



# 2010 Summary of Accomplishments

Community Action Project of Tulsa County (CAP) is a comprehensive anti-poverty agency that provides supportive services to low-income families in the Tulsa area. Our mission is to help families in economic need achieve self-sufficiency. Our programs and goals reflect our strategic vision of improving the prospects for long-term economic success of very young low-income children, their families, and the communities in which they live. In 2010, CAP reached more than 20,000 households in Tulsa County.



## Early Childhood Education Program

Our Early Childhood Education Program encompasses Head Start and Early Head Start services (center-based and home-based), and the State of Oklahoma Pilot Early Childhood Program. Our program delivers a comprehensive high-quality school readiness curriculum addressing the educational, nutritional, health, social, and emotional needs of low-income children ages birth to five. CAP also partners with Family & Children's Services to provide family support services, and with local health care providers to provide access to medical services. Nearly 2,000 children are served each day, many of whom are racial or ethnic minorities. CAP operates early childhood sites and classrooms throughout the county in close collaboration with Tulsa Public Schools, Union Public Schools, and Sand Springs Public Schools. CAP continues to administer the State of Oklahoma Pilot Early Childhood Program with partner providers serving low-income children birth through three in both urban and rural areas of the state.



## Free Tax Preparation Program

CAP's Free Tax Preparation Program serves low-income residents throughout Tulsa and assists qualified families with obtaining the federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). During the 2010 tax season, 140 volunteers contributed more than 14,000 hours preparing tax returns. As a result, CAP served 17,495 clients and generated nearly \$36 million in refunds. Average client household annual income this year was \$19,371, and the average refund per client was \$1,769. In addition, our Intercultural Tax Service helps non-English speakers file taxes, file for Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers, and reconcile issues with the IRS.

## First-Time Homebuyer Program

As a HUD-certified housing counseling agency, CAP provides both pre- and post-purchase housing counseling and financial management education. All services are offered in both English and Spanish and are designed to help low- and moderate-income clients prepare for successful home purchase and ownership. Down payment and closing cost assistance (up to \$5,000) is also available. More than 300 clients received housing counseling from CAP during 2010 and 100 clients received down payment assistance and closed on a home, thereby leveraging more than \$8 million in first mortgage loans.

## Oklahoma's Promise College Aspiration

CAP is working with five local public high schools to help increase enrollment of students into Oklahoma's Promise, which provides financial assistance for higher education to students with limited financial resources. Oklahoma's Promise will provide free tuition for up to five years at any public Oklahoma college or university, and will cover a portion of tuition at private colleges and universities. During the 2009-2010 school year, CAP reached hundreds of local students with information about Oklahoma's Promise and processed 620 completed applications for enrollment into the program.

## Resident Support Services

CAP owns and operates two multi-family apartment complexes (232 total units) designed to provide affordable, quality rental housing options for low-income families. Resident Support Services focuses on helping these families improve their economic situations and the surrounding neighborhoods in which they live.



## Innovation Lab

The Innovation Lab is responsible for identifying and exploring new approaches to poverty reduction, in addition to providing research, developing and participating in effective collaborations, and building the capacity of the agency to think creatively in our approach to providing anti-poverty services. Two pilot programs that began in 2009, Healthy Women, Healthy Futures and CareerAdvance™, saw tremendous results in 2010. CareerAdvance connects parents to the training and resources needed to gain steady, well-paying jobs in the high-demand field of health care. The program was awarded a five-year, \$10 million grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to expand participation. Healthy Women, Healthy Futures provides health education and medical services to mothers of enrolled children in order to improve their health status and future birth outcomes. The program is currently serving nearly 100 women who have children enrolled at CAP early childhood sites. Innovation Lab also began the Alumni Impact Project in 2010, a multi-year, dual-generational survey project that combines family surveys with public school performance data to develop a deeper understanding of the strengths, needs and interests of low-income families with children.

## Thank You To Our Supporters

As part of CAP's Core Values, we strive for Excellence while holding ourselves Accountable for intended results. We operate our programs with a diverse funding base through a blend of federal, state, United Way, and private donor funds, ensuring we are good stewards with the resources entrusted to us. Additionally, we look to local businesses for in-kind contributions and support, and to community partners for sustained involvement. We would be unable to continue our important work without the generous support of our donors, program partners, and volunteers. We owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to everyone who helps us fulfill our mission consistently and effectively.