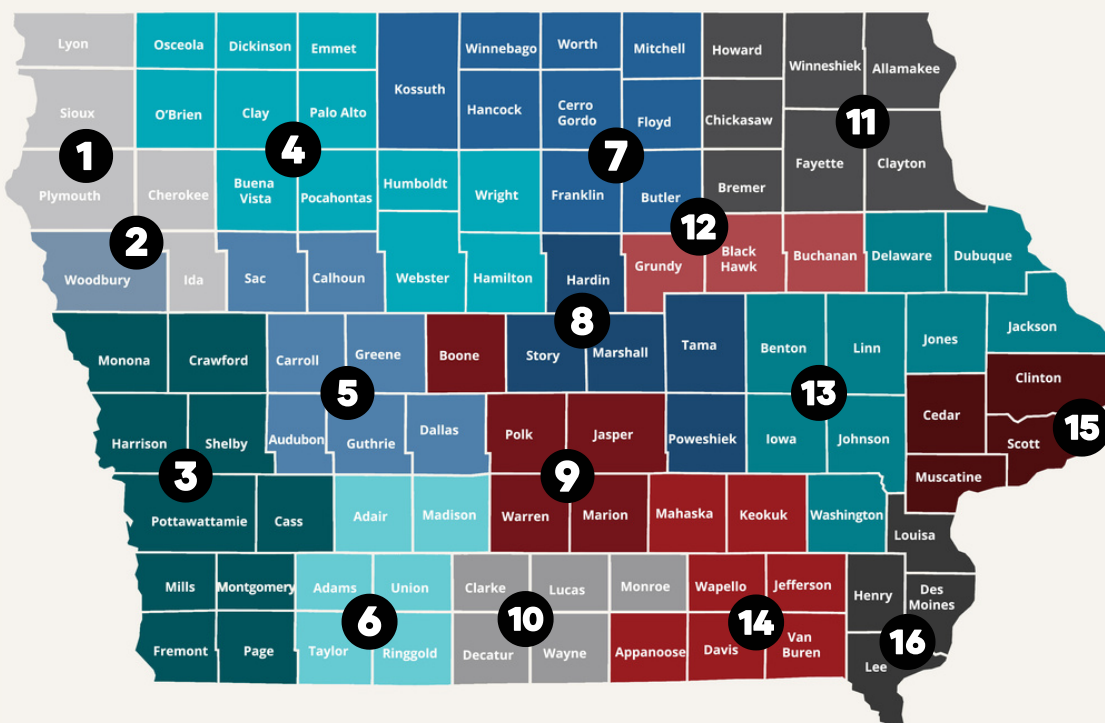


IOWA COMMUNITY ACTION ASSOCIATION

2023 ANNUAL REPORT



Community Action Agencies

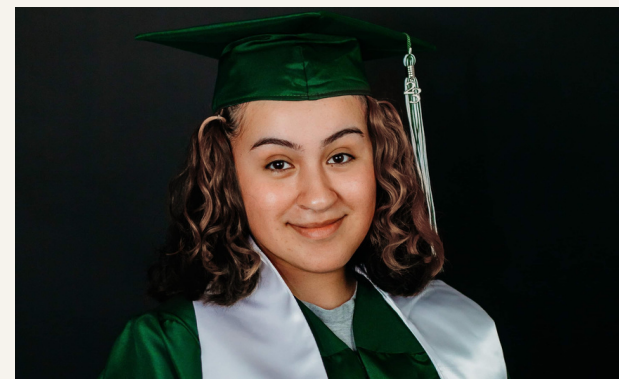
- (1) Mid-Sioux Opportunity, Inc.
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 - (5) New Opportunities, Inc.
 - (6) MATURA Action Corporation
 - (7) North Iowa Community Action Organization
 - (8) Mid-Iowa Community Action
 - (9) IMPACT Community Action Partnership
 - (10) South Central Iowa Community Action Program
 - (11) Northeast Iowa Community Action Corporation
 - (12) Operation Threshold
 - (13) Hawkeye Area Community Action Program
 - (14) Sieda Community Action
 - (15) Community Action of Eastern Iowa
 - (16) Community Action of Southeast Iowa
- TO FIND YOUR LOCAL AGENCY, VISIT: [IOWACOMMUNITYACTION.ORG/FIND-AN-AGENCY](https://www.iowacommunityaction.org/find-an-agency)

EMPOWERING THE COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK TO
ALLEVIATE THE CAUSES AND CONDITIONS OF POVERTY.

WHO WE ARE...

