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418 19th Street
Rock Island, IL 61201
(309) 786-4991

Outreach
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Moline, IL 61265
(309) 786-6000
208 W, 2nd Street
Kewanee, IL 61443
(309) 852-0365
605 11/2 SW 3rd Street
Addie, IL 61231
(309) 562-2644

Head Start
2221 11th Street
Rock Island, IL 61201
(309) 734-6395

Good Things NOW
Quiky Lojz/Clothing
2000 1st Avenue
Rock Island, IL 61201
(309) 786-6353
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Project NOW
Community Action Agency
1968-2008
2008 Annual Report

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**Head Start**

Created in 1965, Head Start is the most successful, longest-running national school readiness program in the United States. Project NOW Head Start began in 1975 and in 2008 we served 444 children in 42 families, with an average monthly enrollment of 160. 97.7% of these children received medical exams and 97.5% received dental exams. The total percentage of eligible families served was 56.3.

Project NOW Head Start’s goal is to ensure that enrolled children gain the knowledge and skills necessary for kindergarten. To achieve this, children are served three times yearly in the major curriculum areas. Last year, 99.9% of the age-eligible children successfully transitioned into kindergarten.

Project NOW was awarded a Blue Certificate for our November 2007 Federal Review - meaning no findings.

3 program options are available: Center-Based, Home-Based and Extended Day.

We have 18 classrooms at 10 different sites in Moline, East Moline, Silvis, Carbondale, Oregon, Kewanee and Alton.

Parents are encouraged to become involved in classroom programming, community activities and programming activities, which helps develop parenting and leadership skills.

Since we opened our first classroom in 1975, Project NOW Head Start has educated over 10,000 children and their families.
Financials for Year Ending 6/30/08

| Revenue Category          | Amount  
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**Past and Present Board Members**

- Adams, Harold
- Allen, Harold
- Allen, Helen
- Allen, Keith
- Alten, John
- Anderson, Greg
- Anderson, Gale
- Anderson, Arlela
- Armstrong, William
- Ash, Art
- Asby, Richard
- Babcock, Peter
- Baker, Debbie
- Bates, Robert
- Bean, Clarence Jr.
- Berry, Helen
- Blake, Thomas
- Blazer, Judge
- Book, Helen
- Bowman, Rev Richard
- Bread, Walter
- *Carten, Robert
- Carrell, Juan
- Cathey, Rusty
- Church, Ohio
- Cherokee, Reva Roy
- Childs, Florence
- Childs, Jeni
- Childs, Sikh
- Childs, Jim
- Chisholm, Sue
- Childs, John
- Childs, Mike
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Throughout our 40 years, Project NOW Inc. Community Action Agency has been committed to helping people help themselves.

Starting in the 1980s, Project NOW began to spur employment through small business development. Over 500 entrepreneurs have participated in our Self-Employment Training Program, and a total of $1,468,845 in loans have been made to small businesses in Rock Island, Mercer and Henry Counties. Over the past year 38 entrepreneurs have participated in our program and a total of $100,000 was loaned to businesses for expansion or start-up.

Small business development is just one of the ways in which we show every day that Community Action works... by strengthening communities.

McDonald, Bill
McGaughey, William
McKee, Ervina
Mech, Robert
Mellinich, Rev. Stan
Mervisburg, Anita
Milani, Jo Ann
Milani, Italo
Mitchell, Lucky
Moreno, Robert
Mulcahey, Paul
Murphy, Elizabeth
Navarro, Ramen
Neff, Angela
Neff, Patricia
Ney, Rev. Richard
Nomura, Lee
Norman, Barbara
Norman, Florence
Ohlson, LaVerne
Olsen, Ernest
Olsen, Phil
Olsen, Ray
Ortiz, Fabian
Park, Matthew Sr.
*Pattinson, Phyllis
Peterson, Earlene
Pollard, Mary
Powless, Matthew
Prince, John
Quilty, Charles J.
Quilty, L.B.
Rajes, Marion
Rassert, Mike
*Real, F detached.
Reed, Ursel "Eddy"
Reyes, Guadalupe Jr
Reynolds, Harold
Rind, Miles
Rose, Floyd Jr.
Sanchez, Bernice
Saniga, Albert
Schneider, Kay
Schwind, Eric
Seaver, Linda
Seavers, Perry
Seward, Willie
Seifert, Bernard
Sheridan, Harold
*Siegert, Louis
*Smith, Neal
Snyder, William
Svin, Cleo
Spencer, Roseve
Spencer, Mike
Spring, Steve
Stanley, Opal
Strandlund, Roger
Stichling, Becky
Tarleton, Robert
Tatman, William
Terry, Odessa
Tschilli, Beatrice
Ulin, Steve
Vallejo, Jo
Van Lauen, James
Veasey, James
Vickrey, Bob
Villegas, Esperanza
Virgilio, Ben
Walker, Vera
Ward, Bill
Watts, Jim
Weber, Myrtil
*Weinberg, Rabbi
Wendt, Earl "Buck"
Whan, Robert
Williams, John
Williams, Mary
Williams, Rev. Elau
Williams, Veronica
Wilson, Robert
Wondrich, Cathy
Zukerman, Jack

