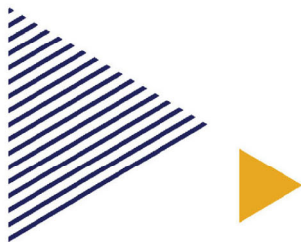




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2024

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# OUR HISTORY

COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP OF LAKE COUNTY

Community Action Partnership of Lake County is one of 1,000 agencies across the United States established under the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 to fight America's War on Poverty. Community Action Partnership of Lake County has addressed community needs through traditional safety-net services, innovative programming and strategic partnerships.

During our first fifty-seven years, traditional services included Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Head Start Early Childhood Development Program, Youth and Family Emergency Assistance with a food pantry, Kids Club summer camp, Adventure Kids Childcare, Home Weatherization, Retired and Senior Volunteer Program and Affordable Housing programs for low-income residents and Veterans.

During the nineties, Community Action Partnership of Lake County purchased 116 single and multi-family housing units to rent as affordable housing. Many single-family homes bought by the agency were eventually sold to low-income individuals and families as they became self-sufficient and, more importantly, were ready to build assets for the future.

In 2005, Community Action Partnership of Lake County established and operated its first social enterprise, CAP Catering Services. CAP Catering Banquets & Dining on Genesee opened a second location in downtown Waukegan.

Community Action Partnership of Lake County social enterprises grew to three businesses that generated revenue to help fulfill our mission.

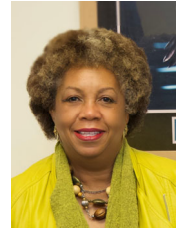
In 2013, Community Action Partnership of Lake County established Community Action Foundation of Northern Illinois to fundraise and secure private grant funding to ensure financial growth for the agency. Later that year, the Agency opened Changing Lives Upscale Resale Shop in Zion and as an-online business with Pop-Up live sales events throughout the County.

In August 2022, the Agency converted a Head Start center in North Chicago, IL into a community resource center. The new Sherman Avenue Community Resource Center houses our Culinary Arts Workforce programs and CAP Special Events & Catering social enterprise.

As new challenges arise in our communities, Community Action Partnership of Lake County responds. The Agency is downsizing its townhouses footprint at Hervey Village, North Chicago, IL. We have also replaced Retired and Senior Volunteer Program with a more robust volunteer program.



# MESSAGE FROM MARY LOCKHART WHITE



This year marks the 61st anniversary of President Lyndon Johnson's State of the Union address where he declared "unconditional war on poverty in America. This declaration was bold. Never before has a president declared war on a social ill. He intended not only to relieve the symptom of poverty but to cure and prevent it. Many social programs came from the War on Poverty- Head Start, Job Corps, VISTA and Community Action. Community Action Agencies address the root causes of poverty and equip low-income citizens with tools and opportunities to become self-sufficient.

In his state of the union speech, Johnson said, "Very often a lack of jobs and money is not the cause of poverty, but the symptom. The cause may lie deeper in our failure to give our fellow citizens a fair chance to develop their own capacities, in a lack of education and training, in a lack of medical care and housing, in a lack of decent communities in which to live and bring up their children."

The War has not been won, and the battles are getting tougher every day. Community Action Agencies have been on the front lines of the war on poverty, helping people and changing lives. Without these present efforts, more people would certainly be in poverty.

In Illinois, one in six people live at or below the poverty line. Too many of our citizens are living dangerously close to poverty. This could be your neighbor, your grandparent or your child's classmate.

Many Americans are paycheck or major illness away from poverty. The disparity between the wealthiest and the poorest Americans is greater than it was in the 1960's and without intervention the gap will only get bigger.

So what do we do 61 years later? How do we address the paradox of poverty in the midst of plenty? First, we start talking about Poverty. We acknowledge its existence so that we can address it effectively.

Second, it is time for bold action from policy makers, such as Johnson's action 61 years ago.

It is not acceptable to retreat from the frontlines of this effort, nor is it acceptable to balance our budgets on the backs of poor people. We need a brazened surge to relaunch the war on poverty. We need legislative initiatives that will raise the minimum wage to a livable wage, make the income tax truly progressive, make the full employment act more than an illusory promise, and provide universal single-payer health care and free quality education through advanced degrees among other things.

Only then can we truly provide the poor and the working poor with the tools they need to climb into the middle class. We should, however, heed Johnson's warning that, "It will not be a short or easy struggle, no single weapon or strategy will suffice, but we shall not rest until that war is won. The richest nation on Earth can afford to win it. We can't afford to lose it."

Community Action Partnership of Lake County remains here to tell the story for those that can't speak for themselves; we are here to fulfill the promise of Community Action.

