



2022 Annual Report



A word from our Executive Director

Hello Community Partners and Friends

I am excited to have completed my first year as the Executive Director of the Community Action Partnership of Ramsey and Washington Counties (CAPRW), having joined the team in October 2022. I took over from Kevin Adams, who served as the interim Executive Director, for eleven months but had been a part of CAPRW for over twenty years.

CAPRW has seen the growth of many of its programs and the agency in general. We have expanded our External Affairs work by adding a Volunteer Coordinator and Partnerships Coordinator and are seeking to increase and diversify our funds by adding a grants writer to our team.

We have successfully closed out our CERA program, having served over 3,600 individuals. In the spring of 2021, CAPRW partnered with the City of Saint Paul and Ramsey County to design and launch a local Rental Assistance Program in response to the high demand for rental assistance in our community and the increase number of evictions notices our clients were receiving. From July 1, 2021 to December, 2022, a small team of dedicated staff processed over 6,500 applications and approved over 3,600 applications. During that time frame, almost \$17.5 million in rent payments were made, this represents over 12,500 months of rent paid in Ramsey County and the City of Saint Paul, in an effort to keep individuals in their homes..

In 2023, Our desire is for the Community Action Partnership of Ramsey and Washington Counties programs. can assist even more individuals move for poverty to stability through our programs and services. By creating awareness of all our services, CAPRW intends to become a one-stop shop for our communities.

Sonia Gass, Executive Director

Impact by the Numbers

Energy Assistance made a total of 19,503 utility payments and \$18,356,327.14 (EAP grant) and \$9,500,593.18 (Crisis benefit) utility deposits to help individuals and families stay safe and warm in their homes.

Energy Assistance directly served a total of 18,711 households and/or 51,542 individuals.

Energy Conservation weatherized 107 homes increasing energy conservation and lowering utility bills, and improved the living condition of 98 households through essential home repairs.

Head Start provided 1,280 children ages 0-5 with comprehensive early childhood education, health screenings, and nutritional services.

Head Start conducted 17,000 home visits in supporting the health and development needs of Early Head Start children and families.

Financial Opportunities coached 75+ adults seeking to improve their employment and increase their income.

Financial Opportunities assisted 25 families with free tax preparations to help them benefit from the EITC, CTC, and other tax credits.