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We overcome poverty by meeting basic needs, helping people to grow, and collaborating in our communities.

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COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK CELEBRATES COMMUNITY ACTION MONTH

2022 marks the 58th year since the Community Action Network was established to help American families and communities overcome obstacles to poverty. Over 1,000 agencies across the country are working every day to create opportunities and transform the lives of their neighbors making communities stronger and helping families across the US thrive. This year, Blue Valley Community Action Partnership, a proud member of the Community Action Network, will also commemorate 56 years of helping families throughout southeast Nebraska.

"Each May, during Community Action Month, we reflect on the impact Blue Valley Community Action Partnership and our network has had on families," said Shari Wurt-Miller, BVCA CEO. "Last year alone, we served almost 6,500 individuals across BVCA's nine county service area and over 15 million across the country with immediately needed services such as shelter and food, and also long-term solutions."

Community Action Agencies serve 99% of all American counties with life-changing services to help families achieve financial stability. All agencies are locally controlled and represented by the private, public, and low-income sectors of the community. "We are proud of our communities' participation in the development and oversight of our programs," said Miller. "Their engagement helps us to be more effective in our approach by determining the needs of southeast Nebraska."

To celebrate the continued success of Community Action and raise awareness throughout the counties we serve, Blue Valley Community Action Partnership will again host a virtual 10K and 2 mile walk/run event, **Spring into Action—Act, Help, Move, Inspire**. Proceeds will support our One-Time Needs Revolving Loan Program.

By participating, not only do you help BVCA continue this much-needed service, but you also get a great t-shirt, help spread awareness of BVCA, and you inspire others to get involved in their community. Here's how to do it:

- Register online for the virtual run/walk by visiting www.raceentry.com and searching "Spring Into Action" or "Spring Into Action—Act, Help, Move, Inspire." You can also scan the QR Code on the photo below. The direct link to register is: <https://www.raceentry.com/races/spring-into-action-act-help-move-inspire/2022/register>. Links to the race can also be found on our website www.bvca.net and on our Facebook event page. Cost of registration is \$25.
- Run or walk at your convenience anywhere and anytime on Saturday, May 21, 2022.
- Share your race photo with us on social media with the hashtag #changinglives2022. This is optional, but it is a great way to spread awareness and stay connected to other runners in your community!
- If you can't participate in the run/walk but would still like to support BVCA Partnership, please visit <https://www.raceentry.com/spring-into-action-act-help-move-inspire/race-information> and click the green "fundraise" button to make a donation. You can also access this by scanning the above QR Code. Donations can also be made via our website: www.bvca.net.





2021 IMPACT REPORT

Blue Valley Community Action Partnership

October 1, 2020-September 30, 2021

Blue Valley Community Action Partnership assisted **6,411** individuals by offering life-changing services that provide solutions to help build lives of stability, dignity and prosperity.

2,708 children | **2,826** adults | **877** elderly

housing

407 individuals obtained safe, affordable housing.

1,798 individuals maintained independent living.

641 elderly | **941** disabled | **216** chronic illness

86 individuals received services resulting in their home being weatherized, preserved and/or otherwise improved.

66 Weatherization | **18** Owner Occupied Rehab | **2** Purchase Rehab/Lease Purchase

292 individuals obtained safe, temporary housing, which was 99% of those enrolled.

327 individuals avoided eviction or foreclosure.

282 evictions prevented | **45** foreclosures prevented

170 individuals were provided Housing Counseling, which includes homebuyer, rental and mortgage education as well as case management.

health & well being

3,179 individuals demonstrated improved health and well being.

2,806 physical health | **373** mental and behavioral health

2,188 children obtained age-appropriate immunizations, medical and dental care.

617 Immunization | **1,228** WIC | **343** Head Start

3,635 people received nutritious food.

2,128 Food Distribution | **1,228** WIC | **279** Head Start

education & cognitive development

343 children became school ready.

406 children improved social and emotional skills.

605 adults and children received educational case management in their homes.

102 youth were enrolled in after school programs.

569 families improved their family functioning skills.

427 improved positive approaches toward learning.

