QUALITY USED CLOTHING
at garage sale prices
2000 3rd Ave, Rock Island 793-6353
605 SW 3rd Street, Aledo 582-3244

441 People received clothing at no charge thanks to generous community donations!

SERVING YOU FROM:

Main Office
418 19th St, Rock Island  (309) 793-6391

Branch Offices:
711 4th Ave, Moline  (309) 764-8092
207 W 2nd St, Kewanee  (309) 852-4565
605 1/2 SW 3rd St, Aledo  (309) 582-2644

Rock Island County Senior Center
2221 11th St, Rock Island  (309) 788-6335

Head Start Enrollment Sites:
499 27th St, East Moline  (309) 792-4555
109 S Elm St, Kewanee  (309) 852-4346
305 NW 7th St, Aledo  (309) 582-3668
Enrollment
- 399 children from 366 families participated in Head Start. Average monthly enrollment was 337 or 94% of the 360 funded children.
- 79% of enrolled children were at or below poverty level. No children were homeless when they came to us and 6 children were referred by child welfare.
- 10% of children were able to achieve their potential through treatment of their diagnosed disabilities by community partners.
- We were unable to serve 49 applicants which means that 88% of the eligible children that needed Head Start were served.
- 20% of the children spoke English as a second language.
- Children receive developmental, social emotional, vision and hearing screenings within 45 days and follow-up within 90 days of start date.

Child Health
- 100% of children enrolled had immunizations, medical & dental exams by year end, with 100% current on preventative health care.
- 99% of families had doctors & dentists when they left Head Start.

Resources
- 446 volunteers, including 103 Head Start fathers or father figures assisted our Head Start Program.
- Over $17,000 in local funding and $1,036,223 in donated services (primarily Family Engagement and donated space) was received.
- The 2016-17 Head Start budget includes $3,515,274 in public and private funding. The 2017-2018 budget is the same. Budget items include: personnel, in-kind, indirect costs, occupancy, equipment, vehicles, nutrition/food, travel, supplies, parent services and other child costs.

Thank you Volunteers!!!
(of Time & Space)
Chris, Caleb and Katie Engbrecht, Gary Benson, Libby Hess, Judy Paulsen, Nancy Humphrey, Phil Gonzalez, Wayne Sutton, Rosewood Care Center, Michelle Dyer, Brittny Starr, 1st Lutheran Church Moline, Jim & Sue Johnson, divvyDOSE, Mercer County Senior Center, Colona House, Bryant Jones, Westwood Terrace, Jumer’s Casino, Reynolds American Legion Hall, Edgington Evangelical Presbyterian Church, St John’s Lutheran Church Rock Island, Broadway Presbyterian Church Rock Island, Colona Township, Habitat for Humanity, Rebuild Together, United Way Day of Caring Volunteers from John Deere Seeding, John Deere Corporate, Russell Construction, 1st Midwest Bank and Wells Fargo, Ron Boland, John’s Lawn Care, Martin Pizzato, Oscar Gomez of Superior Masonry, Dorothy Heilberg & St James Lutheran Church of Rock Island, Heritage Woods, Ashley Steward, Terry Sanders, Kay Ellen Pannebaker, Eva Pennington, Eddy Bull, Mickey Dotson, Norma Gomez, Becky Perry, Thomas Parsons, Lisa Strafford, Mischa Hooker, Gene & Geri Maitlen, Linda White, Thomas Maehr, Sue & Keith Bratcher, Carole Trout, Modern Woodmen, Coventry Apartments, Friendship Manor, and … all of our Head Start Parents!!

Project NOW Head Start Outcomes 2015 2016 Kindergarten

Thank you Volunteers!!!
(of Time & Space)
COMMUNITY SERVICES

Improving the conditions in which people live and strengthening our communities by meeting basic needs

Basic Needs
Improving living conditions, strengthening families
- 139 families in crisis received emergency assistance, including 27 medical & dental needs.
- 238 vouchers helped 441 people find free clothing and household items at Project NOW’s Good Things NOW Stores.
- 15 Economic Development Scholarships were awarded to pay for job training classes for CNA, CDL and Welding certifications.

