

2013 Annual Report



***SouthEastern Idaho
Community Action Agency
Helping People. Changing Lives.***

From the Executive Director:

SEICAA provides numerous services to southeast Idaho- we like to say that we provide services from cradle to grave. SEICAA, like Community Action Agencies across the nation, provides low- to moderate-income households with the knowledge and tools they need to better themselves so they may achieve economic independence. While it is possible to say that SEICAA provides emergency food and meets energy needs for households in crisis, it is the programs the agency offers that helps people reach personal goals and improve their lives and those of their families.

SEICAA is different from other nonprofits in southeast Idaho, as the programs offered may change based on identified needs discovered through an assessment of low- to moderate-income populations, businesses, and the general public. The information gathered from low-income populations is especially important as the ability to have their voices heard and have a direct impact on the services available in their local community is what makes community action so special. Empowering low- to moderate-income populations benefits those individuals and the greater community as a whole.

SEICAA advocates for better opportunities for our communities. In the last several years, survey respondents have identified better paying jobs as an area of need. SEICAA believes employment that provides a livable wage is essential for those working toward a self-sufficient life.

Please take advantage of the opportunity to influence future programs by completing the needs assessment at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/S8P6HWH>. If you would like to receive updates of SEICAA programs, join us on Facebook or join our email list.

Thank you,



Debra R. Hemmert, Executive Director

**Cover photo: New homeowner in SEICAA's Self-Help Housing Program.*

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Mission Statement:

SEICAA is dedicated to providing opportunity and support for individuals and communities to thrive and reach their fullest potential, promoting self-sufficiency and greater economic independence through services, education, affordable housing, and training.



SEICAA's Community Services is often the first point of contact for individuals. The Community Services division provides programs ranging from emergency food boxes to self-sufficiency programs. SEICAA participates in 20 food drives, hosts or receives items from 6 school supply drives, 2 baby needs drives, and accept donations from the community.

Nutrition Programs

- 4,670 food boxes provided
- 9,469 USDA Commodities items distributed
- 1,734 households received items through the Market Salvage Program

Personal Care

- 654 households accessed personal hygiene items
- 218 households were provided with baby care items
- Working Closet

Youth School Assistance

- 318 children received assistance with school supplies
- 108 students received help with fees related to school and extracurricular activities



Wondering how you can help? SEICAA accepts donations of food, professional clothing, personal hygiene items, and cash donations. All donations are tax-deductible.

Energy Savings Program

SEICAA's Weatherization Program provides a wide-range of cost saving measures including energy audits, energy education, and upgrades to a home's efficiency. Weatherization operates with public and private support.

- 132 homes made more energy efficient with an average spent per home of \$5236
- 25 homes completed in the Savings Around Power Program through a partnership with Idaho Power
- 278 individuals completed energy conservation education
- 505 energy education kits distributed

Energy Assistance

- 5140 households received heating assistance with a total economic impact of \$1,476,005

Utility Assistance

- SEICAA worked through a partnership with the City of Pocatello to assist households with water payments

Youth Empowered Summer (YES) Camp

SEICAA hosted the 2nd YES Camp June 21. Sponsorship and volunteers were provided by Idaho Central Credit Union, Zions Bank, Idaho Power, Intermountain Gas, Pocatello Community Charter School, and University of Idaho Extension Office.

- 95 children learned about energy conservation, financial skills, and nutrition



SEICAA's Self-Sufficiency Programs encourage individuals to utilize agency resources to achieve a more stable, independent life. Self-sufficiency programs include GED services and Family Development. Once individuals have completed their GED and achieved other identified goals, they are referred to asset development programs.

- 82 households completed Family Development case management
- 84 individuals received their GED through tutoring efforts and financial assistance

Veteran Services

Veteran Services provides transitional housing and case management for United States Veterans who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness.

- 55% of all Veterans that entered the program in 2013 moved into permanent housing

Affordable Rental Housing

- 143 units of affordable rental housing to families, the elderly, and chronically homeless individuals



SEICAA utilizes unrestricted funds, such as Stone Soup, to provide assistance with needs not covered through grants. Since 2004, SEICAA's Stone Soup funds have provided \$153,665 in client assistance.

