

Community Action New Programs in 2018



**Forward Home Veterans Program**  
Our Forward Home Veterans assistance program assistance includes one-time payments for mortgage/ rent and utility bills as well as up to 5 months of arrears as needed.



**Healthy Homes for Heroes Veteran Program**  
Healthy Homes for Heroes Program, assists with modifications to ensure that veterans will be able to remain in a healthy home.



**MLK Center Recognized as an Envision Center**  
The Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center was selected as an EnVision Center by HUD Secretary Ben Carson and offers families access to HUD support services that can help them achieve self-sufficiency.



**Coming in 2019 Texas Municipal League Youth Advisory Commission Summit**  
The Texas Municipal League (TML) and the City of Fort Worth are excited for this two-day statewide event on Feb. 23-24, 2019 overflowing with life lessons, practical advice, team-building exercises, and, of course, laughter!



Fort Worth Community Action Partners serves as the Community Action agency for Tarrant County and provides comprehensive services to economically disadvantaged individuals, families and the elderly.

Community Action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live.

Community Action meets needs in 2018

**13,858**

Individuals received assistance including emergency rent, utility, income taxes preparation, holiday gifts, and other support services

**2,050**

Individuals Applied Online at FortWorthTexas.gov/CAP

**CAPWORKS**

**257** Individuals attended Soft Skills & Financial classes

**54** Individuals received certifications

Certifications include: CDL, Forklift, Real Estate, HVAC, Hospitality, Phlebotomy, Certified Logistics Associate, Dental Assistant

**New Arlington Office**

401 W. Sanford, Suite #2700  
Arlington, Texas 76011

**Rising Stars**  
Youth Leadership Academy

**85 Enrolled**

**55 Completed**

Youth, ages 12-18, were inspired to become leaders of tomorrow

- 34** Received Food Handler's certifications
- 5** Attended an Engineering class
- 3** Attended a Drone class
- 3** Attended a Film Production
- 3** Colleges toured

**\$6,010,896**

In Total Refunds

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance economic impact in Tarrant County for 2017-2018

**3,652** Tax Returns Completed

**8,301**

Children received toys & books from Cowboy Santas, our toy drive for low-income families

**557**

Elderly seniors who received a holiday gift basket through our Silver Stars Senior Holiday program.

**104,547**

Suppers Served in School Year

**52,765**

Meals served during the summer through the Summer Food Program



Community *Action* Partners  
Serving all of Tarrant County

**Annual Report**  
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Making a Difference in our Community

The City of Fort Worth is awarded federal funding annually through the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA). Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) and Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) grant funds are allocated to assist families and individuals in Fort Worth and Tarrant County. The average grant is \$1.6 million for CSBG and \$5.0 million for CEAP. The Community Action Partners (CAP) in the Neighborhood Services Department administers these grants for the City of Fort Worth.

The goal of CAP is to work with low income families and individuals to help them overcome barriers to achieve self-sufficiency thereby building stronger and more sustainable communities. Some of the barriers to achieving self-sufficiency are lack of education and/or job training, finding employment, no transportation, need for childcare, inability to purchase food, and assistance with rent and utility payments.

During this fiscal year, employment needs were addressed by "CAPWorks," which provides clients skills and

competencies needed for their job position, interviews with employers, attend workshops geared to employability such as soft skills and how to dress for success.

Each year, management assesses and evaluates the effectiveness of the programs by reviewing client file folders to ensure that client needs are being met and client goals have been attained.

When the client achieves over 125% of the Federal Poverty Income Guideline rate for 90 days or more, that client is considered to have transitioned out of poverty and gained self-sufficiency.

During this past fiscal year, the goal from the TDHCA for Fort Worth was to transition 68 individuals; CAP was responsible for transitioning 65 individuals.

Organizations that assisted clients to attain employment goals were the Fort Worth Transportation Authority, Fort Worth Housing Solutions, Workforce Solutions of Tarrant County, Tarrant County College, The Hope Center, Alliance Employers, Goodwill, The Ladder Alliance, and The Women's Center.

Our Programs and Services

**COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CEAP)**  
Residents are assisted with utility bills (electric, gas and propane) to avoid utility disruptions. Energy conservation education is provided to help households achieve energy self-sufficiency.

**WATER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**  
Donations assist Fort Worth Water customers in paying their bill or plumbing repairs related to a pressurized leak that has led to increased consumption.

**SPECIAL NUTRITION FOOD PROGRAMS**  
Program funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture in partnership with the Texas Department of Agriculture, to provide free, nutritious meals and snacks to youth age 18 and younger in low income areas.

**FAMILIES IN TRANSITION (FIT)**  
Case managers assist low income households in attaining economic and personal independence through a variety of services on an ongoing basis to reduce the family's reliance on social services.

**SILVER STARS PROGRAM**  
Funded by donations, this program provides homebound and isolated seniors with a holiday basket of health and safety items.

**COWBOY SANTAS PROGRAM, INC.** CAP staff certifies low income Tarrant County families with children ages 12 and younger for holiday toys, books and games.

**RISING STARS YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY**  
Program to prepare youth to meet the challenges of adolescence and adulthood and achieve their greatest potential. Rising Stars uses activities and experiences to help youth develop social, ethical, emotional, physical and cognitive competencies.

**CAPWORKS**  
Is a job development initiative focused on addressing the root cause(s) of poverty. The ultimate goal is to lead clients to employment and self-sufficiency, creating stronger, more sustainable communities.

**VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE**  
Offers eligible participants free tax assistance, income tax filing and financial education training on how to further manage finances through debt reduction and asset building.

**WEATHERIZATION**  
Provides services to improve the energy efficiency of income-eligible households in Tarrant County.

Working Together for our Community

CAP CENTERS

**Andrew "Doc" Session**  
201 S. Sylvania Ave.  
Fort Worth 76111

**Como**  
4900 Horne St.  
Fort Worth 76107

**Martin Luther King Jr.**  
5565 Truman Dr.  
Fort Worth 76112

**Northside**  
1100 NW 18<sup>th</sup> St.  
Fort Worth 76164

**North Tri-Ethnic**  
2950 Roosevelt Ave.  
Fort Worth 76106

**Southside**  
959 E. Rosedale St.  
Fort Worth 76104

**Worth Heights**  
3551 New York Ave.  
Fort Worth 76110

**Central Case Management**  
4200 S. Freeway  
Suite 2325  
Fort Worth 76115

**NEW SITE  
Arlington**  
401 Sanford St. Suite 2700  
Arlington 76011

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COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Community Action Partners has established partnerships with many private and public agencies in Tarrant County.

- Some of these partnerships include:
- United Way
  - Tarrant County College District
  - Workforce Solutions
  - Community Learning Center
  - Educational Opportunity Center
  - Fort Worth Housing Authority
  - Internal Revenue Service
  - Tarrant County Housing Authority
  - The Women's Center
  - Catholic Charities
  - Texas AgriLife
  - Everest College
  - Gateway Church
  - Cancer Care Services
  - Texas Christian University
  - Texas Wesleyan University
  - NICA
  - United Way 211
  - HOPE center
  - CEC, Ladder Alliance
  - Meals on Wheels
  - TXU
  - ATMOS and
  - The Salvation Army to name a few

