

# LOCATIONS

**Project Now Main Office**  
418 19th Street  
Rock Island, IL 61201



**Head Start**  
499 27th Street  
East Moline, IL 61244  
  
109 S Elm Street  
Kewanee, IL 61443  
  
305 NW 7th Street  
Aledo, IL 61231

**Good Things NOW Quality Used Clothing**  
2000 3rd Avenue  
Rock Island, IL 61201  
  
605 SW 3rd Street  
Aledo, IL 61231



**Rock Island County Senior Center**  
  
2221 11th Street  
Rock Island, IL 61201  
  
**Outreach**  
418 19th Street  
Rock Island, IL 61201  
  
711 4th Avenue  
Moline, IL 61265  
  
605 1/2 Tenney Street,  
Kewanee, IL 61443  
  
605 1/2 SW 3rd Street  
Aledo, IL 61231

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# 2007 ANNUAL REPORT



We envision  
the whole community  
**working hand in hand**  
to meet human needs,  
protect human dignity  
and restore hope.



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# PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS 2007:

## OUTREACH SERVICES

Project NOW assisted **9,601** households in Rock Island, Henry and Mercer counties in need of utility assistance through LIHEAP and I CARE.

**1,083** households received help with critical needs including rent, deposits, utilities, medication, and transportation. **665** needed staff to intervene on their behalf to resolve their conflict or issue.

**1,084** households received food including **638** referrals to food pantries and **446** who received help applying for food stamps.

**527** households received clothing vouchers for Project NOW's Good Things NOW clothing stores - a total value of **\$19,876.87** which includes up to 6 items per family member per season or up to **96** items per year for a family of four. **32** households received furniture vouchers.

**66** households received advanced development assistance through scholarships, self-employment classes or one-on-one staff coaching.

## HOMELESS SERVICES

**52** households participated in Transitional Housing programs for a total of **16,710** individual shelter nights.

**15** households received Supportive Housing Case Management.

**274** households received information, referral and/or advocacy.



The Center for Economic and Policy Research reports that only **41%** of eligible Illinois Residents are actually receiving food stamps.

## HEAD START



**396** families were served by Project NOW Head Start representing families from the communities of Rock Island, Henry and Mercer counties.

**432** children received training this number represents a total number of classroom days of **42,812**.

Head Start Advocates paid **2,032** home visits.

**570** adults volunteered for the program(s) including **82** fathers or father-figures.



According to the 2007 Report on Illinois Poverty, children make up over **35%** of Illinois residents living in poverty.

## SENIOR SERVICES



**157,959** senior meals were served and/or delivered to over **1,100** seniors in Rock Island and Mercer counties. This is accomplished through a tremendous volunteer effort. Call us at **309-788-6335** to volunteer.

**1,986** seniors received Outreach Services. Outreach workers provide services at home for homebound seniors.

**1,258** applications were taken for Illinois Cares RX providing medication cost assistance.

## Project NOW Board of Directors



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## A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



It has been a year of tremendous service delivery throughout our 3 county area of Rock Island, Henry and Mercer Counties. We have seen growth in Mercer County with the senior meal programs reaching some of the most vulnerable and isolated seniors. We worked closely with The City of Rock Island, The Rock Island County Health Department, Rock Island Economic Growth and The City of Moline to improve housing stock in the area by reducing lead hazards in homes. This continues our longtime commitment to providing safe, affordable housing.

The strength of Community Action is found in the ability of individuals, businesses and organizations to work hand in hand to address issues of poverty. We see this throughout our service area as we work daily with hundreds of partners who work so hard to get vital services to others. These services help so many families find the support they need to get by.

Our communities are very fortunate to have so many people working hand in hand to address the tough issues. Poverty is a tough issue.

Thank you for your interest in Project NOW, Community Action Agency.

A handwritten signature in brown ink that reads "Maureen 'Mo' Hart".

Maureen "Mo" Hart  
Executive Director



According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, for over 1/3 of Americans over 65, Social Security comprises 90% of their income.



The U.S. Department of Energy reports that on average, weatherization reduces heating bills by 31% and overall energy bills by \$358 per year.

552 seniors received coupons to purchase fresh food through the Farmer's Market program.

16,515 units of transportation were provided to seniors in Rock Island and Mercer counties.

## HOUSING SERVICES

150 homes were weatherized to improve their energy efficiency.

