Ohio Heartland
Community Action Commission

Serving Crawford, Marion, Morrow & Richland Counties, Ohio

Annual Report:
Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2014

Administrative Offices: 372 East Center Street
Marion, OH 43302

Executive Director: Andrew Joseph Devany
Our Mission Statement

- To serve in an exclusively charitable and educational capacity, as provided in the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended.

- In furtherance of its charitable and educational purposes, to foster and promote planning services and developmental efforts for the mobilization and utilization of resources, public and private, including, but not limited to, Boards of Education, governmental agencies, and voluntary citizens groups and associations for coordinated remedial attack upon conditions of poverty affecting the inhabitants of the area.

- To stimulate and encourage the provisions of services, assistance, and other activities toward developing employment and economic opportunities, improving human performance, individual and group motivation, productivity and bettering conditions under which people live, learn, and work.

- To solicit, contract for, receive, administer, and disburse any funds, grants, bequests, devises, and other resources for the execution and implementation of specific or general programs in carrying out its purposes, and particularly for participation under the “Economic Opportunity Act of 1964” as amended.
Community Action Agencies are unique because they are governed by a tri-partite Board of Trustees. Federal law mandates Community Action Agencies to compose a board with an equal number of members representing the Public (PB) sector, the Private (PV) sector and the Low-Income (LI) community.

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The past year has again seen numerous challenges and changes for Ohio Heartland Community Action Commission. The Commission continues to offer a variety of programming in four counties to provide services to individuals and families in need of assistance. The Commission has been able to offer programming in this past year and over the last 49 years as a result of an active involved Board of Trustees, a dedicated staff, and through a network of committed community partners from both the private and public sectors.

These resources gave us the opportunity and ability to serve over 910 Head Start families in Marion, Crawford, Morrow and Richland Counties, to provide energy assistance through the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) to over 3,500 households, to provide a combination of energy saving services through a myriad of sources including: the Department of Energy, the Department of Health and Human Services, the State of Ohio Energy Partnership Program, the Columbia Gas Warm Choice Program, the Ohio Edison Community Connections Program, and the American Electric Power Conservation Program. As a result of this variety of energy conservation programs we were able to assist hundreds of households and enable them to permanently conserve their energy usage.

During the past year OHCAC has also been able to continue our community services provided by our versatile community centers in Marion, Crawford and Morrow Counties. Each community works with the local partners to engage in planning and to provide services and fill gaps in local programming. Center activities range from senior home delivered meals, prescription drug programs, and summer reading programs in Marion County to food pantries, personal needs pantries, backpack programs, homeless services, GED classes, a Farmers’ Market, Emergency Food and Nutrition programs and a Budgeting Class in Crawford and Morrow Counties. OHCAC has also partnered with a neighboring Community Action Agency to provide Fatherhood services through all our centers and in conjunction with the Jobs and Family Services office in Richland County. Community partnerships and local program flexibility continue to be two of the key elements of the Community Action Network in our community and throughout the United States.

The Commission has once again been fortunate to have utilized the talents of over 250 dedicated employees during the past year to implement services and to accomplish program goals for the myriad of programs that we have been privileged to operate in our Central Ohio service area.

As the Board President of the Ohio Heartland Community Action Commission I am privileged to lead a dedicated tri-partite Board of Trustees representing the counties of Crawford, Marion, Morrow, and Richland in presenting our annual report for public view.

Sincerely,

Fawn Mollenkopf

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Board President
## FY-2014 PROGRAM SERVICE AREAS

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### Organizational Funding Level:

(As of fiscal year ending 9/30/2014)  
$9,935,491
Head Start, 67%

Energy programs, 20%

Community Services, 11%

Senior Services, 2%
SUMMARY PROGRAMMATIC DATA SHEET

ENERGY PROGRAMS

HEAP

Emergency customers Marion -------------------------------------------------------------- 1932
Emergency customers Crawford -------------------------------------------------------------- 2172
Emergency customers Morrow --------------------------------------------------------------- 2191
Emergency payments Marion ----------------------------------------------------------------- $320,167.83
Emergency payments Crawford ------------------------------------------------------------- $343,549.75
Emergency payments Morrow ----------------------------------------------------------------- $522,592.75
First Energy customers --------------------------------------------------------------------- 72
First Energy payments ---------------------------------------------------------------------- $13,224.00
Columbia Gas customers --------------------------------------------------------------------- 0
Columbia Gas payments ----------------------------------------------------------------------- 0
Regular HEAP customers --------------------------------------------------------------------- 3882
PIPP customers ----------------------------------------------------------------------------- 3084

