
2024

ANNUAL REPORT



THE COMMUNITY ACTION PROMISE

Community Action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live.

We care about the entire community, and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.



WE VALUE

- Advocacy for individual & community change
- Partnership with service recipients and other organizations
- Stewardship for public & private resources
- Accountability for our actions as mission-based advocates, partners and stewards
- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility as a model for the work we do

OUR MISSION

Community Action of
Greene County (CAGC)
empowers
disadvantaged
individuals and families
to grow and thrive
through person-centered
services. CAGC
promotes collaboration
to strengthen the
community.

OUR MANAGEMENT TEAM



Florence Lorenz
Executive Director



Eugene Kelly
Bookkeeper/Office
Manager



Barbara Palmateer
Director of Family
& Community
Services



Stephanie Spordone
Director of Victim
Services



Nick Van der Vossen
Director of Weatherization

OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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A YEAR IN STORIES

- A gentleman in his 70's came to us for housing assistance. He had worked his entire life, and was now living on his Social Security payment of around \$900 per month. For the past almost ten years, he had rented the same apartment for \$700.00 per month. The property owner where he lived became less selective in who he rented to, and there were often fights and police presence on the property. The gentleman began sleeping with a knife under his pillow. One night it got so bad that he packed up his belongings and left the apartment, not feeling safe where he was. That was on a very cold winter weekend, and Monday he ended up in our offices. He was over income for assistance, and his SS payment was far below the going rents in Greene County. When he was advised that perhaps he should seek shelter in another county, he said he would take his chances in his car.
- A woman came to us who was sleeping in her car, with her dog. Her apartment building was sold, and she did not have the money for security for a new place, and was having difficulty finding an apartment she could afford. She had a full time job, **and was living in her car**. We were able to help her obtain permanent housing.
- A working, single mom had rented the same property for over ten years, for \$1,000 per month. She raised a young son there, now in college, and had an elementary school aged child as well. They had space, a yard. Her landlord sold the property, and shortly after she was told that the new owners wanted her out. She was given three months. She was able to find a small two bedroom apartment for near double what she was paying before. She is struggling now to get by.
- A woman was beaten by her partner, in front of her small child, so badly she required hospitalization. While the offender was in jail for this offense, we were able to assist her in relocation to another state, as well as with NYSOVS Victim compensation.

Real stories, real neighbors-can you imagine being in their shoes? And how many of us, with almost half of Americans living paycheck to paycheck, are one job loss, one illness or accident away from losing our housing?

We look forward to another year of working with our many partners in Greene County to make our community a better place for all, and are hopeful that the grants that support our work on the federal level- Weatherization, Community Services Block Grant, Victims of Crime Act funding, remain funded in the coming months and years. We appreciate the support provided us by the Greene County Legislature,

