



# Community Action Partnership Ramsey & Washington Counties

Invest in people experiencing poverty to build generational prosperity.

# CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REMARKS

The motto for 2024 was “CAPRW Does More in ‘24!”. We wanted to inform those in the communities we serve and all whom we encounter, we do more, to accomplish our mission of helping families change their lives and move from poverty to prosperity. Therefore, we focused on sharing more information, engaging in advocacy more efforts, and participating in more volunteerism as well as providing volunteer opportunities. Our CAPRW staff, participants, and volunteers continue to make a difference; whether it's gathering at the nation's capital or the MN Capitol to speak to legislators, hosting events, or volunteering in community activities, CAPRW is doing more. We strive to be a beacon to everyone, not just in the Ramsey and Washington communities, but anywhere knowledge of our services would be beneficial.

Our Summer Backpack event, hosted by CAPRW Head Start, was our most attended event of the year. While we offered backpacks to school-age children, school supplies, as well as information about CAPRW programs and partner programs that were greatly needed, we also connected with our community and made tremendous impacts on many lives. We did more.

This year, as we conducted our Community Needs Assessment (CNA), we made sure community members were able to provide input and we incorporated what they shared as we planned for the upcoming year. We held more information sessions, gathered more information and used more data to plan.

CAPRW will continue to do more, so on behalf of the staff, senior leadership team, the board of directors, and all whom we serve, I want to thank you for your continued support and partnership as you help us to do more.



Sonia Gass, CEO



20,050 households received Energy Assistance



248 households were Weatherized



1,335 children enrolled in Head Start



385 households avoided becoming homeless



352 volunteers were active throughout FY 2024, resulting in 7,067 hours worked; a labor contribution of \$245,874\*

\*using the national average

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# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

## Assets

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$911,691
Grants receivables	\$2,930,656
Accounts Receivables	\$559,837
Revolving Loans Receivables, Net	\$109,108
Prepaid Expenses	\$416,493
Other Assets	\$13,686
Total Property & Equipment, Net	\$4,791,268
Right-of-use-Asset- Operating Lease	\$580,929
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$10,313,668</b>

## Liabilities & Net Assets

Accounts Payable	\$1,089,335
Accrued Expenses	\$2,592,187
Current Maturities of Long-Term Debt	\$31,753
Deferred Loan Agreement	\$325,000
Lease Liabilities- operating, current portion	\$289,408
Lease Liabilities- operating, noncurrent portion	\$291,872
Long-Term Debt	\$172,394
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$4,791,949</b>

Unrestricted Net Assets	\$3,800,740
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	\$1,720,979
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$5,521,719</b>

# STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY

## Support

Government Grant	\$37,114,532
Contributions	\$36,416
In-Kind Contributions	\$230,421
<b>Total Support</b>	<b>\$37,381,369</b>

## Revenue

Program Income	\$3,604,517
Rental Income	\$766,471
Other Income	\$128,989
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$4,499,977</b>

Net Assets Released From Restriction	\$114,400
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## Expenses

Head Start/ Early Head Start	\$23,936,284
Energy Conservation	\$5,304,838
Energy Assistance	\$1,788,825
Financial Opportunities Program	\$3,122,920
Other Programs	\$4,330,778
<b>Total Program Services</b>	<b>\$38,483,645</b>

<b>Management and General</b>	<b>\$3,287,544</b>
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<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$41,785,947</b>
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<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	<b>\$95,399</b>
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# ENERGY ASSISTANCE

The CAPRW Energy Assistance Program provided utility payments and/or furnace repairs or replacements to **20,050** households, totaling **\$13,192,876**.

This support benefited **53,771** individuals, including **5,691** seniors, **7,902** individuals with disabilities, and **594** veterans.

**6,324** households received a total of \$3,197,416 in additional crisis assistance to help prevent shut-offs and disconnections.

**452** households received furnace repair or replacement through our Energy Related Repair (ERR) program.

Our SNAP Outreach Coordinator spoke with **1,397** households and assisted in submitting 124 new SNAP applications to the County, and helped 24 households complete their recertification paperwork. Furthermore, our SNAP Coordinator assisted 191 households by addressing questions about the SNAP application and facilitating access to the application process.