Housing

HWAP units ----------------------------------------------------------------------------------- 82
EPP units ------------------------------------------------------------------------------------- 76
Community Connections units --------------------------------------------------------------- 95
WarmChoice ----------------------------------------------------------------------------------- 30
AEP LI --------------------------------------------------------------------------------------- 64

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Prescription

Customers enrolled -------------------------------------------------------------------------- 351
Customer achieves performance target ------------------------------------------------------ 331
$Saved ---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------- $76,225.82

Tutoring

Customers enrolled -------------------------------------------------------------------------- 58
Customer achieves performance target ------------------------------------------------------ 2

Summer Reading

Customers enrolled -------------------------------------------------------------------------- 34
Customer achieves performance target ------------------------------------------------------ 34

Board Involvement

#of new board members ----------------------------------------------------------------------- 2

Capacity Building

#of trainings attended ------------------------------------------------------------------------ 5
## Emergency Services

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## Hot Meals

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## Head Start

### Head Start Program:

- Children and Families participated – an on-going waiting list averaged 198 children: 994
- Children certified up to date with immunizations: 967
- Children certified on a schedule of preventive and primary health care: 984
- Diagnosed with a chronic condition needing medical treatment: 60
- Children received preventative dental care: 978
- Diagnosed for additional treatment: 264
- Children with an IEP received special services by itinerate teachers and therapists: 163
- Days of comprehensive services provided for 846 funded enrollments: 128

## SENIOR SERVICES

### Hot Meals

- New customers enrolled: 104
- Meals served: 17213

### HEAD START

- Customers enrolled: 1072
- Customer achieves performance target: 997
- Volunteer hours: 61,096

# ADDITIONAL SERVICES

- Community investment: $124,034.38
- Volunteer investment: 1768
ENERGY ASSISTANCE

Electric Partnership Program

Funded by a contract with the Ohio Department of Development, the EPP program provides energy audits to specific service areas, providing customers with energy saving techniques along with energy saving fluorescent light bulbs, replacement of qualified refrigerators and/or freezers with energy star rated units.

Community Connections Program

Funded by First Energy, Ohio Edison and Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy, FE customers received help in reducing their electric usage with energy saving fluorescent light bulbs, refrigerators and/or freezers, and electric stoves. Funded by American Electric Power, AEP customers received help in reducing their electric usage with energy saving fluorescent light bulbs, refrigerators and/or freezers.

Home Weatherization Assistance Program

(HWAP) consists of a home inspection to determine the most cost effective energy saving services that could be performed including insulation, air leakage reduction, safety inspection of heating units, and consumer education.

HEALTH and SAFETY

United Community Prescription Program

The Prescription Program is operated by OHCAC in conjunction with the Smith Clinic and Walgreen’s Pharmacy, who provide us with an on-site office for our professional staff person to meet with the customer. Its mission is to help customers find the most cost effective way of obtaining prescriptions. The program is open to Marion County residents of any age or income level who are without prescription insurance coverage. We receive funding from Marion County United Way and the Marion Community Foundation to operate this program.

Emergency Services Program

The Emergency Services program is made available to low-income people who are in need of emergency type services – food, clothing, utility bills assistance, tutoring – to become more self-sufficient. Ohio Heartland CAC staff, Directors, Office Managers, Program Coordinators, and Intake Workers within the Marion-Crawford-Morrow service areas provide the assistance. Customers not directly served were referred to other local service providers.
**Marion Center**

EFSP assistance was provided in 2013 for rent/mortgage and utility payments. Staff began preparing for a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance pilot program that would be operated in Marion County January 2014.

**Crawford Center**

The Center serves as the Galion Unit of the Salvation Army and is able to provide prescription assistance with Salvation Army funding. A food pantry and clothing outlet are operated within the Center, and a backpack weekend lunch program for school-age children is now being operated. Staff also assists with homelessness prevention and holiday assistance. EFSP assistance was provided in 2014 for emergency food, utilities and housing needs.

**Morrow Center**

Staff operates the food pantry at the Morrow County Community Services building in Mt. Gilead and a personal needs program at the Center. Budgeting classes are held for low-income Morrow County residents meeting 125% of poverty guidelines.

**Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)**

Formerly known as “Regular HEAP,” the Home Energy Assistance Program is a federally funded program designed to help low-income Ohioans with their winter heating bills. The program runs from June 1 to May 31.