33 households received help with the purchase or rehab of their homes. 11 of these projects were done in collaboration with the Healthy Homes Lead Grant program.

154 were educated on the homebuying process including budgeting and financing options.

127 families and 280 individuals were provided safe and affordable housing through Project NOW's Property and Asset program.



John Brandmeyer



Jessie Lisle



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Darlene Swim

OUR MISSION:  
WE STRENGTHEN COMMUNITIES BY HELPING  
PEOPLE HELP THEMSELVES AND ONE ANOTHER.

A silhouette graphic at the bottom of the page showing a diverse group of people of various ages and ethnicities holding hands in a line, symbolizing community and support.

## FINANCIALS FOR YEAR ENDING 6/30/07

### REVENUE

Federal	\$ 7,931,183
State	\$ 2,044,423
Local	\$ 218,939
Project Income, Donations & Other	\$ 1,015,561
Inkind	\$ 718,537
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 11,928,643</b>

### EXPENSES

Head Start	\$ 3,222,658
Utility Assistance	\$ 3,893,289
Senior Services	\$ 1,078,220
Outreach	\$ 582,083
Good Things NOW Clothing Stores	\$ 37,806
Weatherization	\$ 887,131
Transitional Housing	\$ 664,963
Housing	\$ 1,069,841
Property & Assets	\$ 421,749
Title V	\$ 70,157
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 11,927,897</b>

## FAMILY OF DISTINCTION

Every year Project NOW recognizes a family who has shown exceptional achievement. Heather has made the transition from homelessness to self-sufficiency through the use of our outreach services and is working towards purchasing her own home. Heather's story exemplifies how our programs and other community resources work hand in hand to help people help themselves.



65% of the households Project NOW serves are at or below 100% of the Federal Poverty level.

## WORKING HAND IN HAND TO STRENGTHEN OUR COMMUNITIES

Rauch Family Foundation    The City of East Moline    The Doris and Victor Day  
 The City of Moline    QC Bank    The Rock Island Community Foundation  
 Community Foundation of the Great River Bend    Rock Island County    U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
 The John Deere Foundation  
 Illinois Department of Commerce    First Midwest Bank  
 and Economic Opportunity    National Head Start Association    Church of Peace  
 National Community Action Foundation    Moline Foundation    National Community Action Partnership  
 US Bancorp    Enterprise Housing  
 ALCOA    St. James Lutheran Church Rock Island    U.S. Department of Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago  
 Churches United of the Quad Cities    U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
 First Congregation Church    U.S. Department of Energy    Winnie's Place    Catholic Social Services  
 Senior Service of America, Inc.    United Way of the Quad Cities    United States Department of Agriculture    Martin Luther King Center  
 National Equity Fund    Helpenstell Foundation    Illinois Department of Transportation    Broadway Presbyterian Church    AARP  
 Illinois Office of Rehabilitative Services    Transitions    Community Health Care    QC Dollarwise    Kewanee Area United Way  
 MidAmerican Energy Company    Illinois Department of Community Health Care    Robert Young Center    Rock Island County Federation of Women's Clubs    Illinois Ventures for Community Action  
 Geneseo Community Chest    Illinois Department on Aging    Illinois Housing Development Authority    Federal Emergency Management Agency    Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services  
 US Bank    The City of Rock Island    MetroLink of the Quad Cities    The National Bank    Illinois State Board of Education  
 Riverside United Methodist Church    Moline    Christ the King    Trinity Visiting Nurses    Salvation Army  
 Catholic Church Moline    Partners in JOBS    Bridgeway    New Boston    1st Baptist Church of Colona  
 Kewanee    Fire Station    Church of Colona  
 Bridgeway    Training    Social Services    1st United Methodist Church    Mercer County Crisis Center  
 Warm Neighbors    Township Offices    Augustana College    Blackhawk College    Riverbend Food Bank  
 Quad City    Success Partners    John Lewis    City of Aledo    Family Resources  
 Chamber of Commerce    Youth Services Bureau    City of Kewanee    Blackhawk College    Local Area    Family Resources  
 Christian Family Care    Blackhawk College    St. Joseph Worker House    St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran    Rock Island County Mental Health Board  
 Alternatives for the Older Adult    Illinois/Iowa    Center for Independent Living    Mercer County    Church of Kewanee    Illinois Department of Human Services    Homeless Vet Center  
 Henry County    Illinois Community Action Association    Western Illinois Area Agency on Aging