SEICAA's Asset Development Programs provide avenues for individuals to achieve goals once they have reached stability. Assets include savings accounts, increased income, and purchasing a home. SEICAA's homebuyer programs have provided homeownership to 68 households since 2004 and continues to make new homeowners every year.

Self-Help Housing Program

SEICAA builds homes for income-qualified households throughout southeast Idaho. Program participants must pre-qualify before construction begins and provide a limited labor contribution on the home.

- \$365,800 increase in tax value



Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)

VITA provides free tax assistance preparation to qualifying households. Participants saved \$22,457 in fees.

- \$161,957 in returns claimed
- 51 households received Earned Income Tax Credit

Financial Education

- Financial Workshops
- Credit Counseling

Asset Development

SEICAA's Senior Services Programs include food delivery, volunteer opportunities, and mentoring. In 2013, SEICAA returned to 5-day a week hot meal delivery in the Meals on Wheels Program. SEICAA's Senior Services receives support from various organizations and donations from the community to make group mentoring activities possible.

Retired Senior Volunteer Program



- 45,967 hours of time donated, the equivalent of \$700,537 in wages.
- 35 mentors worked with children on literacy and social skills.

Meals on Wheels

- 44,242 nutritious meals delivered to homebound elderly in Chubbuck and Pocatello
- 345 individuals served
- For every dollar spent in the Meals on Wheels Program, \$27 is saved in long-term nursing home care.

Program Highlight:

SEICAA participated in the National Initiative known as "Mayors for Meals," where local officials volunteered to deliver one day in March. SEICAA would like to thank Chubbuck Mayor England for taking part in this activity.



SEICAA encourages self-sufficiency for those who utilize program services; we strive toward this goal as an organization. SEICAA plans and hosts 8 fundraisers in southeast Idaho each year to raise monies to help with non-grant supported emergency needs, GED testing fees, and to support new program initiatives. Fundraisers provide multiple benefits: the obvious access to unrestricted funds, but also fosters relationship building with community members and other community-based organizations. SEICAA is fortunate in the partnerships that have developed along-side each of the fundraising activities in all counties. SEICAA enjoys working in concert with the public to bolster funds to benefit the low- to moderate-income population. In 2013 SEICAA raised \$70,280 through fundraising efforts.

SEICAA celebrated the final Bannock County Stone Soup October 21, 2013. Stone Soup was always a much anticipated, and for many was the signature event, for SEICAA. Although SEICAA enjoyed holding the event and appreciates the support from business, organizations, and the public after 25 years it was time to pass the event to another group. SEICAA looks forward to supporting Bannock Civitan as they reinvigorate Stone Soup in Bannock County.



As SEICAA said farewell to Stone Soup, we welcomed the beginning of a new event, the Pocatello Urban Invasion. SEICAA worked with Old Town Pocatello and Muse Boutique to hold a team obstacle course 5k on April 27, 2013. The Urban Invasion was a great fundraiser that got hundreds of community members together for a one-of-a-kind event for southeast Idaho.



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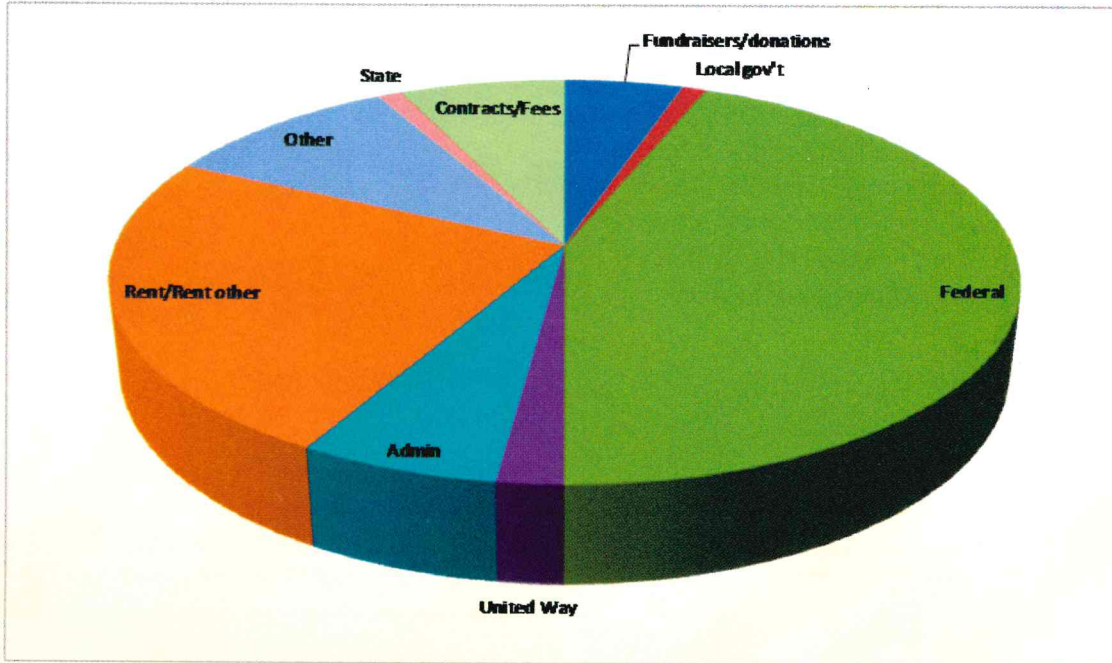
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Promise of Community Action