Diana Pulk '02-Present
Favian Ortiz ’97-90
Rusty Gather '88-97
Guadalupe Reyes ’85-88
Sharon Langemach ’85
Obie Houston '84
Tom Blake '82-84
James Vasey '80-82
Guadalupe Reyes ’75-80
Chester Hale '73-75
Jim Davis '70-73
Peter Lardner ’68-70

*Project NOW Original Board
Members:
Helen Allen, Robert Caron, Jack Hageboeck,
Chester Hale, Grover Hankins, Charles Herford,
Bill Kinney, Harry Kutsanis, Peter Lardner,
Peter Loundberg, George Marshall,
Rev. Stan Mellick, Phyllis Rayson,
Father Jack Real, Louis Siegel,
Neal Smith and Rabbi Weinberg.

**Project NOW celebrated their 40th Year on October 9, 2008 at Watch Tower Lodge in Black Hawk State Park, Rock Island, IL.**
Project NOW Salutes Our Employees!

Rick Early 25 Years
Tammy Harker 19 Years
Administration/Finance
Maurice “Mo” Hart, Exec. Dir.
Melissa Griffin, Finance Dir.
Rick Early
Michelle Papageorge
Nellie McBreard
Jennie Smith
Jeni Bradshaw
Community Services
Lois Jansen, Exec. Dir.
Molly Barkley, Exec.
Alison Abbott
Marilyn Alminas
Shirley Armstrong
Patty Rowley
Jodi Brown
Trudy Cardoza
R.C. Dominguez
Kety Downey
Melina Farwell
Tina Feltman
Mark Frederick
Gina Faist
Rachel Heins
Jennifer Howard
Toms Johnson
Lisa Lee
Bill Logan
Mona Mapa
Marie Moore
Jerry Young
Angella Peckert
Catherine Rice
Laura Ricketts
Pam Dommus
Marilyn Williams
Rose White
Pam Wilger
Martha Sperka
Head Start
Leigh Egger, Dir.
Lettie Genu, Manager
Monique Lampere, Manager
Nancy Pulley, Manager
David Anderson
Rachel Brown
Gwen Branch
Tammie Buschhite
Nancy Butler
Tina Cast
Maria Carillo
Gardner Condley
Shanda Davis
Sherry Deblaine
Darcy Eggemann
Molly Essex
Conway Erickson
Lynn Evans
Marla Flowers
Alma Ford
Melina Ford
Blaze Gallardo
Denise Hays
Amy Hidalgo
Donna Hynes
Amanda Gray
Elizabeth Giapardo
Carol Hamby
Krisman Haden
Tammy Harker
Kim Hart
Patrick Hicken
Theresa Kelly
Joyce King
Elizabeth Rizzell
Kathleen Lake
Larry Lawson
Karen Lawrence
Rebecca Lutz
Antoine Marshall
Maria Martinez
Kristina McRory
Gracie Medina
Mercedes Medina
Tami Fantin
Laura Naranian
Angiea Olmos
Marie Orsino
Catalina Patino
Lisa Parham
Lve Pollock
Doug Preston
Tammy Quillin
Janet Rahn
Heather Rahn
Erin Rameau
Michelle Robbins
Kariina Rodriguez
Pamela Roedrick
Tammy Sera
(reinterpret)
Chesney Smith
Rose Taylor
Joyce Tener
Marian Neter
Lee Watts
Mary White
Tanya Whitehurst
Deborah William-Joy
Melissa Wine
Eleanor Zaidi
Housing
Paul Fessler
Marcia Frazier
Laura Peterson
Jenny Price
Stella Schmekel
Judy Caudle
Campbell Barrett
Rita Roland
Penny Chase
Chris Jackson
Gwen Branch 15 Years
Lettie Genu 15 Years
Bill Logan 14 Years
Monique Lampere 17 Years
Lori Hagger 18 Years
Beth Yanko 18 Years
Lisa Lee 18 Years
John Lowery, Dir.
Patricia Vallance
Marcia Abbott
Cate Anthony
Elana Azano
Mary Beamer
Pam Campbell
Maureen Campbell
Kaye Chalder
Charlie Crocker
Dean Hall
Jeanie Harris
Michael Humphrey
Linda Jennings
Richard Kinkaid
Lola Kepes
Alicia Lezine
Diana Martin
Robert Moore
Diana Nossedal
Mike Pacoche
Kerry Peterson
Ellis Pine
Katherine Porter
Dana Potts
Fred Ramsey St.
Bernard Sax
Pat Schoultz
Phillip Strafford
Ron Wall
Roberta Wood
Marilyn Williams
Inez Desmon

