

Geauga Community Action, Inc. 2015 – 2016 Annual Report

Community Action is a partnership organization actively working to reduce poverty and improve the quality of life for the people and families of Geauga County.

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2015 and 2016 have been years of great change at Geauga Community Action, Inc. We incorporated as a 501(c)3, moved into our first office and hired our first two employees. We continue to work with quality partners, including Chagrin Falls Park Community Center, Next Step, United Way, Geauga Transit and Job and Family Services, while concurrently planning for future programs. We have successfully launched our first internal program, Jump Start Car Repair, addressing the ongoing need for transportation in Geauga County. We hope this program is the first of several designed to address our County's need for transportation.

People are learning more about us every week and have begun reaching out to us for help improving their situation. Sometimes we provide a service, while other times we simply connect them with programs that were previously unknown to them. We work to ensure each contact with our customers is a step toward improving their situation.

Every day, at Geauga Community Action, we are helping people and changing lives.

Sincerely,
Robert F. Voss
Executive Director

Current Staff

Robert F. Voss, Executive Director

Scott Wayt, Program Manager

Board of Directors

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Geauga County Statistics

Population	93,874
Individuals in Poverty	6,298
Poverty Rate	6.7%
Change in Poverty Rate 2000 to 2015	+1.5%
Households in Poverty	2,435
Ages 0-17 in Poverty	1,956
Ages 65 and Up in Poverty	827
Individuals Unemployed	2,030
Unemployment Rate	4.1%
Total Students	11,228
Free/Reduced Price Lunch Eligible	2,223
Free/Reduced Price Lunch Eligibility Rate	19.8%
Total Households	34,774
Households Receiving SNAP	1,767
Households Receiving SNAP Rate	5.08%

GCA, Inc. Programs

Jump Start Car Repair Program – Assist Geauga County residents with the repair of road worthy vehicles to maintain upward mobility. Residents without adequate transportation are often left without means for employment and other life activities.

Chagrin Fall Park Excel and Explore Program – Provide funding for this summer academic and exploration program that works to prevent summer slide for local students.

Emergency Transportation Assistance Program – Provide transportation through Geauga Transit via vouchers and memos of understanding.

Emergency Food Assistance Program – Provide funding for food to local food pantries and other qualified programs.

United Way 2-1-1 Contract – Providing funding for 2-1-1, United Way's gateway that connects people with community resources throughout Geauga County.

Emergency Services Contract - Contract with Geauga County Job and Family Services to provide emergency shelter, security deposits, rent assistance, fuel, utility payments or medical needs to eligible Geauga County residents.