Community Action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire community, and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.

How SEICAA provides services



Community Organizations

American Legion and Auxiliary
 Bannock Civitans
 Bear Lake Memorial Hospital
 Bingham Memorial Hospital
 Bonneville Neighborhood Association
 Boy Scouts of America Troops
 Caribou Memorial Hospital
 Caribou Trail Riders
 Chambers of Commerce
 Daughters of the Utah Pioneers
 Elks Lodge
 Franklin County Kiwanis Club

Franklin County Senior Center
 ISU Student Organizations
 Military Affair Committee
 NCOA Pocatello
 Nell J. Redfield Memorial Hospital
 Pocatello Pathfinders Snowmobile Club
 Portneuf Healthcare Foundation
 Old Town Pocatello
 Over the Hill Gang ATV Club
 Pocatello Community Service Council
 POW/MIA Awareness Assoc.

S.L.E.D.S.
School District #25 Community
Resource Workers
Soda Springs Rotarians
Soroptimists International of
Blackfoot
Southeast Idaho Senior Games
United Way of Southeast Idaho
VFW Montpelier Post #3884
Vietnam Vets Motorcycle Group

Education Partners

American Falls School District
#381
Bear Lake School District #33
Blackfoot School District Head
Start
Idaho State University
Oneida County School District
#351
Pocatello Community Charter
School
Pocatello/Chubbuck School
District #25
Snake River School District
Soda Springs School District
The Academy at Roosevelt Center
University of Idaho

Faith Based Partners

Blackfoot Bishop's Store House
Central Christian Church
Deseret Industries
First Baptist Church
Gate City Christian Church
Grace Lutheran Church
Jason Lee United Methodist Church
LDS Wards
Lutheran Church of Blackfoot
Montpelier Bishops Storehouse
Rocky Mountain Ministries
Soda Springs Lutheran Church
St. Bernards Church
United Methodist Church

Federal Partners

Corporation for National and
Community Services

Department of Energy
Department of Health and Human
Resources
Department of Housing and Urban
Development
United States Postal Service
USDA
USDA Rural Development
VA Medical Center

Local Government

Bannock County
Bannock County Sheriff
Bannock County Veteran Services
Bear Lake County
Bingham County
Caribou County
City of Aberdeen
City of American Falls
City of Blackfoot
City of Chubbuck
City of Montpelier
City of Pocatello
City of Preston
City of Soda Springs
Franklin County
Idaho Department of Labor
Idaho Transportation Department
Malad City
Oneida County
Pocatello Police & Fire Depts.
Power County

Private/Business Partners

1st National Bar
5th Street Bagel
Advantage Plus Credit Union
Agrium
Alco
Allen Drug
Alliance Home Health
Alliance Title Company
ATC Communications
AutoLiv
Bank of America
Bank of Commerce
Bank Of Commerce
Bear Lake Construction