Homeless Services
Helping customers achieve their potential
- Transitional Housing served 46 Families with 12,418 nights of housing along with extensive case management. An additional 23 families received Supportive Housing Case Management.
- 107 families (272 people) received rent & deposit assistance.

Utility Assistance
Warming homes, keeping families housed
- 6,574 homes were kept warm thanks to utility assistance (LIHEAP).
- 56 households received additional energy-related help with water heaters, utility bill assistance and other energy related minor repairs. MidAmerican Energy is a great partner, funding this.
- 29 families received emergency furnace repair/replacement.

Summer Food
Reducing hunger, increasing nutrition
- 2,004 meals provided to 193 children.

Senior Services
Seniors (aged 60 and over) are able to live in their own homes thanks to Meals, Transportation, Information/Assistance and Outreach.
- 75,026 units of service were provided to 3,454 seniors

Transportation Services
Integrating seniors
- 5,745 one way rides were provided to 288 seniors in Rock Island and Mercer Counties. This service was interrupted this year due to the lack of State funding.

Senior Meals
Reducing isolation, increasing nutrition
- 16,664 meals were served to 434 seniors at 7 Sites in Rock Island & Mercer Counties.
- 46,933 Home Delivered Meals were served to 343 seniors.

Outreach Services
Improving living conditions
- 1,185 seniors received 2,102 units of Information & Assistance.
- 517 seniors received 798 units of Outreach.
- Benefit Access services were provided to 544 seniors.
- 400 Farmers Market Coupon Books ($10,000) were distributed to seniors so they could purchase healthy food at local Farmers’ Markets.
- 143 seniors were assisted with Senior Health Insurance Program.

Weatherization
Improving conditions in which people live
- Weatherization Program increased energy efficiency to 70 homes with repairs, sealing, insulation, caulking and furnace repair or replacement.

Affordable Housing Rentals
Promoting family stability
- 249 individuals, including 127 families were housed in Project NOW Affordable Housing rentals in Rock Island, Moline, Viola, Keithsburg, New Boston and Kewanee. We are committed to providing safe, affordable homes to our very low-income customers.

Senior Services

HOUSING

- Lab Crossroad Volunteers from across America stayed at Augustana College & worked on Project NOW property rentals. THANK YOU!!
Audited Financials for Year Ending 06/30/2016

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Project NOW’s 2016 Audit expressed an Unmodified Opinion.

**From the Executive Director**

Best describes the past year as we, along with our customers, have weathered the storm of the delayed, diminished and altogether unpredictable state of Illinois funding that is so essential to service delivery.

As a result of this, Senior Transportation was stopped for the first time ever and our housing rehabilitation and homebuyer programs had no new funding. Senior Outreach, Information & Assistance, Home-Delivered Meals and Homeless Services were all caught up in the ever changing state funding chaos. State funding for programs was not finalized until the very last day of the state fiscal year (June 30th), so we operated some services minimally all year.

Perhaps the silver lining is that Project NOW receives approximately 75% of our money from the federal government, so a few critical programs were unaffected including Head Start.

It is interesting that when resources dry up and don’t flow on the family level we call it poverty. When it happens at the state level it is equally difficult to solve, and as with poverty, we are all ultimately affected by it.

We look forward to workable solutions in the year ahead and we salute our customers who teach us so much about

Maureen “Mo” Hart
Executive Director

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**Stella Schneekloth**
Project NOW’s Housing Director is celebrating 35 Years of Service, making a career of “helping people help themselves”

**Bob Hepner**
represented Henry County on Project NOW’s Board of Directors for over 27 years, serving as Vice Chair for 17 years. This year we lost a great supporter with Bob’s passing and we truly miss his unique way of “working hand in hand to help people”

**Darlene Swim**
has represented the private sector on Project NOW’s Board of Directors since 1991, marking 25 Years of Service! Thank you, Darlene, for giving so freely of your time to focus on poverty and for “strengthening communities by helping people!”