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# Community Action Commission

OF SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

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# About Us

CAC services improve the quality of life for low income children, youth, families and seniors throughout Santa Barbara County. Our programs bring economic stability and diverse opportunities to people in need. We focus on providing:

- High quality early childhood education
- Job training, education and mentoring for youth
- Nutritious meals for children and seniors
- Energy services to make homes safe and warm



## 2011 Highlights

- CAC's Head Start classrooms were rated among the best in the nation according to assessments conducted by a federal monitoring team.
- CAC became the host agency for the South Coast Task Force on Youth Gangs which brings together law enforcement, educators, government representatives, and non-profits in a unified effort to prevent young people from joining gangs and reduce gang activity in our community.
- Cal-SOAP, which provides financial aid guidance, advisement, and tutoring services to low-income junior high school and high school students, was able to reestablish services in southern Santa Barbara County by partnering with CAC.
- A Food Day Celebration, co-sponsored by CAC and the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department, encouraged healthy diets and the use of affordable, locally grown produce.
- CAC helped 500 homebound seniors prepare for emergencies by delivering Senior Emergency Food Packs as part of a disaster preparedness program funded by the Orfalea Foundation.

# The Lives We've Touched

April 7, 2011

Dear Skye

On April 6<sup>th</sup>, Chris and 3 young ladies from the Youth Corps responded to call from the Muskele Co. in Santa Maria.

They arrived a bit early and began to work, quietly, efficiently and quickly. These young women were delightful, cheerful, respectful, helpful, alert and diligent. They helped set up, serve and clean up, and left the place spotless. I cannot say enough good things about them.

Thank you for a program which helps solve the needs of others in so many ways.

Sincerely,  
Cathy Kiefer

May 18, 2011

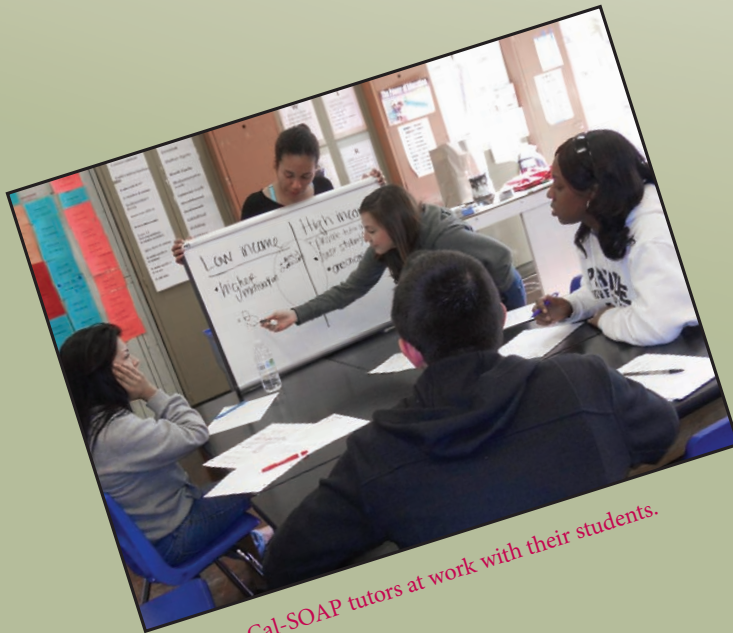
Mr. Brian Shigenaka,  
On behalf of myself and my family, we wish to thank CAC and the weatherization crew for installing our new furnace. We went through most of the winter with no heat source except our fireplace, space heaters, and our gas stove burners.



I have been unemployed since 2007, when I was laid off from my full-time job. I've only had part-time jobs since. We haven't had to use the furnace much this year, but will be ready for next winter.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts

Olivia Vazquez



Cal-SOAP tutors at work with their students.



Youth Corps alumnus Carl Swindle and member Thomas Martinez with CAC Kitchen Supervisor Filiberto Hernandez Serrano



# Children's Services

CAC Children's Services prepares infants, toddlers, and preschoolers for success in kindergarten and beyond by providing high quality early childhood education and promoting healthy growth.

