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C.E.F.S. Economic Opportunity Corporation

2020 Annual Report



The Promise of Community Action

Community Action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire community, and are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.



Community Action History

Created in 1964 as part of President Johnson's War on Poverty, Community Action Agencies are community-based organizations whose mission is to mobilize resources to fight poverty and maximize participation of the poor within their communities. Agencies were originally funded directly from the federal government but in 1981 the Community Services Block Grant was introduced, and funding now goes through the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Development.



Helping People, Changing Lives

On behalf of C.E.F.S. Economic Opportunity Corporation, Board of Directors, we would like to share with you the many agency accomplishments, individual and family outcomes achieved during this past fiscal year.

Our Community Action Agency truly believes in our motto of **helping people and changing lives**. We also strongly believe in our **mission of providing opportunities for people in our communities through education and support to achieve and maintain stability**. Our work has been for 55 years and will continue in the future to assist people achieve greater knowledge, skills, to reach sustainability, independence and to ultimately achieve and maintain stability. This past year, we fulfilled our mission by **helping people and changing lives** by providing services to almost 20,000 individuals and families.

This past year has been a struggle for all of us with coping with the everyday challenges with COVID 19. During these challenges C.E.F.S. found new ways and new resources to serve those most in need. This crisis has brought out the best of our employees, volunteers, and our communities. Everyone worked together to continue our mission and continued to help people and change lives.

As we completed another successful year in helping people and changing lives, it is important to review the **2020 Annual Report and Award Booklet** contributions and accomplishments achieved by C.E.F.S. Economic Opportunity Corporation in delivering highly effective programming that has produced effective outcomes.



C.E.F.S. Economic Opportunity Corporation thanks each of you for your enduring support. By working together, we continue to lift up and enrich the lives of individuals and families on their quest to achieve greater sustainability and economic security.

Thank you for your desire to make a difference in your local community and in the lives of people who need assistance and guidance on their road to achieving and maintaining stability.

Today and in the future, we intend to accomplish and live out the **Promise of Community Action: Community Action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire community and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.**

We look forward with optimism to many more years of helping people and changing lives!