**Winter Crisis Program (WCP)**

Formerly known as “Emergency HEAP,” the WCP component was created to provide financial assistance to low-income households that: are threatened with disconnection of their heating source; have already had service disconnected; need to establish new service or pay to transfer service; or have 25% or less of the fuel capacity of their tank. The WCP program year runs from November 1 to March 31. CAC’s have until April 15 to finish any incomplete or pending applications.

**Summer Crisis Program (SCP)**

Formerly known as the “Summer Cooling Program,” the SCP component was created to provide assistance with the electric energy source for applicants determined eligible by the current SCP State Issued Grant Agreement, Exhibit 1, Scope of Work. The SCP runs from July 1 to August 31. Applicants may also be eligible to receive air conditioners and/or fans.

**PIPP Plus:**

PIPP Plus is an extended payment arrangement that requires regulated gas and electric companies to accept payments based on a percentage of the household income for those customers who are at or below 150% of the federal poverty income guidelines.
**INDEPENDENT LIVING**

*Senior Hot Meals*

The Hot Meals program was established to assist homebound Marion County seniors in receiving a hot and nutritionally balanced lunch Monday through Friday. This allows the senior to remain independent longer and serves as reassurance to them and their family that someone is contacting them on a regular basis.

*Summer Reading Program*

The *Summer Reading Program* serves children in Marion County, enabling them to improve reading skills in a positive learning environment. Referred by the local school districts, the six week instruction is designed to improve the students reading skills by one or two grade levels. We receive in-kind donations from Marion City Schools and local businesses, as well as over 100 hours donated by volunteers.

*Adult Education Tutoring*

Adult education tutoring classes for all residents of Crawford County are held in the Center. Volunteer teachers work with students two days per week.

*Fatherhood Program*

This pilot program, funded by a grant to the WSOS Community Action, serves unemployed or under-employed fathers by improving the educational/training and employment achievement of eligible participants in Crawford, Marion, Morrow and Richland Counties. It promotes economic stability, healthy marriages and responsible parenting. In 2014, 36 participants were enrolled for services, 27 participants achieved job placement, and 10 participants maintained job retention after 90 days.
Head Start  PY-2014 (July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014)

The OHCAC Head Start program served a total of 994 children and their families in program year 2013-2014. Of this number served, 967 were up-to-date with immunizations, 984 were up-to-date on a schedule of age-appropriate preventive and primary health care according to the state EPSDT schedule for well child care with 60 being diagnosed with a chronic condition needing medical treatment, 978 children received preventative dental care with 264 diagnosed as needing treatment. The number of children enrolled in the program who have an Individualized Education Program (IEP) indicating that they have been determined eligible by the LEA to receive special education and related services provided in the Head Start centers by itinerate teachers and therapists were 163 children.

The children are provided with comprehensive Head Start services in a center-based program four days per week for a total of 128 days per year. In the four-county service area not all eligible children are provided with Head Start services due to the extensive waiting list that averages approximately 232 children. In the 2012 - 2013 Program Year full enrollment was maintained throughout the year. The program was funded for 163 children.

Families are served by Family Advocates who visit in the homes with families and facilitate Family Partnership Agreements and goal setting. Family Activities include monthly Family Connection meetings for each county and the monthly Policy Council meeting. Policy Council members serve as an advisory group and also approve certain activities of the program including the development of the annual federal grant application. Policy Council members also serve on the Governing Board and Board members serve on Policy Council. Other family activities include the home Literacy program, home dental program, and home curriculum activities which support the Creative Curriculum and the Teaching Strategies Assessment tool used in the centers. Family members volunteer in the centers and on field trips when possible.

The children are prepared for kindergarten through the use of the Creative Curriculum which supports the State of Ohio Early Learning Standards and the Head Start Outcomes. Transition files are developed for each family to be used when they register their children for kindergarten.

Children enjoy their pre-school years at Head Start and gain social skills necessary for a successful K-12 school experience. They learn how to work in groups, be responsible for their actions, to practice good health and hygiene habits in addition to receiving nutritious meals and gaining pre-literacy and pre-math skills. Families are encouraged to become advocates for their children’s education starting at this level and continuing through the college years. We are proud of the success stories of our Head Start children and families.
2014 SUCCESS STORIES

Recently an older gentleman called the center to inquire about his Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) payment from the State. Center staff accessed his profile in OCEAN to determine this information for him. Through the course of the conversation he mentioned that he would have to decide between his medication, food and paying his heating bill if the HEAP credit didn’t arrive soon.

The customer was upset and stated he hadn’t received the HEAP credit from the State since 2010 and he was ready to write congressmen, commissioners and the President. The staff member apologized to him for applications he hadn’t received and assured him that the 2015 application was processed and he would receive his credit this year.