*"I cannot thank you enough for replacing my water boiler. It is bitterly cold out right now and my home is comfortably warm for the first time in years. I now have hope I'll be able to stay in my home and afford my heating costs."*

*-Rose, CAPRW participant*

## AT A GLANCE

**6,324**

**Households avoided utility shutoffs.**

**53,771**

**Individuals received assistance**



Weatherization serviced a total of **248** households, reducing utility bills and improving comfort to more than **600** occupants.

Collaboration on workforce development initiatives continued with 3 AmeriCorps volunteers, also known for their specific title, Climate Impact Corps, and 7 Center for Energy and Environment (CEE) members.

In late 2024, CAPRW Carpentry crews were chosen to participate in a MN Dept. of Commerce advertising campaign aimed at increasing interest in and awareness of Weatherization careers.

Our teams continued delivering significant energy efficiency and health & safety improvements for our clients. On average, homes we weatherized showed a **32% reduction** in air infiltration/leakage when we finished our work, providing people with reduced energy costs and safe, comfortable homes.

Throughout the year, we significantly enhanced our multifamily capabilities and built stronger working relationships with local multifamily property owners to enable us to serve more clients.

## AT A GLANCE

**248** Homes made healthier and safer through weatherization.



*"I can't find a way to let you know how much I appreciate Weatherization. I have shed many grateful tears in accepting all you have given me. My life will be so much easier now, way less stress and worry. You have no idea how much has been lifted off my shoulders."*

*-CAPRW participant*

# HEAD START

Head Start provided comprehensive early care and education to pregnant women and families with children ages birth - 5 years old, including childhood education and development, nutrition, early intervention, health, mental health, transportation and family services.

- **797** slots offered at **13** licensed child care centers operated by CAPRW Head Start.
- **201** slots offered through Early Head Start home visiting.
- **80** slots offered through a partnership with St. Paul Public Schools mixed delivery Preschool services.
- **63** slots offered through 4 child care partners, including one therapeutic preschool classroom.

In September 2024 we opened a new Head Start center (Midway YMCA) and added a new Head Start Child Care partner (Rainbow Child Development center). We are incredibly grateful for collaboration with community partners that have allowed us to better serve Head Start children and families.

In 2024, we supported Head Start families through:

- Partnering with families to set goals. In the 2024-2025 program year, a total of **964 goals were set** with our Head Start families. Most goals were mostly related to education and employment.
- Providing over **2,100 referrals for services to our families**, leveraging community resources.
- Hosting the second annual CAPRW Head Start World Culture Fair and the annual Male Involvement Picnic

## AT A GLANCE



# 1,335

**Infants, toddlers, preschoolers and pregnant women received comprehensive early care, education and family support.**

# 269,884

**Meals served to Head Start Children.**



In partnership with Washington County, Ramsey County, and MN Housing, we supported **460** households facing imminent homelessness with **over \$1 million** in crisis funds granted to participants to stop eviction and ensure ongoing housing stability.

Our Employment Services Specialists worked with **over 80** community members, providing them with the essential supports and skills needed to increase their household's economic stability.

In partnership with Head Start, Financial Opportunity Programs (FOP) recruited and enrolled **10** participants in the 4th cohort of our innovative Child Development Associates (CDA) training and work skills program. These community members are given the opportunity to enroll in a free training program for the CDA exam. In addition to the training, they are also concurrently hired as temporary teachers in our Head Start classrooms.

**20** participants were awarded car loans, **12** of whom were able to successfully purchase a vehicle.

Our Rapid Rehousing program works with community members who have been dealing with long-term homelessness due to a wide variety of barriers. Rapid Rehousing Coordinators work with referred participants to find and secure appropriate housing, search for and obtain stable employment, seek out treatment and resources as needed, and provide all needed support and intensive case management for participants until they have achieved financial stability and can maintain housing on their own. This year FOP staff successfully housed **19** chronically long-term homeless participants, the majority of whom had been homeless for 10+ years. In addition, **5** participants who were housed in recent years successfully completed the program stably housed and employed.

*"AH came to CAPRW to ask for help for herself and her child. She has recently be laid off and they lost their housing, and her credit suffered. CAPRW helped her find, apply, and secure housing using Rental Assistance dollars to cover the deposit. Today, AH and her child are doing well and remain housed."*

#### AT A GLANCE

# 460

**Households  
avoided  
homelessness.**



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