SCCAP’s Financial Transparency

In a typical year, Family and Asset Development, Food and Nutrition and Weatherization are closer to 32% of our spend each—you will note this year that Family Development was 50% of our expenditures—this is due to assistance provided to keep families in their homes. Overall it is an increase of nearly 5 million dollars over normal expenditures.

During 2020/2021 Fiscal year, SCCAP received a substantial amount of CARES funding (more than 5.4 million). This funding is in response to COVID 19 and is not expected to continue after 2023. That made Federal funds (passed through the State) 60% of our revenue. We also saw nearly double our in-kind donations of approximately 2.7 million much of that in produce and food.

SCCAP’s High Standard of Excellence

SCCAP is accredited by the Standards for Excellence Institute, signifying that the organization practices the highest level of ethics, accountability and transparency. Through online and in-person events, we equip nonprofit staff, board members and volunteers with knowledge, fresh ideas and best practices to succeed.

Met all the requirements of the Federal Community Action Standards of Excellence.

A Message from Megan

Fortitude, agility, empathy and gratitude. These have been complex difficult times. The needs facing our communities have been so vast. From some of our seniors who lost their spouse to COVID and now risk of losing their housing to folks who came to us with no food, no jobs, and no available child care so they could work. SCCAP has been meeting extraordinary needs this year. SCCAP has a rich history of adapting to the needs of our community. We have been here since 1965 innovating to best serve local families. COVID tested that agility. With the support of our community, SCCAP has been able to rise to impacts of COVID on local families. In the last year our staff and volunteers have often done more with less – our Gleaning project distributed over 1 million pounds of food, including thousands of farm-to-family boxes with half their volunteer force. And at times we served twice as many folks as usual with food through our pantries. Our Family Services department was started to help folks get back on their feet and we have helped more than 4,000 families maintain housing, find employment, child care, and keep utilities on.

Our rental assistance programs not only kept families housed but assisted more than 711 landlords in meeting their own mortgage obligations. Our WIC, Weatherization and Early Learning programs have found ways to serve families in innovative and safe ways ensuring our youngest and oldest family members remain safe while getting the help they need. Our shelters have continued providing safe refuge while we work to find stable housing for families and seniors and our community initiatives Franklin Together and @Home in Adams County have been working at the community level on effective solutions that make our communities stronger. We could not do this work without you. We are filled with gratitude at the support you have provided and I hope as you review this report you can feel the way your donations and volunteer time have changed lives and made us a stronger, more vibrant community.

With deep appreciation, Megan

COVID Relief—Keeping Families in Their Homes and Making Landlords Whole

SCCAP Increases assistance by 2,427%!

In any typical year, SCCAP spends about $200,000 in rental and utility assistance helping about 100 families. During COVID we assisted more than 2,000 families with over $4,854,146 in rent and utility assistance. That’s an increase of 2,427%. That enabled more than 6,000 people to stay in their homes and made 711 landlords whole, allowing them to continue to cover their mortgages, taxes and property costs. As the crisis began to shift, our attention included help to get folks back to work. That meant assisting with locating child care, assisting with transportation, training and case management to help them create effective plans for their families.

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Through SCCAP’s dedicated leadership, staff, volunteers, donors and funders, this past year has been nothing short of inspirational. We are inspired by the resilience of those whom we serve. We are inspired by the flexibility, adaptability and commitment of SCCAP’s team. We are inspired by the generosity of our community members. Most importantly, we are inspired by the hope we all share for our future.

Facing the unending changes and challenges brought on by the pandemic, SCCAP’s commitment to its mission, vision and values has only grown stronger. Instead of asking “why,” SCCAP staff has asked “how?” As an organization, we can proudly say that we “walked the walk” during our 56th year of serving our community and we commit to continuing to do so for many years to come.

Julia Lehman

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COVID Relief—Keeping Families in Their Homes and Making Landlords Whole, Continued

Because of this program, families remained safe in their homes during a national health crisis. Landlords were able to pay their mortgages and their bills. People stepped over this bump in the road instead of facing eviction or becoming homeless.

Our staff truly went above and beyond to help their neighbors over the past year. We have heard from so many clients, landlords, employers, and community members about the importance of this work. Families do better when the don’t have to worry about where they will be sleeping. Children do better in school. Adults are better employees. This program continues to bring economic security and peace of mind, and strengthens our community.

“\"When I told my children how we were working with SCCAP to help families pay back rent so they could stay in their homes, they said, ‘isn’t that what we are supposed to do, help each other when things get tough?’ It’s true and I don’t know what we would have done in this community if SCCAP had not stepped into the gap. They helped families. They helped landlords. And together we kept families in their homes.\"”

Emily Schuit, I360 Property Management
Folks in our communities face significant obstacles to gainful employment, transportation options and affordable housing. @Home in Adams County Coalition, a SCCAP Community Engagement Initiative funded by the Adams County Community Foundation works to help solve these problem.  