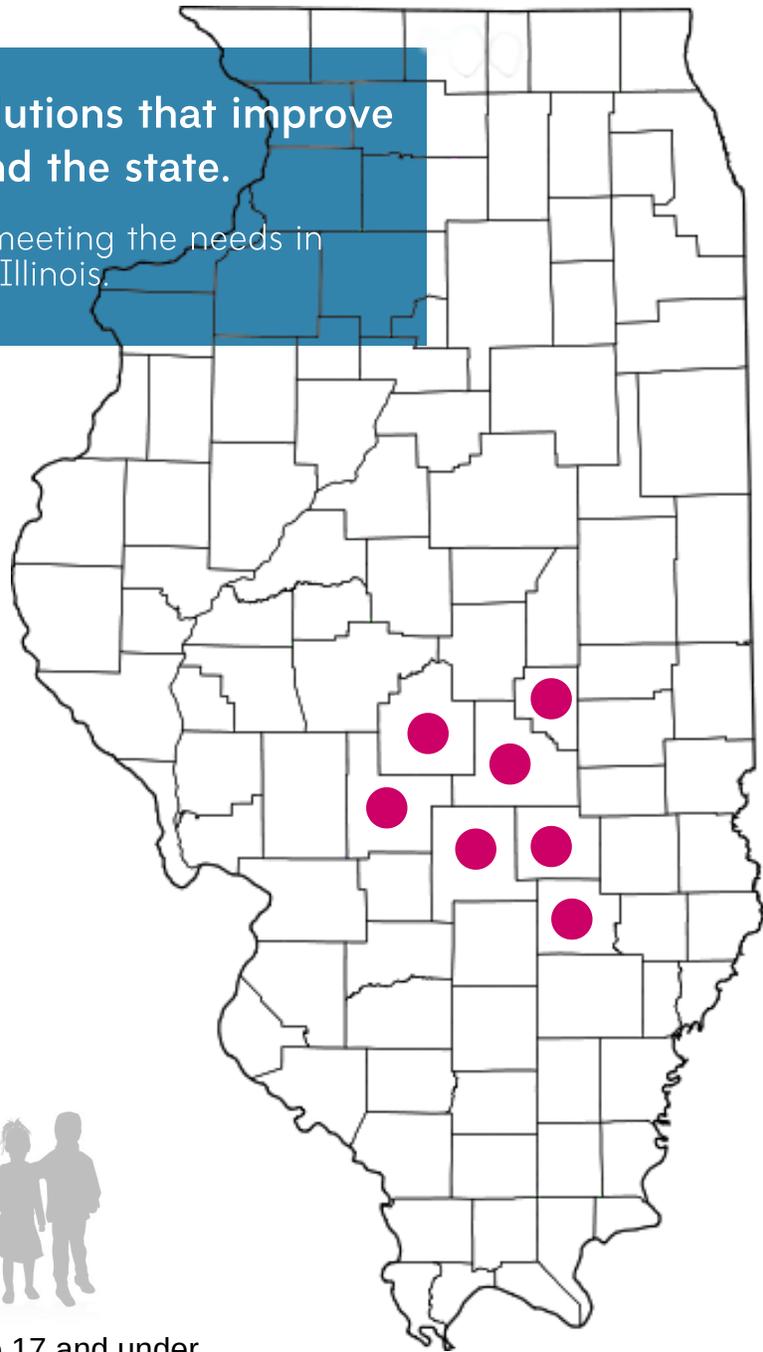
Sincerely,

Jean Finley
Board Chairperson
C.E.F.S. Board of Directors

Kevin Bushur
C.E.O.
C.E.F.S. Economic Opportunity Corporation

Community Action Agencies create solutions that improve people's lives, homes, communities, and the state.

There are 37 Community Action Agencies meeting the needs in their communities throughout Illinois.

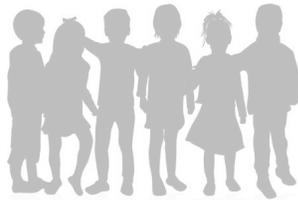


Our Reach

*Christian
Clay
Effingham
Fayette
Montgomery
Moultrie
Shelby*

*WIOA covers Clark, Clay, Crawford, Cumberland, Coles, Edgar, Jasper, Lawrence, Marion, Richland, Effingham, Moultrie, and Fayette.

Our Impact



19,758

low-income individuals
in 2019.

6,375 children age 17 and under.



176 Veterans

7 active duty.

4,533 seniors

(1,465 over 75 years of age).



165,213

senior meals served.

Services provided to

9,622 families.

Riders rode

894,208 miles

client service miles.

3,193

individuals with disabilities.

Financial Well-being

Nearly 4/5 of families in America live paycheck to paycheck. Disruptions like an unexpected medical expense, cutback at work or car expense may cause a severe burden to many we serve. C.E.F.S. staff make sure the hardworking community members we serve are well informed on the tax filing process and claim the tax credits they earned. C.E.F.S. staff make sure that seniors are getting the Medicare Part D that best suits their situations, that they are enrolled in discounted license plate programs helping them save resources. Financial literacy and budgeting services provide the skills needed to stretch limited dollars.

The Need

\$12,760

annual income is poverty level for 1 person household.

1.7 million Illinoisans live in poverty (36% of population).



Rural Illinois poverty rate is

13.6%

compared to 12% for urban families.

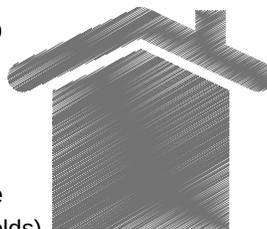
Our Reach

FREE income tax filing available to seniors and low income.

\$8,000

in CSBG scholarships available.

6,391 Households at or below 100% of poverty sought our services (43% are single parent households).



740 Individuals received financial literacy services which includes foreclosure prevention & home buyer education services.

Our Impact

\$53,502 savings to seniors from finding better Medicare Part D plans through C.E.F.S. efforts.



927 households participated in the Percentage of Income Payment Plan **saving \$785,851 on utilities.**

719 free federal tax refunds filed providing



\$998,448 in returns to low income and seniors.

Health and Well-being

Health and well-being are essential for economic success. When children have access to high-quality early care and education and nutritious food, they are better able to learn, laying a solid foundation for future success. Seniors that join others in a shared meal, go on trips with their friends and other C.E.F.S. sponsored events, avoid isolation and its negative health impact. Housing that has been inspected and where improvements have been made result in a healthier environment for families.

The Need

In Illinois, **8.5%** of children are born below healthy birth rate.



Child food insecurity locally is **24.10%** compared to the state average of 21.28% and the national 23.48%. Fayette county has the highest rate at

27.07%

Illinois Child Poverty rate is **16.2%**.



Our Reach

13 congregate meal centers offer fellowship and nutritious food.



20,876

bus rides for those with assistive devices or vision impairments.



More than **17,303 food boxes** provided.

4,496 homes received utility assistance.

Our Impact

590 mental health assessments.

\$89,034

spent on emergency furnaces for low income without a reliable heat source making their homes safer.

