



# Quarterly Connection

## Our Mission

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

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## THANK YOU!

As Blue Valley Community Action Partnership enters a new calendar year and completes it's first quarter of our new fiscal year, we would like to take a moment to thank those who have so generously supported us.

Every box of food collected, every dollar donated, and each hour volunteered directly helps us help families and individuals in need in the communities which BVCA serves. We could not provide the many services and assistance to those in need without the countless contributions from you.

We are extremely grateful for your continued support of our mission. Again, thank you for "Helping People and Changing Lives."

## SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE QUICKLY APPROACHING

The March 1 application deadline is quickly approaching for Blue Valley Community Action (BVCA) Partnership's 2022-2023 scholarship opportunities. All scholarships will be in the amount of \$1,000 and can be used for tuition, books and fees associated with enrollment. Three scholarships will be awarded. BVCA Partnership will offer the following scholarships this year:



- The "BVCA Partnership Scholarship" will be awarded to an individual planning to attend or currently attending a 4-year college.
- The "BVCA Partnership Vocational Scholarship" will be awarded to an individual planning to attend or currently attending a 2-year or less program at a vocational college.
- The "BVCA Partnership Southeast Community College Scholarship" will be awarded to an individual planning to attend or currently attending Southeast Community College.

Applicants must reside in BVCA Partnership's service area, which includes Butler, Fillmore, Gage, Jefferson, Polk, Saline, Seward, Thayer and York Counties in Nebraska. Scholarship applications, guidelines and a listing of eligibility requirements may be obtained from area high school administrative or guidance counselor offices, or by contacting the BVCA Partnership Center in your area. Applications can also be downloaded from our website: [www.bvca.net](http://www.bvca.net). For more information, contact Heather Lytle, BVCA's Administrative Director, at (402) 729-2278 ext. 122. All applications must be received or postmarked on or before March 1, 2023.

Individuals wishing to donate to BVCA's Scholarship Fund are asked to contact Heather Lytle or Shari Weber, BVCA's CEO.

**Blue Valley Community Action Partnership's 1st Quarter Outreach**

Case Management	182 Individuals
Childcare Services	14 Individuals
Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)	439 Individuals
Compassionate Projects	958 Individuals
COVID-19 Vaccines	58 Vaccinations
Digital Navigation <b>This program ended 12/31/22.</b>	15 Individuals
Early Head Start Child Care Partnership	39 Individuals
Early Head Start Home Based Services	72 Individuals
Early Head Start & Head Start Childcare Food Program	4,830 Meals & Snacks
Emergency Assistance	58 Households
Family & Youth Involvement Center (CASTLE)	74 Individuals
Financial Coaching	39 Individuals
Food Rescue/Security	320 Households
Foster Grandparent Program	33 Individuals
Friends of Blue Valley Volunteer Program	305 Individuals
Head Start	209 Individuals
Homeownership Opportunity Program	0 Households
Housing Counseling	49 Individuals
Immunization Program	458 Shots
Infant Quality Initiative Program	13 Individuals
Lease-to-Own	55 Households
Mortgage Assistance <b>This program ended 9/30/22.</b>	0 Households
Nebraska Homeless Assistance Program (Shelter)	2 Households
Opportunity Passport <b>This program ended 10/1/22.</b>	72 Individuals
Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation	1 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)	9 Households
Rental Apartments/Duplexes	94 Households
Rental Elderly Apartments	28 Households
Rural Southeast Nebraska Connected Youth Initiative (RSNCYI)	84 Individuals
SNAP Outreach (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)	20 Applications
Southeast Nebraska Collaborative Community Response	116 Households
SSI-SSDI Outreach, Access & Recovery (SOAR)	5 Individuals
Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)	88 Individuals
Thrift Stores	750 Individuals
Transportation	1573 Rides
Weatherization	7 Households
WIC Peer Counseling	17 Individuals
Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)	887 Individuals



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Visit us at [www.bvca.net](http://www.bvca.net) for more information about the programs we offer and how to apply.

**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.