



2009 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 2009, CAP reached more than 23,000 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 for the families of enrolled children, and with the University of Oklahoma-Tulsa to provide access to health care services. CAP presently operates 15 sites strategically located around the City of Tulsa. We serve more than 1,900 children, many of whom are racial or ethnic minorities. We operate our program in close collaboration with Tulsa Public Schools, Union Public Schools, and Sand Springs Public Schools. In 2009, we opened a new state-



of-the-art early childhood education center in Sand Springs. CAP continues to operate the State of Oklahoma Pilot Early Childhood Program, and we have 13 partner providers serving low-income children birth through three in both urban and rural areas of the state.

Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) Program

CAP's free tax preparation program serves low-income families who qualify for the federal EITC. During the 2009 tax season, 121 volunteers contributed more than 11,000 hours preparing tax returns. As a result, CAP served nearly 17,000 clients and generated almost \$30 million in refunds. Average client household annual income this year was less than \$20,000 and the average refund per client was \$1,994. In 14 years of operation, the program has served more than 170,000 people and returned more than \$226 million to the Tulsa area. 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. In 2009, more than 400 clients received housing counseling from CAP. Approximately 150 clients have received down payment assistance and closed on a home, thereby leveraging more than \$12 million in first mortgage loans.

Oklahoma's Promise College Aspiration Program

CAP is working with four 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 2008-2009 school year, CAP reached hundreds of local students with information about Oklahoma's Promise and processed more than 340 completed applications for enrollment into the program.

Community Development & Resident Supportive Services

Our Community Development and Resident Supportive Services are designed to provide affordable, quality housing options for low-income families looking to rent or to own. Our services also focus on improving the neighborhoods in which our clients live. CAP's Community Development Program acquires and rehabilitates single-family homes for purchase by lower

income homebuyers. CAP also operates and provides supportive services to residents of two multi-family apartment complexes (232 total units), and rents 34 single-family homes in low-income areas of the city.

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 services. Two pilot programs, Healthy Women, Healthy Futures and CareerAdvance, have begun at several early childhood sites. Healthy Women, Healthy Futures provides health education and services to mothers of enrolled children, in order to improve their health status and future birth outcomes. CareerAdvance connects parents to the training and resources needed to gain steady, well-paying jobs in high-demand fields.



A Special Thank-You to Our Supporters

We strive to operate all of our programs with a diverse funding base through a blend of federal, state, United Way, and private donor funds. We routinely approach both public and private funding sources for ongoing and expanded support, leveraging contributions from all available sources. Additionally, we look to local businesses for in-kind contributions and support, and to community partners for continued 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.