## *Children's Services in Action*



Adoption Day: Left to right are Head Start Teacher Michelle Valencia, Johnny and Rosemary Rosas, and Head Start Family Service Advocate Elizabeth Lopez. In front is newly adopted Brooklynne Rosas.

Brooklynne Rosas, is a lucky little girl and a very happy one – but her story could have been very different. Placed in the Child Welfare Services system as a result of parental neglect, she came to Rosemary and John Rosas as a foster child when she was just under a year old. A placement was found for her with an aunt, but the aunt became ill, and, after 3 months, Brooklynne returned to the Rosas home. Rosemary and John had missed her; she had developed a special bond with Johnny, and recognized him with delight when they were reunited.

Rosemary enrolled Brooklynne in Head Start last year, feeling confident that she was receiving a positive preschool experience. This also helped Rosemary continue to do emergency and temporary foster care – her job, but also her passion.

That first year, Brooklynne became more social and more talkative. This year, she is 4 years old. She talks a lot more about other children now, sings songs, and recognizes her written name.

Mr. and Mrs. Rosas decided last summer that they did not want to lose Brooklynne ever again, and began formal adoption proceedings. Head Start helped to expedite the adoption by giving Brooklynne a quality early childhood education that met with the approval of the Department of Social Services and by supporting Rosemary and John as they went through the adoption process.

Brooklynne was formally adopted in November 2011. Her Head Start teachers attended the ceremony, and she was happy to see them there – and very happy to have parents she can depend on for a lifetime of support and love.

## Impact

- 1359 children attended CAC Head Start, Early Head Start and State Preschool.
- Over 200 children were provided a child-friendly place to wait while their parents were in family court at CAC Children's Waiting Rooms at the Superior Courts in Santa Barbara and Santa Maria.
- 17 CAC Head Start Centers have received accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the nationwide hallmark of excellence in the field.
- 80% of CAC Head Start children going to kindergarten were assessed to be in the top two developmental levels for language, social skills, cognition and math.



Child from CAC Carpinteria Head Start with a senior at Pilgrim Terrace

# Energy Services

CAC Energy Services keep low-income households safe and warm through weatherization and utility payment assistance.

## *Energy Services in Action*

Arlene Galloway is a 77-year old resident of Santa Maria who could barely coax her deteriorating, 40-year-old furnace to work. Its wiring was crumbling, it wasn't secured to the wall, it had to be manually lit, and didn't always work. The furnace was an accident waiting to happen, and it frightened her. Besides, it was hard to sleep in a cold bedroom when there was only the living-room fireplace to keep things warm.

In addition, Mrs. Galloway's microwave was ancient and her refrigerator was on its last legs. Her husband of 38 years used to be a handyman, but before his recent death had not been able to keep up with household matters due to loss of hearing, inability to drive any longer, and increasing dementia. Mrs. Galloway had a difficult time paying for his funeral.

Life has taken a turn for the better, however, since her daughter found out about CAC's Energy Services program.

CAC has provided Mrs. Galloway with a new furnace, refrigerator and microwave. After a free house inspection, CAC also provided a new smoke and carbon-monoxide detectors, shower heads, low-energy light bulbs and weather stripping.

Mrs. Galloway, who uses a cane or walker to get around, smiles when she says her bedroom is one of the warmest rooms in the house now. "It couldn't have happened at a better time," she added. "Never in the world could I have afforded that."



Arlene Galloway with her new furnace

## Impact

- 2,475 low-income households benefited from Energy Services.
- 969 homes received weatherization services.
- 2,920 households received utility payment assistance.
- 718 unsafe gas heaters were repaired or replaced and 151 unsafe or defective water heaters were repaired or replaced.
- 914 carbon monoxide alarms were installed in 739 homes.
- 2184 smoke alarms were installed in 680 homes.



CAC Energy Service worker, David Arrevellos, replaces a panel on a mobile home



# Family and Youth Services

CAC Family and Youth Services help youth avoid substance abuse, teen pregnancy, gang involvement, violence and incarceration, and help families cope with mental health issues.

