Southeastern Idaho Community Action Agency, Inc. 2018 Community Report





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FROM THE BOARD CHAIR AND CEO:

Dear Friends,

For nearly 50 years SEICAA has developed essential programs to increase self-sufficiency for individuals living in Bannock, Bear Lake, Bingham, Caribou, Franklin, Oneida, and Power counties.

It has been said that, "the only constant in life...is change". While many have given up making predictions, ourselves included, one thing remains very clear at Southeast Idaho Community Action Agency, Inc. (SEICAA): "Change is a constant, and we must be flexible enough to withstand the challenges presented, while pushing ourselves to advocate for and seize the opportunities that will result in making a positive difference in the lives of our most vulnerable community members."

As SEICAA's Board of Directors, leadership team and key staff members worked to develop our Strategic Plan for 2019-2023, we are proud to say that we utilized our mission, National Organizational Standards, and the needs of the citizens we serve to establish a solid vision for the future.

Highlighted in this 2018 Community Report, are the programs SEICAA administered, ranging from emergency services to permanent home ownership opportunities. SEICAA provided over 150,000 units of services to 28,642 individuals. Local businesses and individuals volunteered 35,757 hours to SEICAA for an economic impact of \$787,000.

SEICAA understands that it takes a community-wide effort to address the issues of poverty and appreciates the support of our communities in southeastern Idaho.

Warmest Regards,

Debra R. Hemmert

Kathy Anderson



WHAT IS A COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY

Community Action

"Community Action's effectiveness is measured not only by the services which it directly provides but, more importantly, by the improvements and changes it achieves in the community's attitudes and practices toward the poor."

~Office of Economic Opportunity, Instruction 6320-1, 1970





Why Community Action Agencies are Unique

Most poverty-related organizations focus on a specific area of need, such as job training, health care, housing, or economic development. Community Action Agencies reach out to low-income people in their communities, address their multiple needs through a comprehensive bi-annual Community Needs Assessment, develop partnerships with other community organizations, involve low-income participants in the agency's planning, and administer a full range of coordinated programs designed to have a measurable impact on poverty.

SEICAA's most recent Community Needs Assessment survey revealed the top 3 barriers to securing a higher degree of selfsufficiency as; Employment, Housing, and Education



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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."

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85 Individuals Reduced/Eliminated Barriers to Employment

*\$884,000
increase in
annual income
through
employment
training and
services



*\$90,000 to support continued employment



SEICAA PARTICIPANTS GAIN FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SKILLS AND ACHIEVE THEIR ASSET GOALS THROUGH EDUCATION AND ASSET DEVELOPMENT



Tax Preparation Assistance:

12 Households with low-income received free tax assistance

\$3,600 Saved in tax preparation fees

\$61,488 Tax credits received

Financial Education and Asset Building:

88 Individuals participated in Financial Education program and reported an improved financial well-being.

Households with low-income increased savings by \$4,500

5 Households with low-incomes increased assets by nearly \$1 Million through purchasing a home

#CommunityActionWorks #WeR1000Strong #Homeownership



SEICAA IMPROVES AND REVITALIZES COMMUNITIES THROUGH INCREASING OR SAFEGUARDING THREATENED OPPORTUNITIES

Job Creation or Preservation

- *31 jobs created or saved in southeastern Idaho
- *31 living wage jobs created or preserved in southeastern Idaho



New Housing

- *5 affordable homes constructed and purchased in southeastern Idaho
- *\$900,000 increase in tax value for the communities.

Improved or Preserved Housing

*200 units of safe and affordable housing were preserved or improved in southeastern Idaho

Transportation

*1,155 units of transportation created or expanded in southeastern Idaho

Educational Opportunities

*42 educational and training placement opportunities created or preserved in southeastern Idaho

Youth Increase Academic, Athletic, and Social Skills for School Success

*309 school-aged youth increased skills for school success through SEICAA's youth initiative programs.