97 youth | **330** children age 0-5

financial stability

233 people increased their financial knowledge and skills.
54 youth | 179 adults

107 people increased their savings and assets.
15 youth | 92 adults

87 unemployed individuals obtained a job to improve employment skills or increase income, which is 73% of those enrolled.
16 youth | 61 adults

community building

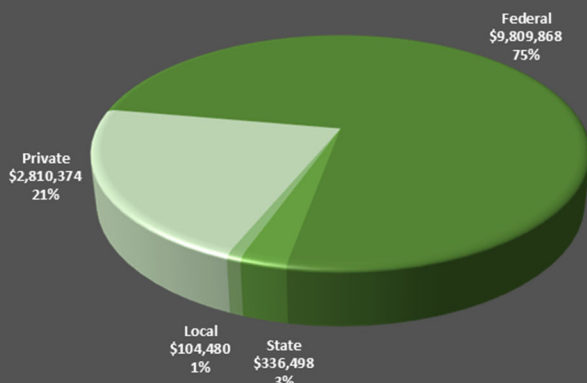
547 volunteers engaged in activities to support BVCA, themselves and the community.
510 community volunteers | 37 foster grandparents

13 child care centers and their staff improved their quality of care by participating in professional development training and support provided by BVCA.

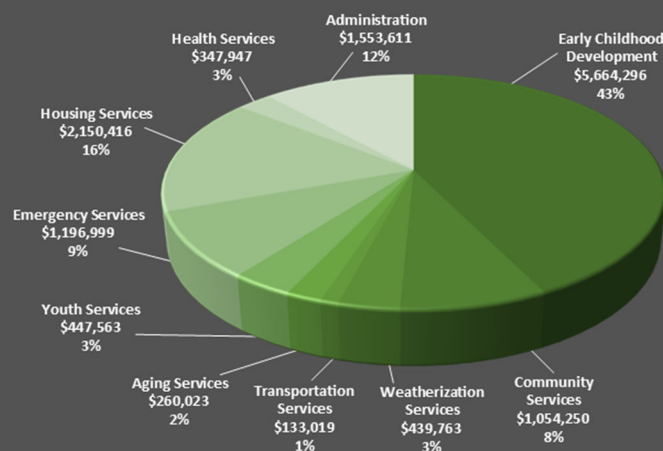
Volunteers donated **39,104** hours that were valued at **\$384,867**.

funding & resources

\$13,061,220 in funding was secured FY2021. For each of those dollars, \$.88 was used to meet the needs of BVCA's clients and mission.



\$13,247,887 was expended to provide quality service in our communities.



human resources

Benefit value per hour is **\$4.61**
Includes health, vision, dental, retirement, life and the Employee Assistance Program (EAP).

209 individuals were employed by BVCA.

92 certifications or professional credentials were held by BVCA employees.

8,129 training hours were completed by staff to enhance their abilities to provide poverty-fighting solutions.

THE PROMISE OF COMMUNITY ACTION

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.

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BVCA PARTNERSHIP ANNOUNCES SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



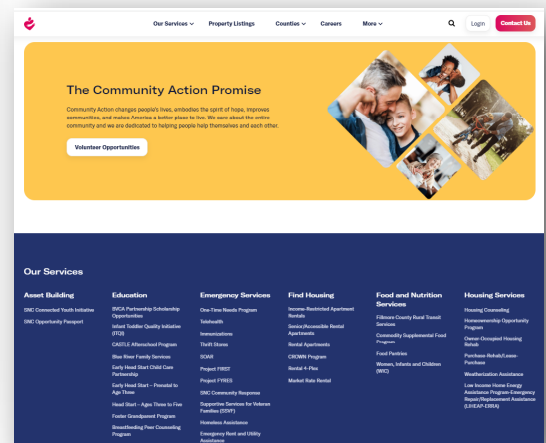
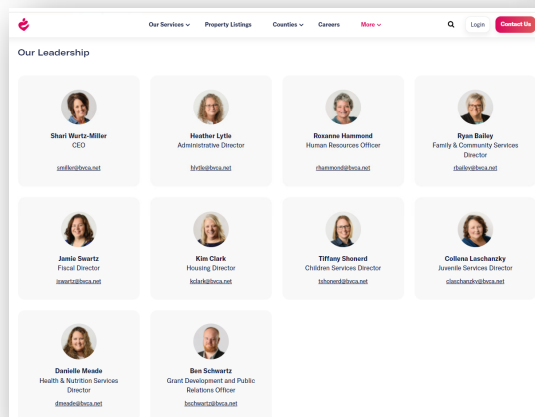
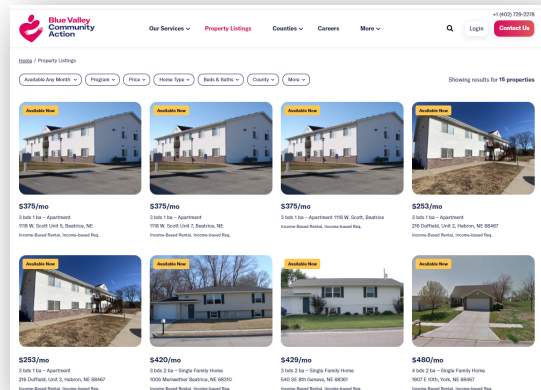
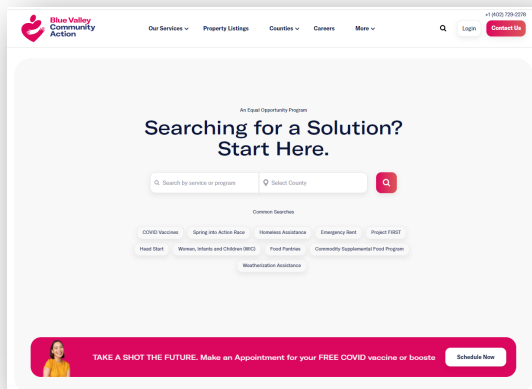
Blue Valley Community Action Partnership (BVCA) is pleased to announce the recipients of the “Blue Valley Community Action Partnership Scholarship”, the “BVCA Partnership Vocational Scholarship” and the BVCA Partnership SCC Scholarship for the 2021-2022 school year.