## *Family and Youth Services in Action*

At age 17 Jesus Rocha knew he had to change his life. He had been in a Santa Maria gang since he was in 7th grade. He had been arrested and spent time in juvenile hall. And he was about to become a father.

Then Jesus began working with the Santa Barbara County Youth Corps, a job-training program operated by CAC and launched with funding from the Workforce Investment Act. He learned landscaping and maintenance skills and helped enhance the Youth Corps headquarters in Santa Maria. He also volunteered to help at events in the community.



Jesus Rocha

Over the course of a year, with the help of his Youth Corps case manager, Jesus has obtained and maintained a job at Wal-Mart and graduated from high school. His positive influence has also spread to those around him. He is a mentor in the CAC Los Compadres gang intervention program, and has helped to motivate his girl friend to graduate from high school. According to his case manager, Elisa Pardo, he is also “a responsible and caring father to his daughter.”

Jesus, now 18 years old, will begin college this fall; he is looking for opportunities to work with local teens. “Everything about my old life was negative and it was hard when I would see my mom cry when I would get arrested. I realized I did not want to be in this life. I want to help make a positive change in my community, to help other kids avoid joining gangs and making the same mistakes I made, to help [them] get jobs and get them off the streets. I would like to learn any skills I can to help because knowledge is power.”

## *Impact*

- 460 young men and women participated in the Los Compadres/ Las Comadres Program, focused on prevention of teen pregnancy, substance abuse, gang involvement and violence.
- 211 teenage parents received prenatal care and parenting classes and were encouraged to delay a second pregnancy in the Teenage Pregnancy and Parenting Program.
- 110 youth aged 14 to 21 developed career goals, received vocational training and were provided with on-the-job work experience in the Santa Barbara County Youth Corps.
- SafeCare Case Managers worked with 87 families with 164 children to assess home safety, educate parents about safety and health, and help families improve parent-child relations.



Youth Corps participant volunteering at Learning Ally

# Nutrition Services

CAC Nutrition Services provides meals for seniors, preschoolers, school-age children and community groups such as the Friendship Center and Juvenile Hall. Food is prepared from scratch in our North and South County Kitchens.

## *Nutrition Services in Action*

Viola Roybal has diabetes, arthritis and does not see well. Tony, her husband of 50 years, is her caregiver. The economy has taken a toll on the Roybals. Tony, a World War II veteran, needs dentures and a knee replacement but is going without - not only because of the cost, but because he worries who will care for his wife while he recovers. Viola has advanced cataracts in both eyes and needs surgery - but again, they can't afford it.

Tony and Viola Roybal are typical of many seniors who receive daily meals from CAC. If the Roybals did not receive CAC's daily meal deliveries, Viola would probably need to move to a nursing home, an expensive alternative that would split up a couple who have been married for 50 years.



Viola and Tony Roybal

The CAC Healthy Senior Lunch program feeds low-income seniors throughout Santa Barbara County at community centers or through home delivery. The seniors we feed are no longer able to walk, shop, cook or drive. For many of the program's 1500 participants, it is the only hot meal they will eat that day. This service enables seniors to maintain health through good nutrition, remain living independently, and experience the benefits of daily social interaction.

"These meals that my wife and I get really help out so much," says Tony. "I don't cook anymore. But to have the CAC driver come everyday with a hot meal for us, that's one less thing we have to worry about. It means a lot."

## *Impact*

- 867 seniors received 54,029 meals at CAC Healthy Table Centers.
- 587 seniors received 107,970 home-delivered meals.
- Over 117,000 meals were delivered to other community programs serving those in need.
- 56,557 meals were provided to low-income children and youth in the Summer Food Program.
- 112,877 snacks were provided to low-income children as part of the After School Snack Project.



Seniors enjoying a luau lunch at a CAC Healthy Table Center.