Iowa Community Action Association's mission is to educate, advocate for, and connect Community Action Agencies to amplify a unified voice in service of Iowans facing economic hardship. This Network of **sixteen (16) agencies** leans into their communities' families experiencing economic difficulty and provides a **path toward self-sufficiency**. Community Action does this through a wide range of services, ranging from **emergency support** in a crisis to **innovative strategies** such as two-generation case management. **We are the front door for many families seeking help**, from infants to members of the greatest generation and everyone in between. **Our goal is to empower and help build resilience for families and individuals who are struggling across Iowa's 99 counties.**

WHO WE IMPACT...



FAMILY IMPACT

Community Action Agency of Siouxland
Luz reached out to Community Action Agency of Siouxland in May 2023, **worried that she and her children would be evicted from their home**. Due to her partner's inability to work while recovering from a major surgery and vehicle damages, Luz was struggling to find both employment and childcare for her three children. Through Siouxland's **Homeless Prevention Program**, Luz was assisted with two months of rent and avoided eviction. She was also able to utilize the agency's **crisis food pantry** and obtain enough food to get by until her SNAP benefits renewed for the month. Luz most recently completed applications to get her two youngest children enrolled in the Agency's **Early Head Start program**. As of today, Luz remains current on her rent and is now on Section 8 Subsidized housing. Due in part to this stability, **Luz was able to obtain her high school diploma and is currently working on obtaining her CNA certification at Western Iowa Tech Community College**. Luz hopes to obtain a job as a Certified Nurses Assistant later this year.

AGENCY IMPACT

Mid-Iowa Community Action (MICA)

MICA is in its last year of providing a five-year **Full-Service Community Schools grant project**, in partnership with the **Marshalltown Community School District**.

The project is a continuation of a nearly **25 year partnership** with the district that has had **impacts on summer learning, attendance, and school outcomes**.

Following the grant, the school will be

able to 100% fund, implement, and operate the project independently. The partnership is still ongoing.

MICA's project director, the superintendent, and the director of curriculum were selected to participate this summer in the **Partnerships for Student Success through the Harvard Graduate School of Education**. They'll be working on family engagement together. One concrete example is that the district just hired a trilingual staff member to lead a family engagement and welcoming initiative.



COMMUNITY IMPACT

Hawkeye Area Community Action Program (HACAP)

In 1983, a visionary endeavor was born—the founding of **HACAP's Food Reservoir**. From its modest origins, driven by dedicated commitment, the team distributed approximately **100,000 pounds** of donated and commodity foods to partner agencies. This humble start set the stage for a transformative journey that would touch countless lives with compassion and hope.

Fast forward to **2023**, and the impact of the Food Reservoir is nothing short of



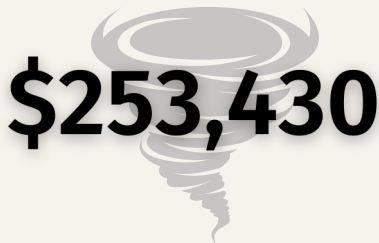
awe-inspiring. Over four remarkable decades, the organization has grown and evolved, becoming a beacon of empowerment for communities in need. Today, it stands tall, on track to distribute over **9.5 million pounds** of food to more than **255 partner agencies** this year alone.

**278,729****INDIVIDUALS SERVED
BY THE IOWA COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK****112,451****HOUSEHOLDS SERVED BY THE LOW-INCOME
HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP)**

*LIHEAP helps eligible households with a portion
of their residential heating costs.*

**926****HOMES WEATHERIZED BY THE WEATHERIZATION
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (WAP)**

*WAP helps make the homes of low-income households
more energy efficient, thereby reducing energy bill costs.*

**\$253,430****DISTRIBUTED THROUGH THE IOWA INDIVIDUAL
ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM (IIAGP)**

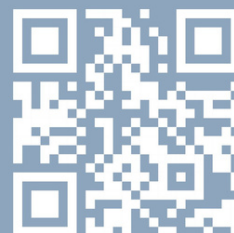
*IIAGP provides direct financial assistance to eligible
households following a disaster event to aid in their recovery.*

**\$343,000****RAISED FOR EMBRACE IOWA
DURING THE 2022 CAMPAIGN**

*Embrace Iowa provides direct financial assistance for
essential needs. Every dollar raised goes directly to assist
families across Iowa.*

**7,394****CHILDREN & PREGNANT WOMEN SERVED
THROUGH HEAD START**

*Head Start programs support children from birth to age five
through services centered around early learning and
development, health, and family well-being.*

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