QUALITY USED CLOTHING!!

In 2014, we served 253 families (439 individuals) with $7,356 worth of clothing at no cost to them.
Donate and Shop at Good Things NOW!

2000 3rd Avenue, Rock Island  (309) 793-6353
605 SW 3rd Street, Aledo  (309) 582-3244
Project NOW’s **HOUSING SERVICES** promotes Affordable Housing and helps residents buy homes and improve the quality of the housing in which they live.

**HOMEBUYER & HOME REHABILITATION PROGRAMS**
- 15 Families purchased homes through Project NOW’s **HOMEBUYER with REHAB** Program. These families received education, homebuyer counseling, closing costs and down payment assistance and rehabilitation.
- Monthly **HOMEBUYER SEMINARS** are held in partnership with Rock Island Economic Growth to provide information to 236 potential home buyers.
- 12 Families lives were hugely impacted by bringing their homes up to Housing Quality Standards, thanks to the **SINGLE FAMILY OWNER OCCUPIED REHAB PROGRAM**.
- 4 Families had their homes reconditioned or enhanced with essential upgrades through our **HOME MODIFICATION PROGRAM**.

**WEATHERIZATION**
Project NOW’s Weatherization program makes improvements to homes, increasing the home’s capacity to hold heat. Insulation, caulking, sealing and furnace repairs/replacement are the typical focus of this work. This year, a total of **131 homes** were weatherized, resulting in saving both energy and money for customers throughout our 3 county area.

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING RENTALS**
Project NOW **STRENGTHENS NEIGHBORHOODS** by providing Affordable Housing Rentals across our 3 county service area.
- **90 units** of Affordable Housing were rented to low income individuals and families. These scattered housing sites include single family homes, duplexes, 4-plexes and 8-plexes in Rock Island, Moline, Viola, Keithsburg, New Boston and Kewanee. Affordable Housing remains a critical need in our communities.
- **124 families representing 262 individuals** were housed throughout the year in Project NOW’s Affordable Housing units.

**HEAD START**
**HEAD START** is designed to **PREPARE CHILDREN FOR KINDERGARTEN**! School Readiness is accomplished through an Early Education and Comprehensive Family Support Program for very low income families with 3-5 year old children. Our Center-Based or Home-Based options provide: Education, Health, Disability Aid, Mental Health, Transportation, Parent/Family Support and Volunteer Participation Services.

**ENROLLMENT**
- 430 children from **390 FAMILIES** participated in Head Start.
- During the school year, **AVERAGE MONTHLY ENROLLMENT** was 328 or 91% of the **360 funded children**.
- 92% of enrolled children were at or below the **POVERTY LEVEL**, 5 were **HOMELESS** when they came to us and 11 were referred by child welfare.
- 10% of the children were able to achieve their potential through treatment of their **DIAGNOSED DISABILITIES** by community partners.
- We were unable to serve 261 applicants which means that 62% of the eligible children that needed Head Start were served.
- 32% of the children spoke **ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE**.

**CHILD HEALTH**
- 100% of children enrolled had immunizations, medical and dental exams by year end, with 77% current on preventive health care.
- 100% of families had doctors & dentists when they left Head Start.

**RESOURCES**
- There were **586 VOLUNTEERS**, including 220 Head Start fathers or father figures.
- Head Start’s **2014 FEDERAL REVIEW** noted a need to enhance Annual Report data on school readiness, ensure that children are screened within 45 days and receive necessary treatments within 90 days of start date. No deficiencies were noted.
- Over **$18,000** in local funding was received, with **$740,000** in **DONATED SERVICES**, primarily through Family Engagement.
- The 2013-14 Head Start budget includes **$3.46 Million in PUBLIC & PRIVATE FUNDING**. The 2014-15 Budget will be the same. Budget items include: Personnel, In-Kind, Cost Allocation, Occupancy, Equipment, Vehicles, Nutrition/Food, Travel, Supplies, Parent Services and Other Child Costs.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION** on how we **PREPARE CHILDREN FOR SCHOOL**, go to **www.projectnow.org**
**SENIOR SERVICES**

Project NOW’s **SENIOR SERVICES** offers a variety of services designed to help persons aged 60 plus stay engaged and live independently in their own homes.