# Board of Directors

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*Board member Rob Godfrey with children from CAC Carpinteria Head Start*



*Board members Michael Johnson and Mike Cordero congratulate Head Start parents at the Policy Council Recognition Dinner*



*Board Member Josephine Torres joins in an activity at CAC Goleta Head Start*



*Board Member Ashley Costa (second from left) admires the work of children at CAC Lompoc Head Start*



# Financial Statement 2010

## REVENUE

Revenue	Amount
Grants and Contracts	\$24,250,199
In-Kind Contributions	\$ 1,916,807
Program Income	\$ 2,026,224
Donations	\$ 181,033
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$28,374,263</b>

## EXPENDITURES

Expenditures	Amount
Children's Services	\$15,237,469
Nutrition Services	\$3,782,445
Energy Services	\$2,223,014
Family and Youth Services	\$2,527,711
Special Projects	\$1,726,891
Fund Development	\$45,000
Administration	\$2,855,072
Change in Net Assets	<\$23,339>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$28,374,500</b>

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

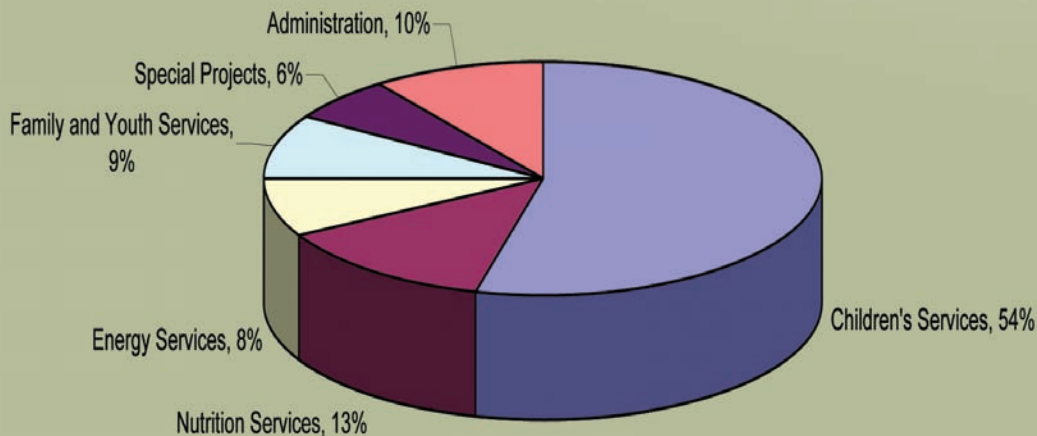
ASSETS	
Cash and Cash equivalent	\$1,441,086
Receivables	\$2,828,710
Other	\$86,348
Net Property and Equipment	\$652,862
Long Term Pledged Receivables	\$0
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$5,009,006</b>

## LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current Liabilities:	
Accounts Payable & Accrued Expenses	\$1,861,644
Refundable Advances	\$166,989
Notes Payable, Current Portion	\$22,753
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$2,051,386</b>
Notes Payable Net of Current Portion	\$227,746
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$2,279,132</b>
Net Assets:	
Unrestricted	\$2,721,383
Temporarily Restricted	\$8,491
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$2,729,874</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$5,009,006</b>

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

## Expenditures 2010





# 2012 Community Action Champions



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California Department of Public Health	First 5 Santa Barbara County	Reading is Fundamental
California Department of Community Services and Development	Foodbank of Santa Barbara County	R. J. Ricciardy, Inc.
Camarena's Tire & More	GenOn Energy Services, LLC	Rotary Club of Lompoc
Chapman & Associates	Goleta Presbyterian Church	Santa Barbara Bank & Trust
Chase Bros	Guadalupe Union School District	Santa Barbara County Superior Court
City of Carpinteria	Head Start National Center for Physical Development	Santa Barbara Foundation
City of Goleta	Health and Human Services, Office of Head Start	Santa Maria Affiliate of the Santa Barbara
City of Lompoc	Hutton Foundation	Santa Maria Pacific, LLC
City of Santa Barbara	Jillian Marie Photography	Santa Maria Rotary Foundation
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# OUR MISSION

The Community Action Commission is dedicated to providing high-quality, culturally appropriate services and opportunities for low-income people of all ages as they maintain or achieve self-sufficiency while retaining their dignity and self-esteem.

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