These scholarships are awarded to individuals with diverse backgrounds. The selection committee, which is composed of members of the BVCA Partnership Board of Directors, takes into consideration such items as financial need, volunteerism, the applicant’s aspirations and goals for furthering their education. Scholarships can be used for tuition, books, and fees associated with enrollment. All scholarships are in the amount of \$1,000.

The recipient of the “Blue Valley Community Action Partnership Scholarship” is David Miller of Stromsburg. The recipient of the “BVCA Partnership Vocational Scholarship” is Lisa Buller of York. The recipient of the “BVCA Partnership SCC Scholarship” is Madison Sherwood of Crete. Congratulations to all scholarship recipients!

BVCA PARTNERSHIP LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE | WWW.BVCA.NET

Blue Valley Community Action Partnership has launched its new website located at www.bvca.net. The new website has been designed to be more user friendly and interactive. Although some pages are still being developed, we’d like you invite you to swing by our site and look around.



Blue Valley Community Action Partnership's 1st Quarter Outreach



Childcare Services	19 Individuals
Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)	382 Individuals
Compassionate Projects	0 Individuals
Early Head Start Home Based Services	91 Individuals
Early Head Start Child Care Partnership	45 Individuals
Early Head Start & Head Start Childcare Food Program	9,148 Meals & Snacks
Emergency Assistance	138 Households
Family & Youth Involvement Center (CASTLE)	55 Individuals
Financial Coaching	62 Individuals
Friends of Blue Valley Volunteer Program	320 Individuals
Food Rescue/Security	446 Households
Foster Grandparent Program	39 Individuals
Head Start	227 Individuals
Homeownership Opportunity Program	1 Households
Housing Counseling	62 Individuals
Infant Quality Initiative Program	14 Individuals
Immunization Program	229 Shots
Lease to Own	56 Households
Mortgage Assistance	24 Households
Nebraska Homeless Assistance Program	8 Households
Opportunity Passport	68 Individuals
Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation	0 Households
Project First TH/RRH (Families In Residence with Support in Transition/Rapid Re-Housing)	7 Households
Project FYRES (Focused Youth on Rehousing, Empowerment & Stability)	17 Households
Rental Apartments/Duplexes	98 Households
Rental Elderly Apartments	30 Households
Rural Southeast Nebraska Connected Youth Initiative (RSNCYI)	59 Individuals
SNAP Outreach (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)	20 Applications
SSI-SSDI Outreach, Access & Recovery (SOAR)	5 Individuals
Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)	57 Individuals
Thrift Stores	750 Individuals
Transportation	1702 Rides
Weatherization	11 Households
WIC Peer Counseling	25 Individuals
Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)	882 Individuals
Case Management	177 Individuals
COVID-19 Vaccines	132 Vaccinations
Southeast Nebraska Collaborative Community Response	21 Households
Digital Navigation	33 Individuals
BVCA Partnership Scholarships	3 Individuals



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