HOUSEHOLDS IMPROVE ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND/OR ENERGY BURDEN REDUCTION IN THEIR HOME

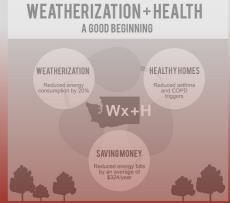


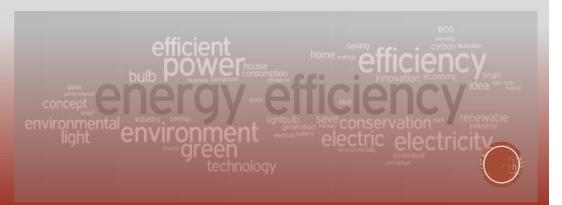
SEICAA's Energy Programs provide an array of cost saving measures including energy audits, energy education, and upgrades to a home's efficiency. SEICAA's Energy Programs operate with public and private support.

Households Improve Energy Efficiency through

- * 43 households increased energy efficiency by \$18,791 annually through energy upgrades completed by SEICAA's Weatherization program.
- Households Maintain Safe and Affordable Housing
 - 24 households maintained safe and affordable housing through SEICAA's home repair programs.
- Households receive energy assistance
 - 3,434 households received energy assistance through one or more of SEICAA's energy programs







LOW-INCOME INDIVIDUALS INVEST IN THE SUCCESS OF THEIR COMMUNITY AND PEERS





Community Enhancement

- *\$100,000 Leveraged through 4,217 volunteer hours
- *5 Individuals participated in formal community organizations, government, boards, or councils that provide input to decision-making and policy setting as a result of SEICAA's efforts.

Community Involvement

*41 People with low-incomes engaged in non-governance community activities or groups created or supported by SEICAA.



SEICAA's goal focused programs encourage individuals to utilize agency and community resources to achieve a more stable, independent life through permanent housing, one-on-one case management, and goal setting.

SEICAA's Veteran Services provides bridge and emergency housing coupled with intense case management for homeless United States Armed Services Veterans and Veterans with families.



Achieving Goals



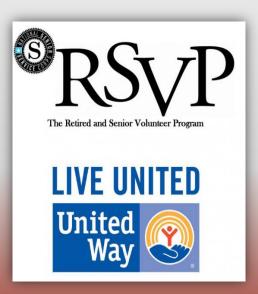
88% of all Veterans in SEICAA's transitional or emergency housing moved into permanent housing

72 households participated in case management

145 units of affordable rental housing provided to elderly, disabled, economically disadvantaged, and /or chronically homeless individuals and families







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Senior Services



SEICAA's Senior Services includes home delivered meals, volunteer opportunities, and youth mentoring.

SEICAA's Senior Services receives support from various organizations and donations from the community that make it possible.

Meals on Wheels

\$8,112,000 in savings to families and care takers for 338 vulnerable individuals that were able to remain independently housed as a direct impact of receiving Meals on Wheels

*Every dollar contributed to the Meals on Wheels program provides a nutritional meal and a health/safety visit to Meals on Wheels participants for 4 days

Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) *35,625 hours donated; an economic impact of \$784,000

*121 at risk

school-aged youth were mentored and/or tutored; an economic savings of \$1.5 Million dollars to families and communities when youth avoid risk taking behavior.



