the winter, cool in the summer, and safe all year long. This is done through education, testing and evaluation, repairs, insulation, etc.

Last year, Community Action of Southern Kentucky Weatherization Program completed **301 homes** in the 10 county area with a total of **713 individuals** assisted! Weatherization Director Kathy Hunt said, "Weatherization provides an essential service to low income families, while reducing our nation's energy burden."

Weatherization....

- is cost effective
- uses new technologies
- provides long term protection against rising energy prices
- provides training for skilled labor
- stimulates the local economy

For more information on the Weatherization program, visit www.casoky.org or call 782-3162.



Pictured above are two happy Weatherization clients with home weatherized last year.

Community Action of Southern Kentucky has a NEW website!
Visit the new www.casoky.org and check out our new
Facebook and Twitter pages!



Follow us!



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SAVE THE DATE!



April 21, 2012
Community Big Shot at



ROCKCASTLE
SHOOTING CENTER
in Park City, KY





Program Spotlight: Community Services

Many people are familiar with Community Action's Community Services offices helping people in the community with their heating bills in the winter, but Community Services' County Coordinators offer a variety of services to help people be self-reliant in the 10 county area. In addition to helping people with rent, utilities and food, County Coordinators offer job skills training, budgeting, canning & cooking classes, garden education, and more! In Butler and Simpson Counties, Coordinators are the commodities distributor. Some counties help with tax preparation.

Pictured above are participants learning how to make peach freezer jam. This is one example of the many different classes and trainings offered by Community Action's Community Services in the 10 counties. Other photos include cooking, composting and preserving classes.

Community Services include:

- Emergency Food and Shelter
- Employment Enhancement
- Family Self Sufficiency
- Garden Program
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program
- Scholarships
- Supportive Housing program

This project is funded, in part, under a contract with the Cabinet for Health and Family Services with funds from the Community Services Block Grant Act of the US Department of Health and Human Services.



Would you like to give your time to help others?

Do you have a heart for those confronting issues of poverty?

Volunteering just a few hours a week at Community Action of Southern Kentucky you will be rewarded by helping provide opportunities for our most vulnerable families to be self-reliant. Community Action is currently seeking volunteers for our local Community Services office during the Energy Assistance Program, beginning in November and continuing until the end of March 2012. Come join our team and help build stronger communities and change lives locally. Volunteer applications may be picked up at any local Community Action location.

Agency Program Contacts

Cheryl Allen, CEO/Executive Director
 Jenni Basham, Family Preservation
 Magan Belt & Kacey Cole, Food Services
 Robert Chinn, Foster Grandparents
 Brandon Fowler, IT Administrator
 Tracy Haddix, Children's Services
 Michael Hall, RSVP
 Ellie Harbaugh, Associate Director
 Kathy Hunt, Weatherization
 Sandi Knight, Senior Services
 Pam McElhiney, Family Nurturing
 Ken Merideth, Public Transit
 Charity Parrish, Public Information
 Angela Roy, Human Resources
 Susan Simmons, Finance
 Leslie Talley, Community Services
 Donna Tooley, Transportation

Calendar of Events

November 3 Employee Recognition 6:30pm EHS
 November 5 GO Shopping Shuttle/Veterans Day Parade
 November 7 – December 16 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program's Subsidy Component

The Agency will be closed on the following holidays:

November 11	Veteran's Day
November 24-25	Thanksgiving
December 23-26	Christmas
December 30-January 2	New Year's

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