123 children received dental exams ensuring a healthy start.



Housing

Housing costs consume a disproportionate share of low-income resources. Add on a medical bill, transportation expense, food, and housing related expenses such as utilities, and the strain on family budgets compounds. C.E.F.S. helps families rent or buy and maintain safe homes. Low-income households may qualify for Weatherization or utility services that lower monthly utility bills and put thousands of dollars back into family budgets.

The Need



A person would need to work 1.3 full-time jobs to afford a 2 bedroom residence at Fair Market Rate in our service area.

In Illinois, low-income households pay an average of **13%** of their income towards utilities; for others it is 3%.

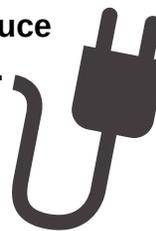
Illinois had the **5th highest** foreclosure filing rate in the country in 2019.



Our Reach

Homebuyer Education services are provided for a minimal fee; budgeting services are ***always free***.

Weatherization services are available to **help low-income households reduce their utility bills.**



184 customers received utility credits through a partnership with Ameren.

Our Impact

27 households now have a safe, reliable source of heat after receiving emergency furnace assistance.

79 homes received improvements in structure, appliance or heating systems, providing a safe and healthy environment and at least a

25% reduction in heating and cooling costs.

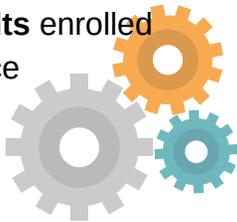
Shelter was provided to **277 households** keeping them safe.

Jobs

Getting a job is one thing, getting and keeping a full-time job that can support a family is another. When educational gaps, transportation reliability, child care shortages, and other obstacles converge, many families can't overcome them on their own. C.E.F.S. works to understand the barriers families face and we design programs to improve job skills, address transportation issues, provide tuition and child care assistance, literacy services and scholarships.

The Need

8,610 adults enrolled in workforce programs in Illinois.



7,488

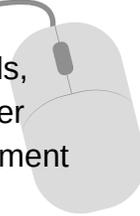
at-risk youth enrolled in workforce services statewide.

Illinois Unemployment Rate
July 2020 - 11.3%

- Clay - 9.3
- Effingham - 7.5
- Fayette - 8.8
- Shelby - 7.4
- Christian - 9.4
- Moultrie - 6.1
- Montgomery - 10.0

Our Reach

Literacy assistance is available from 8am - 6pm Monday-Thursday to improve computer skills, reading, math and other areas to aid in employment opportunities.



Outreach, CIPT & WIOA

provide transportation assistance to meet employment needs.

Services such as **tuition assistance, resume writing, application completion, work experience, and on-the-job training** opportunities are available through C.E.F.S.



Our Impact

83.65%

adults utilizing WIOA services found employment.

\$34,829 is the average wage of dislocated workers after receiving WIOA support.



67,305

CIPT trips taking people to work.

Children and Families

Children are more likely than adults to live in poverty. Child care costs, lack of a living wage, costly housing and other factors drive many families with children into crushing debt and put economic opportunity out of reach for many more. The success of our nation is dependent on the ability of children to access opportunity. C.E.F.S. helps parents overcome barriers to employment, build financial assets, and improve the economic stability of their families. By addressing the needs of the whole family, C.E.F.S. is opening doors for parents and their children.

The Need

15% of people in our service area live on

\$19,790
or less.



All of our **7 counties** have disability rates above state average.

82% of children whose parents do not have a high school degree live in low-income households.

Our Reach

36 students served in Head Start were homeless.



459 children received healthy food to assist with healthy development.

368 developmental screenings,

566 physicals &

588 immunizations monitored by Head Start.



542 children & pregnant women were served in Early Head Start & Head Start.

Our Impact

3,733

individuals demonstrated improved physical health with our help.



667 youth & children

demonstrated positive approaches toward learning, including improved attention skills.

383 parents

demonstrated increased sensitivity and responsiveness to their children.

Community Building

Central to the Promise of Community Action is "helping people help themselves and each other". That is why your local Community Action Agency, C.E.F.S., works with local organizations to create economic opportunity to help communities prosper. We engage local residents as volunteers who donate their time to support community growth. Our employees sit on state, regional and local Boards representing the needs of our communities.

The Need



Poverty profoundly impacts
20,091 lives
in our service area.

State Poverty Rate: 12.1%

- Christian County...13.0%
- Clay County...16.0%
- Effingham County...11.6%
- Fayette County...17.9%
- Montgomery County...15.9%
- Moultrie County...9.2%
- Shelby County...11.2%

Our Reach

322 RSVP
volunteers
helped improve conditions in the community.

79 organizations
work cooperatively to provide winter utility assistance.