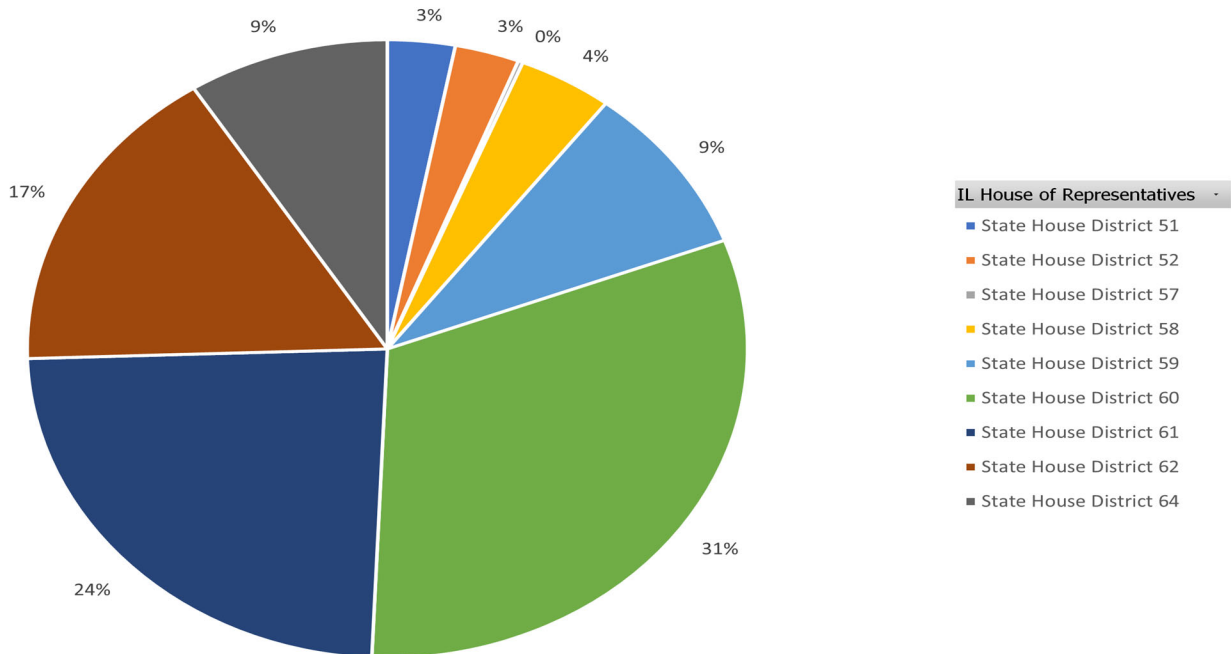
Community Action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities and makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire community, and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.

Helping People, Changing Lives, Help the needy end poverty! COMMUNITY ACTION!

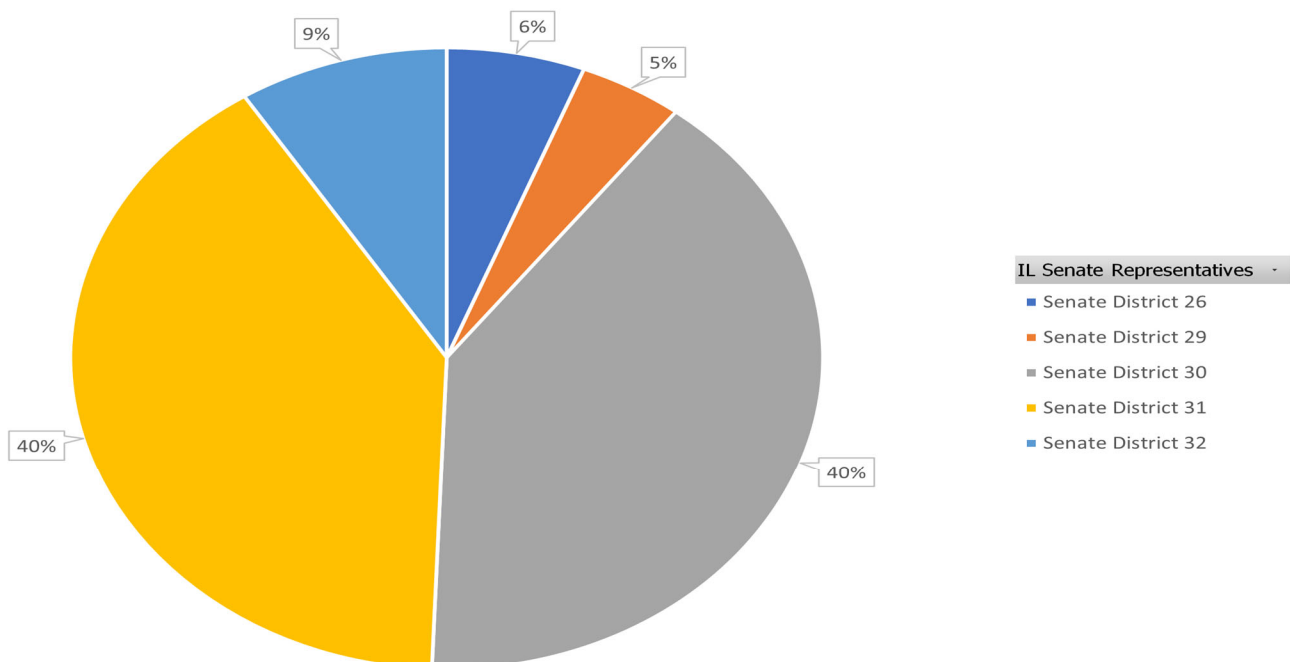
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# 2024 ANNUAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Community Action Partnership of Lake County is proud to have made a tangible difference in the lives of thousands. In the past year alone, our food pantry and pop-up initiatives provided essential goods to **9,801** households, while **11,180** hot meals were delivered directly to those in need. We brightened the holiday season by distributing **300** food baskets and extended our support beyond meals—helping **163** households with water bill payments, assisting **344** individuals with rent, and providing home heating bill payment assistance to **10,642** households. Additionally, our commitment to education was affirmed by awarding **4** post-secondary scholarships. These efforts underscore our relentless dedication to building a healthier, more resilient community where every individual has the opportunity to thrive.