Bear Lake Heating & Air
Bear Lake Motor
Bear Lake Physical Therapy
Bear Lake Realty Garden City
Bear River Appraisal Brad Smith
Big Rays Equipment
Bi-Lo's
Bing's Art
Bingham Cooperative
Broulim's Supermarket
Blackfoot Golf Course
Century Link
Citizen's Community Bank
Clover Creek Home Furnishings
Comfort Keepers
Cooper's Restaurant
Costco
CWC Video
Deatons
Deborah Flair
Direct Communication
EZ-2 PLZ
First American Title Company
Five Corners Bar
Fort Hall Casinos
Franz
Fred Meyer
Gary Tuescher
Geraldine's
Great American Real Estate Jean
Gould
Greater Pocatello Association of
Realtors
Guardian Home Care and Hospice
Heinz
Hess Pumice Product Inc
Home Helpers
Horsley Funeral Home
Hull Tree Care
Hunzeker Ford
Idaho Central Credit Union
Idaho Enterprise
Idaho First Title Company
Idaho Power
Idaho Salvage
Idaho State Journal
Intermountain Cooling
Intermountain Gas

Ireland Bank
ISU Credit Union
J Peak Propane
Jack B Parson
John Michael McCullough Family
Kach Radio
Kesler's Market
Kewiet Mining Group
Key Bank
King's
KMGI 102.5
KPVI News 6
Kruse Insurance
Lallatins
Lance Funk Farms
Les Schwab Tire's
Lundahls Ironworks
Maag Drug
Maple Street Sit 'N' Sleep
Martha's Cafe
Matthews Mortuary
McKenzie & McKenzie Law Office
Melina's Fine Mexican Food
MOC Propane
Modern Drug
Monsanto
Morning News
Muse Boutique
N.A. Degestrom
Napa Auto Parts
New York Life Insurance
Nitro Graphics
Northern Title
Nucor Steel
Nussbaum Auto Body
Open Doors Writing Services
Oregon Trail Country Club
Paris Grill
Paris Hills
Perkins
Pine Bowl
Pine Ride Mall Management
Pioneer Title Company
Pitcher & Holdaway Attorneys at
Law
Pocatello Rail Road Credit Union
Presto Products
Preston Drug

Preston Golf & Country Club
Preston Hometown Auto
Preston Muffler & Brake
Preston Watts Collision & Glass
Questar Gas Company
Ranch Hand Trail Stop
Recreation Realty
Ridley's Family Market
Rupe's Burgers
Rocky Mountain Power
Rounds and Associates Insurance
Inc.
Ruby Tuesday
S & G Electric Motor
Shopko
Shoshone Bannock Hotel & Event
Center
Simplot
Smiths
Spring Creek Fabrication
Starbucks
State Farm Insurance
Stokes
Teri Eynon Bear Lake Realty
The Bielenberg Family
The Witworth Family
Thomas Electric
Thomas Market
Thunder Plumbing
Tommy Vaughns
US Bank
V-1 Propane
Valley Implement
Valley Wide Co-op Brite Gas
Walmart
Washington Federal Bank
Wells Fargo
Winco
WM Services
Wolford Autobody
Zions Bank

Service Partners

A to Z Family Services
Aberdeen Food Bank
Aberdeen Senior Center
Aid for Friends
Bingham Crisis Center

CAPAI
Caribou County Senior Center
CASA
Community Council of Idaho
Community Dinner Table
Community Frameworks
Disabled American Veterans
Family Service Alliance
Federal Home Loan Bank of
Seattle
Foster Grandparents of
Southeastern Idaho
Greater Pocatello Senior Citizen's,
Inc.
Health West
Idaho Dept. of Health and Welfare
Idaho Food Bank
Idaho Housing and Finance Asso-
ciation
Idaho Legal Aid
Lava Hot Springs Senior Center
Lava Veterans Coalition
Life, Inc.
Marsh Valley Senior Center
Montpelier Housing Authority
North Bingham County Food bank
Oneida County Crisis Center
Pocatello Cycle
Pocatello Firefighters Assoc #187
Pocatello Housing Authority
Pocatello Magazine
Power County Senior Center
Priestley Mental Health
RCAC
Salvation Army
State of Idaho office of Veterans
Advocacy
Shelley Senior Center
SHIBA
SICOG/Area Agency on Aging
Southeastern Idaho Public Health
St. Vincent DePaul Stores
VA Outpatient Clinic