35 Coordination agreements

130 Partnership agreements

Our Impact

155,259
volunteer hours donated to the Agency.



345 participants
that improved leadership skills.

25 households
purchased homes with C.E.F.S. support.



C.E.F.S. 2020 Family of Distinction



The Freese Family

In June 2013, Rebecca Freese was fleeing domestic violence which led to her and her two children becoming homeless. Rebecca went to C.E.F.S. for assistance and was able to enter the Transitional Housing Program. This program assists people in homeless situations with case management and rental assistance. While enrolled in this program, Rebecca learned how to establish and follow a budget. A skill she still uses today. Rebecca also completed her Associates Degree in Human Services while enrolled in the Transitional Housing Program. Rebecca was a single mother of two young children, enrolled full-time in school and worked part-time. While completing her degree was a balancing act and was challenging, it has opened many doors for her. After her enrollment in Transitional Housing ended, Rebecca gained employment as a C.E.F.S. LIHEAP Intake Worker and later became a housing counselor with the Agency. Rebecca earned national certifications in Home Ownership Counseling and Financial Capabilities. Rebecca is now employed by a domestic violence agency as a County Domestic Violence Coordinator where she counsels and advocates for people experiencing domestic violence. Additionally, she has been able to maintain her own rental without assistance since leaving the Transitional Housing program.

The Impact: Pandemic

Schools and businesses closed. Daily news reports of infection rates, hospitalizations and deaths. The coronavirus has impacted every aspect of our daily lives in 2020. With the services we offer at C.E.F.S. considered essential, the immediate focus shifted to how to safely continue serving our clients and communities in the midst of a pandemic. The month of March came in like a roaring lion, except it wasn't going out like a lamb – our programs came face to face with challenges of how to provide and offer services as well as maintaining the health and safety of our dedicated employees. C.E.F.S. staff would rise to the challenges that would continue long after March came to an end.

COVID-19 changed how

- we educate our Head Start children
- we provide meals to seniors
- we provide transportation services
- students attend college
- weatherization services are provided
- applications are processed for utility and rental assistance

LIHEAP

The large utilities were not allowed to disconnect due to COVID-19 through much of the summer. However, regulated utility companies were shutting off and customers needed LIHEAP assistance. Face to face meetings were not possible. Those in need could call for assistance, but we needed another avenue to meet the demand. C.E.F.S. developed an online application and was the first LIHEAP provider in the state to do this. Documentation for applications were obtained by various methods, including a tub placed outside the office door until more permanent drop boxes could be installed. LIHEAP services never stopped, the focus on customer needs was front and center.

Senior Programs

Congregate meals sites were immediately closed to on-site dining. Congregate meal participants could drive through to pick up meals, or they could have them delivered. No longer would we go into the homes of our Home Delivered meal recipients. Meals were placed in a container outside the home. The home delivery need grew as family members and friends were limiting their contacts with seniors for fear of spreading COVID-19, or were limiting their own exposure. The need for volunteers grew, and pleas went out. Our employees and other volunteers stepped forward to help in various ways. Some came to the kitchens to help with preparing the evening meal, others picked up delivery routes.



Outreach

Closing our doors did not mean stopping services. Outreach staff were needed daily to assist clients, and they found creative ways to meet those needs. Clients with access to the web were served with an online application. Those without were provided alternative safe means to obtain services. Food pantries implemented COVID-19 precautions in receiving and dispersing food.



Head Start

Educating our youngest participants without direct contact was challenging. Teachers and staff developed online materials to engage the youth as well as providing learning materials in the home. Zoom and other online avenues kept families engaged. Planning for face to face interactions consumed much of the summer, but with protective measures in place, Head Start centers are excited to resume. Remote learning options are available for those unable to return to the classroom. Services to families of 0-3 children will continue with pandemic measures in place.



Transportation

Concern for the safety of the drivers resulted in immediately dropping the exchange of currency for rides. Allowable reasons to take public transportation were medical, grocery and essential work purposes. Services to our contracted routes were scuttled; our drivers missed the clients they served.



WIOA

With in-person education disrupted, Workforce enrollees had to adapt quickly. WIOA staff continued serving the need of the clients through remote methods. For new enrollees, an online application was developed and a safe means of obtaining necessary documents implemented.

Weatherization

Services were halted in March. Staff utilized this time for additional training and planning. When the state allowed services to resume, the Weatherization team was in the field immediately and implemented the additional safety measures that COVID-19 necessitated.