Project NOW began serving meals to seniors in 1975 and by 1982 had opened the Rock Island County Senior Center which was officially recognized as the Community Fiscal Point for seniors throughout Rock Island County. Project NOW has been the sole provider of Senior Transportation in Mercer County since the 1980s and by 2006, Home-Delivered Meals and Congregate Meals were expanded into that county as well.

Services to persons aged 60 and over include:
• Home-Delivered Meals, Congregate Meals,
Transportation, Outreach, Information and Assistance,
Health Education, Seminars and Activities.

In 2008, we provided:
• Home Delivered Meals - 85,215 meals served to 736 seniors
• Congregate Meals - 53,215 meals served at 12 sites to 539 seniors
• Transportation - 8,155 of rides provided
• Information & Assistance/Outreach - 4,097 contacts
• Educational Seminars and Activities - 2160 participants

Project NOW
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Community Services

In 1968, Project NOW began helping residents of Rock Island by going door-to-door to find ways to address needs. This resulted in Project NOW developing extensive Outreach programs that allow customers to get help with basic needs.

In 1985, Project NOW added Homeless Services followed by Transitional Housing Services in 1989. Today these programs provide extensive case management to families, youth and single women to help them address the issues that caused them to become homeless. Community Services operate throughout Rock Island, Mercer and Henry counties.

In 2008, we provided Outreach services to 8,381 households representing 19,063 persons:

- **Utility Assistance** - 7,568 Households
- **Basic Needs**
  - Rent and Security Deposits - 403 Households
  - Clothing and Furniture - 707 Households ($17,235)
  - Food - 1331 Households
  - Miscellaneous Basic Needs - 227 Households
- **Homeless Services**
  - Transitional Housing - 44 Households / 91 Individuals
  - Case Management and Outreach 566 individuals
- **Scholarships** - 12 Scholarships

Over the past 40 years our community services department has reached over 300,000 households in the three county area representing 1 million individuals.

Housing

Helping people find and maintain affordable, clean and safe housing has been a part of Project NOW’s mission since our inception:

- **Weatherization** - 130 homes
- **Property Rentals** - 122 families representing 285 individuals
- **Homebuyer** - 6 homes
  - Homebuyer Education - 193 persons
  - Foreclosure Prevention - 24 persons
- **Rehabilitation** - 93 homes

Project NOW first started housing-based programming with home weatherization in 1977.

Project NOW expanded into rental property development in the 1990s to help individuals and families gain access to clean, safe, affordable housing. Project NOW has housed 3,000 persons in our affordable housing units.

Homebuyer and homeowner assistance programs were also added to the Housing Division in the 1990s. Our homebuyer education classes help make the American Dream a reality.

Since 1994 Project NOW has educated 2,106 people on how to purchase a home and we have helped 660 households purchase or rehab a home of their own.