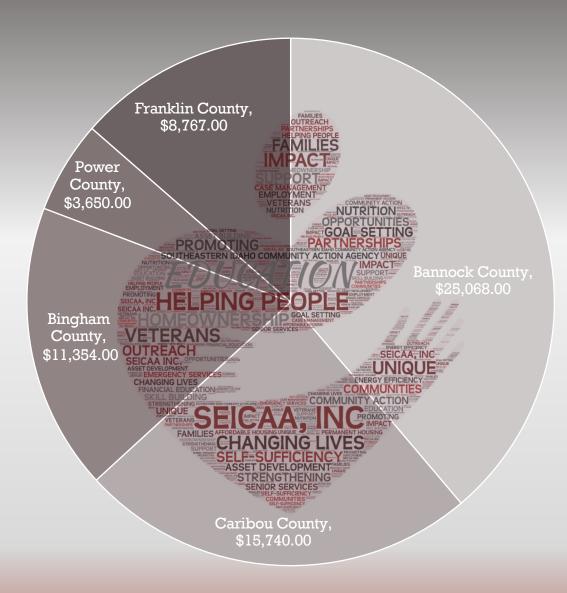
Fundraisers

SEICAA plans and hosts a variety of fundraisers in southeastern Idaho with volunteer assistance to raise funds that help provide assistance for eligible participants: GED Testing fees, minor medical and dental expenses, minor educational and work related expenses, home delivered meals, health and safety visits, utility assistance and some housing expenses.

The partnerships that have developed along-side each of the fundraising activities has unified and built stronger communities in southeastern Idaho.

In 2018 the Agency raised **\$65,000!**

Thank you southeastern Idaho!



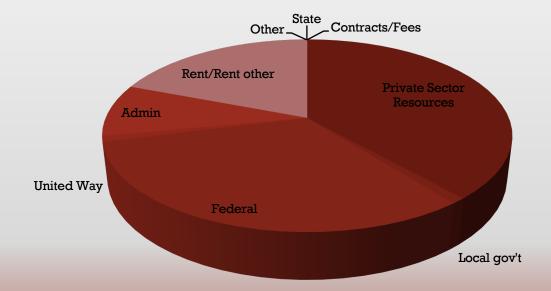


The Promise of Community Action



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.



SEICAA Funding



SEICAA utilizes Federal grants, grants from private and local foundations, donations, and fundraisers to administer and implement the programs and services that are vital to obtaining self-sufficiency for the southeastern Idaho community.

SEICAA rises to the needs of each community it serves through administering a variety of anti-poverty and asset development programs and continues to develop proactive programs to help alleviate the devastating affects of poverty.

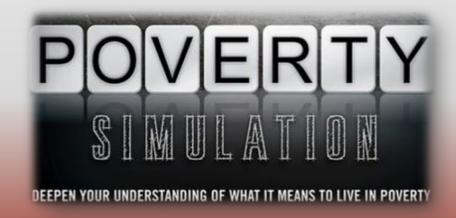
Poverty Simulation

Why have a Poverty Simulation?

Have you ever wondered why it seems so difficult for some people to escape poverty? Have you ever wanted to help but not know how? Understanding the day-to-day reality of poverty is important for everyone involved in fighting poverty - from policymakers to service providers. The COMMUNITY ACTION POVERTY SIMULATION (CAPS) is a unique tool that helps people begin to understand what life is like with a shortage of money and an abundance of stress. Advocate from a place of knowledge as well as compassion.

What choices would you make if you had little time and little money to spare?

If you are interested in having SEICAA host a Poverty Simulation for your organization or business please contact SEICAA's Chief Operations Officer @ 208-232-1114 x113 or information@seicaa.org

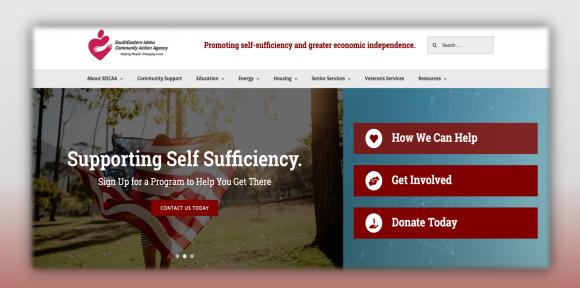






SEICAA has been combating and alleviating the devastating effects of poverty for nearly five decades! This would not have been possible without the continued support and partnerships from the southeastern Idaho community!

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Join us in 2019 as SEICAA celebrates 50 years of #HelpingPeople #ChangingLives