In late 2019, SCCAP along with our community partners The Adams County Community Foundation, Adams Economic Alliance, Harrisburg Area Community College, Gettysburg College, Healthy Adams County, United Way and the Adams County Housing Authority, began working with Rabbit Transit to create transportation options beginning with a line between Gettysburg and Hanover. This commuter bus service connects people to commerce, employment, and education while also providing reliable transportation for shopping and appointments. In early 2021 their hard work paid off and the Gettysburg-Hanover Connection was launched.  

Caroline Johnson, SCCAP past coordinator for @Home, wrote about her experience riding the bus line for the first time. “We met the first community member to ride the bus. He let us know that this route would be such an amazing solution for him. He lives in New Oxford without a car and would walk between there and Gettysburg to run errands or attend appointments. Now that this route is in place, he doesn’t have to worry anymore. It was humbling and gratifying to learn of this experience and to witness the impact of the Gettysburg - Hanover Connector. A lack of transportation has proven to be such a barrier for folks trying to get ahead; it is so encouraging to see the success of this effort. I think it will prove to be a long-term solution in providing support to and strengthening our community, local families and employers.”  

We want to thank Ralph Serpe at the Adams County Community Foundation and our many partners for helping make this vital infrastructure piece happen for the Gettysburg area. It proves that community Initiatives like the @Home in Adams County Coalition can find solutions to problems in the community using the power of creative thinking and teamwork!

@Home in Adams County has assisted in facilitating the development of 30 units of affordable housing, work on broadband, and the Gettysburg Hanover Connection!
From Farms to Families and So Much More

SCCAP’s Gleaning Project has been preparing for this moment without even knowing it. This program rescues produce that would otherwise go unused or rot on the vine. We work with nearly 500 volunteers to go out after the harvest and bring in remaining food, using a community asset to meet the community need of food security. We work with more than 22 community partners across our service area to get fresh produce out to families quickly!

When Covid hit in the spring of 2020, more families than ever were facing food insecurity. Our Food Pantries saw increasing needs and we faced a food purchasing shortage. Community organizations such as the Rotary Club of Gettysburg and the Adams County Community Foundation as well as local donors gave additional funds to help cover the increased costs for food and to provide enough food to meet the needs. In addition, one of our Gleaning Coordinators, Lizzy, began looking for more resources to help. She heard about the USDA Farmers to Family boxes program, distributing temporary, emergency relief during the pandemic. She applied, and SCCAP became part of the program. SCCAP’s Gleaning initiative typically uses its volunteer army and distribution network to harvest and distribute fresh produce all across our counties. This network became the perfect way to also get out these additional resources to folks impacted by COVID. In the first month, SCCAP received six pallets (324 boxes) and quickly realized it wasn’t enough.

By April 2020, fourteen-plus pallets of food were arriving every week in addition to our normal food distribution. Each Farm to Family box had produce, dairy, and meat, sourced from U.S. farms. Twenty-two Community Partners and dozens of volunteers helped distribute the food throughout Adams and Franklin Counties to people who needed it. This program ended in May of 2021. Those boxes combined with SCCAP’s work to glean produce that would otherwise go to waste allowed us to delivered over a half million pounds to families during COVID. Rescuing and distributing food is what they do best! To learn more, visit www.TheGleaningProject.org.

SCCAP food pantries and Gleaning Project provided more than two million pounds of food to families impacted by COVID last year.
The Annual Rising Phoenix Awards are presented to individuals and families who have worked hard to create a better future story for themselves and their families. This year we were proud to present them to these deserving individuals.

Camille and her husband Frank lost their housing when their landlord sold their house unexpectedly. They moved into the SCCAP shelter temporarily and joined Support Circles, giving them a time and place to focus on creating a future story. They got to work on creating goals and found a strong community along the way.

Camille says, “Circles is kind of like a family. We have a camaraderie; everybody has some shared experiences with the system, and that makes you feel not so much alone.” They set and met their goals. Camille found stable employment and worked to raise their credit score. Frank continued moving up at work and together they moved off of all assistance and began saving. Now they find ways to help others achieve their goals. Next on their list is buying a home. Way to go Camille and Frank!

Tammy came to SCCAP with the Work Ready program while fleeing domestic violence. She felt like she didn’t have many skills or prospects for employment but was determined to build a new life for herself and her family. During her time with SCCAP, she received mentorship from the staff, and they helped her see how many skills she actually had! She got a job at the county assistance office has worked her way up to a management position.

She says, “[SCCAP] just helps people getting their start in the right direction...people need to know that there is hope, and SCCAP helps to provide that.” Tammy is completely self-sufficient and is giving back to others. Way to go Tammy!

In 2021 the SCCAP’s prestigious Phoenix Awards were present virtually during SCCAP’s Virtual Winter Celebration and Auction. SCCAP will award the 2022 Phoenix Awards via Zoom during the 2nd Annual Virtual Winter Celebration and Auction on February 10.
A Million Reasons to Give—The Endowment Campaign for SCCAP

In the fall of 2021 SCCAP embarked on a campaign that would change the trajectory of its financial future. SCCAP took the first step to insure

Save the date for these upcoming events and watch our Facebook page for more info to come.
Adams County Gleaning Project - Empty Bowls - Date TBA
12th Annual Race Against Poverty - June 3, 2022
Glean-A-Mania 2022 - Date TBD

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