We can help with your back-to-school shopping!
Present this coupon at the General Store and receive 40% off school supplies and kids clothing!
Coupon good through 08/29/2015
Does not apply to sale items.
Community Action House (CAH) has been implementing the seven principles of Steve Rothchild’s book titled *The Non Non-Profit*. The final principle is *Create Economic Value from Social Benefit.* What exactly does this mean? Rothchild states that “quality nonprofits create benefits to society by addressing social problems, and virtually all the social benefits they create have monetary or economic value that can be identified and measured.”

What types of social benefits does CAH offer to the community? Food, clothing, financial education and housing services are offered in our programs at CAH, but how do we put a monetary value on these services? Here are just two examples:

**At the Community Kitchen,** if we take into account the meals served, along with free bread, baked goods and produce available for patrons to take home, the average value to each patron is $7.67 per visit. This allows each family to maximize their income and provides them with opportunities to participate in other programming. **With 52,521 patrons served last fiscal year, the overall economic value to our patrons was $400,765!**

According to this data, there is tremendous economic value in the services that CAH provides. There is additional economic value that is more difficult to measure. Knowledge gained through financial education and homebuyers education classes and keeping children in school through stable housing are just a few examples of services that have proven to be more challenging to quantify.

As we continue to implement the seven principles, we will keep our constituents informed of our progress. Rest assured, CAH is utilizing the funding we receive to the absolute best of our ability to create economic benefit for our clients, stakeholders, and the economy.

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**Opportunities to VOLUNTEER**

**Monthly Mass Food Distribution**
- September 25, 2015
- 2pm-4pm

**Thanksgiving Basket Distribution**
- November 23-24, 2015
- 8:30am-5pm

**Monthly Mass Food Distribution**
- December 18, 2015
- 2pm-4pm

**Food Pantry volunteers needed**
to sort and stock shelves and help clients shop.

**14th Street location:**
- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday afternoons, 1pm to 4:30pm, and
- Friday mornings, 8:30am to 11:30 am.

**Northside location:**
- Wednesdays, 8:30am to 11:30am, and 1pm to 4:30pm

**Holland Community Garden**
- Wednesdays from 5:00-7:00pm
- Saturdays Aug 15 & 29 from 8:30am-11:30am
- Saturdays Sep 12, 19 & 26 from 9:00am-noon

**Community Empowerment Skills Workshop**

Registration has begun for our next Community Empowerment Skills Workshop! Are you ready to learn a set of SKILLS that will assist you in managing your thoughts, feelings, behaviors, attitudes, mindsets and relationships in order to achieve your personal and professional goals? As an employer, do you have employees who could benefit from learning and applying these skills? Are you curious about the EPIC Empowerment Skills program and want to learn how it could benefit your organization?

**When:**
- Classes will be held on Mondays, from 6pm-8pm for 6 weeks,
- starting on September 21st.

**Where:**
- Auditorium, lower level, Herrick District Library

**For more information:**
- Contact Gwen Robles at grobles@communityactionhouse.org or call 616.392.2368, ext 126.

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**At Our Annual Volunteer Banquet & Celebration!**

**Annual Volunteer Banquet & Celebration**
- September 24, 2015

Kindly RSVP by September 15, 2015

Email sshanafelt@communityactionhouse.org or call 616.392.2368