## FOOD SECURITY



## HOUSING SECURITY

### How You Can Help Today.

Community Action Partnership of Lake County is dedicated to establishing new partnerships while strengthening existing ones. The demand for our services is greater than ever. With the loss of income, many are experiencing food insecurity for the first time, particularly those who are homeless, separated from family and community, or facing potential domestic abuse situations. We must provide help and resources... and you can be part of the solution! Here are three ways to assist:

**DONATE** - commit to making a monthly donation of \$20.

**VOLUNTEER** - pledge to volunteer monthly at one of our food distribution access points.

**SHARE**—Share this newsletter and information about the work of the Community Action Partnership of Lake County with three people.



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## Thank You to our Sponsors!

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### Report to the Community Brunch Sponsors



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## CAREER DEVELOPMENT

CAP Special Events & Catering

Career Pathways in Culinary Arts & Hospitality

Workforce Development in Culinary Arts

Prep Kitchen with Warmers and Refrigeration

Classrooms

Event Spaces



CAP Culinary Arts programs offers work experience and apprenticeship opportunities to students who are in culinary workforce training programs.

We collaborate with Employee Connections workforce development program to mentor participants in ready-for-work and good employee expectations.

As part of the work experience, students will receive paid event, catering and food preparation internships.

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Per Ticket \$150/Per Table \$1,100

# CORPORATE VOLUNTEERING

## A WIN-WIN

Corporate partnerships have increased Community Action of Lake County's capacity to serve low-resourced individuals on their path to self-sufficiency. These partnerships may be in-kind, monetary donations to specific programs, events sponsorships, grants and/or volunteer days.

Regardless of the *type* of contribution, each can be measured in real *value* to the organization. We can measure the value to the bottom line and for the lives of the families.



# Community Voices

*Dear Liheap,*



*“I want to express my deepest gratitude to the incredible woman who assisted me over the phone recently. Although I can’t recall remember her name , her kindness, patience, and clarity brought so much peace during an incredibly difficult time.*

*Thank you for helping me get my lights turned back on. I’m truly grateful for the payment assistance...it made a world of difference! I thank God for people like her, and for organizations like yours that stand in the gap when life gets overwhelming. May she be blessed tenfold for her compassion and may your entire team and company continue to receive favor for the important work you do. I am exponentially grateful.*

*With heartfelt appreciation,”*

*N. B.*



*“I receive text messages from many families, asking if the Pantry is available, since there are many families that hear about the pantry from word of mouth. There are families that come on their bikes to pick up food from the pantry.*

*It is definitely needed in the community, and appreciated by many. Our Seniors are grateful, since we help load the items in their cars. I enjoy helping the community, in any way that I can.”*

*Volunteer- B. D.*

# CAP SPECIAL EVENTS & CATERING



CAP Special Events & Catering is a social enterprise of Community Action Partnership of Lake County. Social Enterprises provide valuable training opportunities and jobs for those who have been excluded from traditional labor markets.

Additionally, profits generated through social enterprises help reduce the agency's dependence on government funding.

## CAP CATERING SERVICES

Our professional and devoted staff are experts at organizing and execution any and all types of events. CAP Catering Serves provides delicious food and courteous service at affordable prices.



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### Positions

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Kitchen Aid—Assists with preparing ingredients, following recipes and guidelines; prepares workstation with required ingredients and equipment, and keeps station sanitary and organized throughout shift.

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