Sincerely,

*Florence Lorenz
Executive Director*

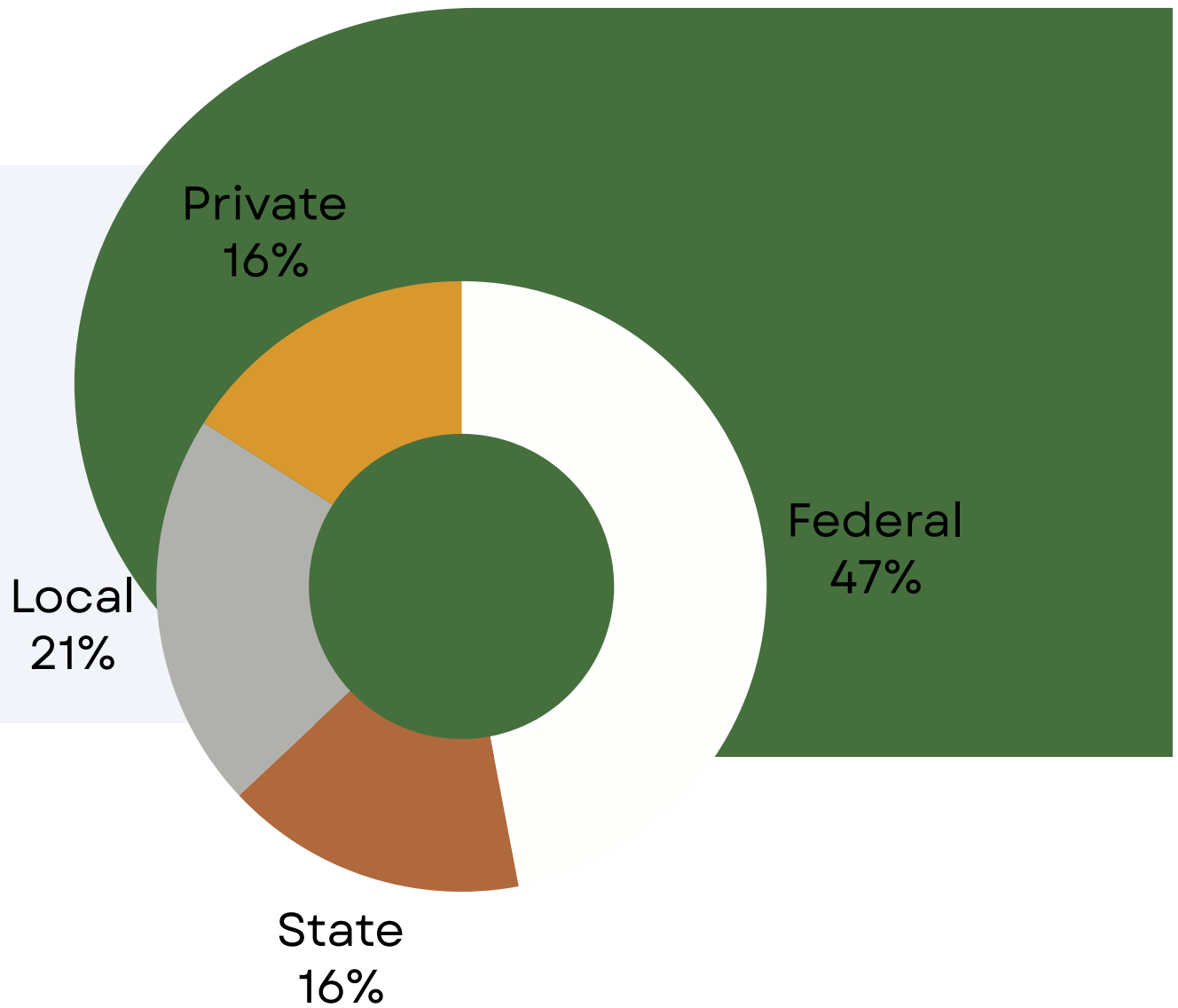


ANNUAL INCOME

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Funding Source	Federal	State	Local	Private
Columbia County Department of Social Services			54149.38	
Community Services Block Grant, NYS Dept. of State	293642.52			
Donations				80094.68
Dormitory Authority of the State of New York		12877.31		
Emergency Food and Shelter National Board	28610.28			
Federal Family Violence Prevention	109925.88			
Fee for Service/Program Income				
Foundation Grants				31350.78
Greene County Department of Social Services			104134.32	
Greene County Department of Social Services- Rental Supplement Program		99659.55		
Greene County Legislature			53250	
NYS Comptroller- HEAP Cooling Program				
Legal Aid Society of NENY				10000
LDSS (Domestic violence per diems)			389805.33	
NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets	39332.21			
NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services (Senator Hinchey)		30000		
NYS Division of Housing and Community Renewal	372069.29			
NYS Office of Prevention of Domestic Violence		124231.39		
NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (STEHP)	399150.98			
NYS Office of Victim Services		189893.21		
Pay it Forward Thrift Store				112989.3
Transitional Housing Income			6236	
United Way of the Greater Capital Region				16310.5
US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)	104693.9			
In-Kind Services, non monetary donations & services				121560.9
Rent, miscellaneous income				71643.84
Totals	2855612	1347425.06	456661.46	607575.03
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FAMILY & COMMUNITY SERVICES



Food Pantry- 4,974 persons, 668 unduplicated households

Mobile Food Pantry - 1,498 persons, 739 families

Feeding America= 123 food pickups, 55,396 lbs of food

Farm to Food Pantry- 46 pickups, 13,426 lbs of food

FAMILY & COMMUNITY SERVICES



Housing:

STEHP (Solutions to End Homelessness)

- 25 individuals served through Rapid Rehousing
- 181 individuals, assisted through Prevention

RSP (Rental Supplement Program)

- 52 households served

FAMILY & COMMUNITY SERVICES



Emergency Assistance:

- 15 rent
- 1 utilities
- 72 household items
- 143 clothing
- 56 gas cards
- 1 storage unit payment
- 140 bus passes

Resource Room (computer, fax, phone)

- 7 persons, 27 visits

Healthy Homes

- 12 at risk households assisted

VICTIM SERVICES



24 Hour Domestic Violence Hotline

- 626 calls

Safe Dwelling Residential Program

- Greene County 23 ppl sheltered
- Columbia County 33 ppl sheltered

Orders of Protection

- Greene County 80
- Columbia county 62

Crime Victims Assistance Program

- 3 victims assisted

PAY IT FORWARD COMMUNITY THRIFT STORE



- 133 donations received at an estimated value of \$ 55,286
- 140 vouchers issued to persons in need, at a value of \$3,518 (clothing, bedding, cooking utensils, etc.)
- Gross sales \$116,900

All proceeds from the thrift store support the programs offered by the agency

WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



- 44 home energy audits performed
- 4 homes weatherized
- 73 homes received air conditioners

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SUMMARY

In addition to our “regular” programs, we also provided over 455 children with Christmas gifts, 250 children with backpacks/school supplies, 80 children with new shoes for school, and prepared 144 tax returns bringing \$122,126 in Federal refunds into Greene County!



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