Staff discussed the statement he made regarding making a choice between his medications, food and heating bill and asked him to come to the center for possible additional assistance. His Columbia Gas bill was paid with Columbia Gas fuel funds which gave him money for other expenses. He was set up on a budget plan through Columbia Gas since his PIPP amount was higher than his actual budget. A voucher was processed for the Ohio Heartland Community Action Commission’s Personal Needs Program to purchase nontaxable items. That assistance allowed him the extra funds to purchase his medication.

He mentioned his co pays on his medication had increased from $4.00 to $15.00 and $20.00. The United Community Rx program, operated by OHCAC, was discussed and he was told our prescription advocate would be happy to assist him. The customer indicated he has been going to the same pharmacy for years and was comfortable with them. Staff advised him to question the increase in his copay since there could be an error or his insurance had changed.

The gentleman left and was very grateful for the additional services. He called the next day and said he had asked the pharmacy about the increase in his copays. The pharmacy had been charging him incorrectly. He wanted the staff to know he had gotten his medication and not to worry about him.
Richard is a Veteran who resides in Crawford County. Richard’s nephew, Lloyd, provides care for his uncle in Richard’s home. Richard is bedfast, but is able to be mobile in wheel chair. He receives a V.A. pension and Social Security but has to pay for a home health aide who comes into his home once a week. Richard also has to purchase his own medical supplies such as: Depends, bandages and medication, etc. He has no transportation and must rely on Apple Lane transportation service to go to medical appointments.

Richard was admitted to Cleveland V.A. Hospital and was diagnosed with cancer. There is no treatment and doctors can only keep him comfortable at this time. Richard wanted to return to his home for his final days, but the doctors would not release him due to utilities being in an emergency status.

Lloyd contacted the Crawford office for assistance with the City of Galion utility bill. With collaboration with the Salvation Army, the electric bill was paid, disconnection stopped and Richard was able to return home. Through the efforts of center staff, Richard received assistance with a Thanksgiving meal. During the Christmas season, the center arranged for Richard and Lloyd to be “adopted” by the V.F.W. They received a generous supply of food and nice gifts. Lloyd contacted the center and expressed his thankfulness for all assistance for what could be Richard’s last year.
Fatherhood Program Success Story

Josiah Ambrose, Marion County

Year 3

Josiah Ambrose was referred to the Fatherhood Program in October 2013 by another Fatherhood graduate. Josiah was unemployed and living with his ex-wife as the stay-at-home dad, while the mother, worked second shift. Josiah was a great father, but felt trapped living at his ex-wife’s house, no driver’s license, a record, and no job, he felt hopeless.

Josiah had 1 misdemeanor, domestic violence, on his record. This was prohibiting him from being able to find a decent job. The laws for expungement had recently changed, so we were able to file for an expungement and his record be sealed, allowing him a chance to start fresh.

We started meeting weekly and worked through all of his barriers. He completed both 24/7 Dad AM and PM book. He developed a resume and while waiting for the completion of his expungement, he began driver’s education.

Josiah and his ex-wife (the mother of their 5 year old son) took a financial class together and after the 8 week class, realized they wanted to try and work on being a family again. Josiah was able to receive his first driver’s license and started working for Silver Line in March 2014. With the added income, they were able to purchase a second vehicle and we then enrolled Josiah into the RAMTEC (Robot) Program through Tri-Rivers Community College in Marion, Ohio.

This training allows graduates to begin making triple the wages they typically start within a company.

Josiah retained his employment, progressed quickly in the company and his family is back together.
MARION – A waiting list for the preschool educational services of Head Start in Marion County will shrink as the result of Ohio Heartland Community Action Commission’s purchase of a building on Fairfax Road, the agency’s executive director said.

But the demand for the program, which serves families with 3- and 4-year-old children, continues to exceed the facilities available, Joe Devany said.

“This is basically the additional kids who are coming to Marion County,” Devany said. “We’ve got such a need here. We have the longest waiting list in Marion County, so we decided to put our expansion here as a result of that.”

OHCAC’s Head Start program, with a service area comprised of Marion, Crawford, Morrow and Richland counties, will serve about 910 children during the coming school year, up from the 856 it provided for during the 2013-14 academic year, he said.

The commission is having a grand opening of The Rev. Samuel J. Buehrer Center, named after a longtime board member and Head Start advocate, at 180 Fairfax Road at 2 p.m. Thursday.