**SENIOR MEALS**
- 24,447 meals served at 9 MEAL SITES help seniors eat nutritiously, get out and about and socialize. Meal Sites located in Rock Island, Moline, East Moline, Port Byron, Milan, Edgington, Reynolds and Aledo.
- 60,746 HOME DELIVERED MEALS help seniors live independently.

**SENIOR OUTREACH**
- 1,220 units of OUTREACH to 739 HOMEBOUND SENIORS.
- 2,897 units of INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE to 1385 Seniors. 645 Seniors received SENIOR HEALTH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SHAP) COUNSELING and 461 received assistance with SHAP applications.
- 475 Seniors received FARMERS’ MARKET COUPON BOOKLETS worth $9,975 to purchase fresh food at local Farmers’ Markets.
- 132 Caregivers received 137 Units of Family Care Giver Assistance.

**SENIOR TRANSPORTATION**
- 7,715 units of door-to-door transportation were provided to 354 Seniors in Rock Island & Mercer counties. This critical service transports seniors to medical appointments, therapy, community appointments, work, banks, meal sites and grocery shopping.

**RURAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION**

Project NOW is providing Public Transportation in Rural Rock Island and Mercer Counties. We call this service RIM and we are encouraging rural residents of all ages to call 1-800-788-6308 and **RIDE THE RIM!!**
- 6,678 riders took advantage of RIM Rural TRANSIT
- 1,086 individuals utilized the 84 EXPRESS, transporting them to the work destination of their choice along the upper Rock Island Route 84 Corridor. This service runs at several route times in the morning and evenings, provided in partnership with MetroLINK.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES**

Project NOW’s **COMMUNITY SERVICES** helps thousands of Customers with basic needs while they move towards increased self sufficiency.

In 2014, we provided Outreach services to 25,257 individuals!

**BASIC NEEDS**
- 454 MONTHS OF RENT and 76 RENTAL DEPOSITS were provided to individuals and families.
- 88 Families in crises received EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE, including 47 MEDICAL & DENTAL needs.
- 2,922 Meals were provided through our SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM, providing health and physical development to children in need.
- 6 customers went to college or trade school thanks to Project NOW Community Service Block Grant SCHOLARSHIPS.

**UTILITY ASSISTANCE**
Customers were assisted with **UTILITY BILLS** and furnace repair or replacement through the following programs to reduce their energy burden and helping them maintain housing.
- 9,054 homes were more livable thanks to **UTILITY ASSISTANCE (LIHEAP)** including assisting 8214 Heating and 840 Cooling customers.
- 119 Families received additional ENERGY RELATED HELP thanks to Ameren & MidAmerican funding, replacing Water Heaters, paying Utility Bills and paying for minor repairs.
- 650 Families had UTILITIES RESTORED after being disconnected.
- 54 Families had Emergency FURNACE REPAIR/REPLACEMENT.

**HOMELESS SERVICES**
Homeless Services allow customers to achieve self-sufficiency by working towards employment, asset building, and providing families with Intensive Case Management. **TRANSITIONAL HOUSING** served 42 Families and 100 individuals with extensive case management and 13,914 NIGHTS OF HOUSING, helping them end homelessness and achieve their goals.
- 58 Families received Supportive Housing Case Management.
- 198 Families received RENTAL AND DEPOSIT ASSISTANCE, preventing or reducing homelessness.

[www.ridetherim.org](http://www.ridetherim.org)
FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY** is being celebrated in 2014 as we mark 50 years since the signing of the Economic Opportunity Act in 1964. At Project NOW, we focus on linking our customers to opportunities that will help them improve their standard of living.

**ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY** may mean different things to different families, depending on their particular challenges. It may come in the form of Preschool Education, Basic Needs Assistance resulting in payments to local landlords and utility companies, Affordable Housing, Homebuyer Programs, Small Business Loans, Scholarships, Recycled Clothing & Household Goods, Home Rehabilitation, Rural Public Transportation or services to keep Seniors Living Independently.

Project NOW celebrates **ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY**, knowing that this holds the key for our customers to navigate their way out of poverty.

“We strengthen communities by helping people help themselves and one another”.

Maureen “Mo” Hart
Executive Director

Audited Financials for Year Ending 06/30/2014

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SMALL BUSINESS LOANS

We assist Small Businesses with start-up or expansion funds, helping create & retain jobs for low-income persons. This Community Services Block Grant Funding promotes economic growth in Henry, Mercer, & Rock Island Counties! Up to $20,000 per job created. Find out more at: www.projectnow.org