The new building, which the agency purchased for $200,000 in March, includes three classrooms, a multipurpose room and a playground. The new space also allows for the reopening of classrooms that closed last school year in Marion County and Bucyrus because of the federal sequestration or automatic spending cuts that took effect after federal lawmakers couldn’t reach an agreement on a deficit reduction.
The local Head Start has four classrooms at MARCA, 2387 Harding Highway E.; three at the Marion Clark Center, 1183 Bellefontaine Ave.; and will reopen its modular site at 125 Fairview Ave., Devany said.

Once able to reopen the two closed classes, OHCAC moved the one it closed in Crawford County to Marion County because the demand was greater, he said. The local four-county area was fortunate, being affected only one year by the sequestration while other Head Start offices were affected for two years.

The federal government expects “you to make changes based on your population, and that’s pretty much what we did,” he said.

Devany said OHCAC purchased the building after considering expanding the Marion Clark Center because it made more financial sense. “A bird in the hand is a lot less expensive than going into debt on an expansion,” he said. “The board figured it was the best option for us.”

To be eligible for Head Start, a household usually has to be at no more than 100 percent of the federal poverty level.

“We can take up to 10 percent over income, but we seldom do because we have such a need,” he said, adding at least 10 percent of the children served must have a disability. “We usually have 18 to 20 percent,” he said.

He said the building and its location pleases the board. “It’s real inviting to us,” Devany said. “It’s right in a neighborhood, and we can work with families directly.”

He estimated neighborhood residents will fill about one of the three classrooms, which the board prefers because busing students presents additional complications. “Anytime you have the option to have a drive-in center or the ability that parents can walk the kids there. We’ve never had that option. We’ll see how it works.”

Devany said families are welcome to sign up for the coming school year, but are likely to join the waiting list. The waiting list for all four counties is about 60, with 30 of those in Marion County.

“I don’t want to discourage anybody,” he said. “If I had the money, we could put another 300 kids up in Marion.”

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Staff Report

Pictured are Jan Blozy, Lori Trammel, Chris Jones and Tammy Crabtree of OHCAC, and Angie Owens and Steve Wasserman of Firelands FCU. (Submitted photo)

Firelands Federal Credit Union recently made a $2,000 donation to the Ohio Heartland Community Action Commission food bank in Galion.

This donation was made in lieu of Member Appreciation Day. We decided to put the money to use where it was needed most! A total of $10,000 was donated to local food pantries across the five communities our branches are located in Bellevue, Bucyrus, Galion, Monroeville and Norwalk.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REPORT

To the Board of Directors
Ohio Heartland Community Action
    Commission and Affiliate
Marion, Ohio

Report on the Financial Statements

I have audited the accompanying combined financial statements of Ohio Heartland Community Action Commission and Affiliate, (a nonprofit organization) which comprise the combined statement of financial position as of September 30, 2014, and the related combined statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the combined financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit. I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the combined financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the combined financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the combined financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the combined financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, I express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the combined financial statements.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.
Opinion

In my opinion, the combined financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined financial position of Ohio Heartland Community Action Commission and Affiliate, and the changes in its combined net assets and its combined cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Other Information

My audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the combined financial statements as a whole. The accompanying schedule of functional expenses on pages 14 to 19 and schedule of indirect cost on page 22 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. The accompanying schedule of federal awards on pages 20-21, as required by Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In my opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, I have also issued a report dated February 26, 2015 on my consideration of Ohio Heartland Community Action Commission and Affiliate's internal control over financial reporting and my tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of my testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering Ohio Heartland Community Action Commission and Affiliate's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

RD Conley & Company
Certified Public Accountant
Cincinnati, Ohio
February 26, 2015
A. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

1. I have issued an unmodified opinion on the financial statements of Ohio Heartland Community Action Commission and Affiliate.

2. The audit did not disclose any internal control related reportable conditions.

3. The audit did not disclose any instances of noncompliance which were material to the financial statements.

4. There were no reportable conditions in internal controls over major programs.

5. I have issued an unmodified opinion on compliance for major programs.

6. The audit did not disclose any findings relative to the major federal awards programs.

7. The major programs selected for compliance testing included:
   
   - Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, CFDA #93.568
   - Community Services Block Grant, CFDA #93 .569
   - Home Weatherization Assistance Program, CFDA #81 .042

8. The dollar threshold used to distinguish the Type A program was $300,000.

9. The auditee did qualify as a low risk auditee.

B. FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH GENERALLY ACCEPTED GOVERNMENTAL

None noted in current year.

C. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS RELATED TO FEDERAL AWARDS

None noted in current year.