Outstanding Volunteer Award

Debra Allen

has been a volunteer at the Meals on Wheels nutrition center in Taylorville for 12 years by serving seniors their meal, cleaning and sanitizing tables, and greeting everyone with a smile. Debra loves helping people and knowing that she has made someone's day is the best part about volunteering at the center. Debra's help and service every day is much appreciated. Debra is a huge cat lover.

Kate Dickens

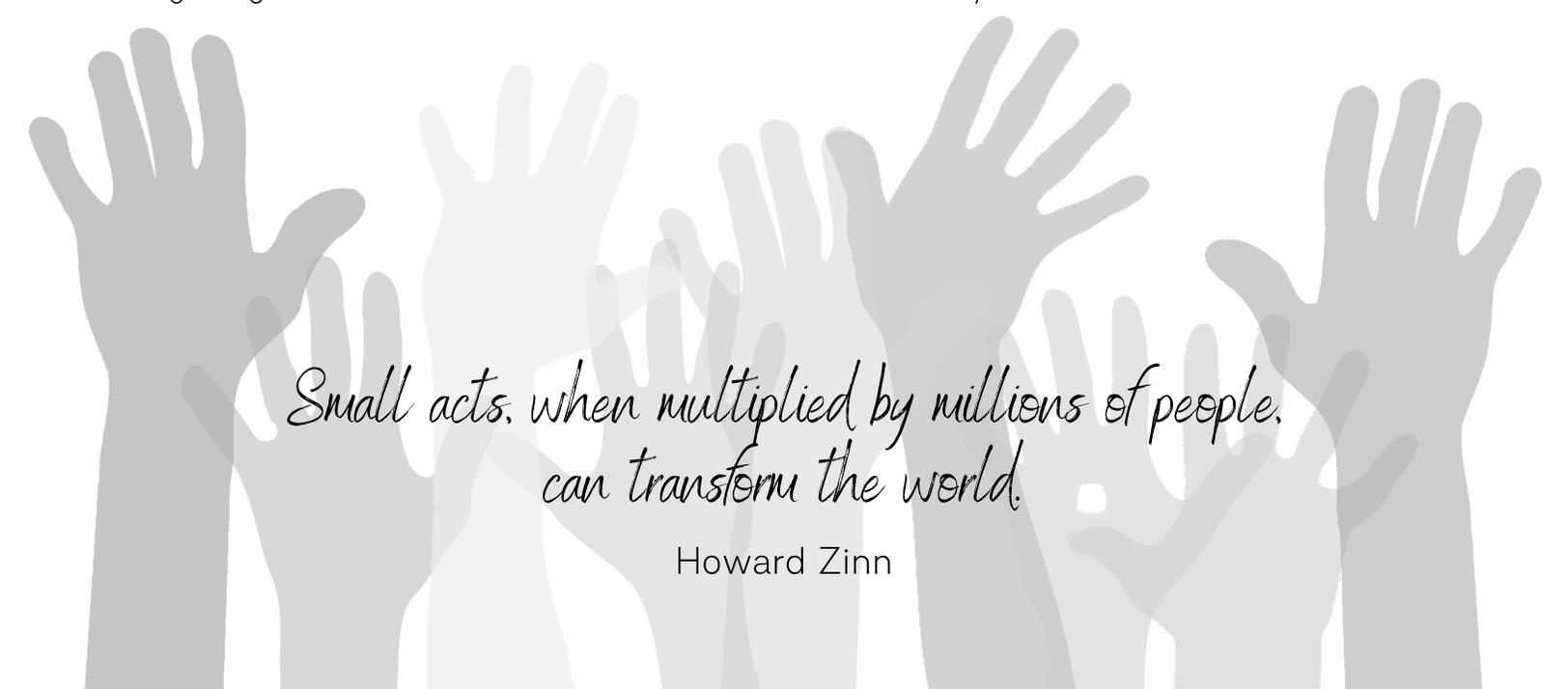
assists with home delivered meals at the Effingham Meals on Wheels nutrition center as well as for the local hospital site. Kate has been delivering meals since 1982 with a genuine caring and loving nature toward everyone she serves. Kate's first volunteer started when she was only 7 years old. Kate served as president with FISH for 5 years and ran a book cart for kids that raised money to support a local library in Naperville. She also ran Wednesday Bridge group from 1988 till 2017, hospital auxiliary member and remains active with American Red Cross.

Amy McDowell

has volunteered almost every day at the Clay County Outreach Office for the past year. Amy is always very pleasant to customers and has taken the time to learn about the office procedures, answering phones, transfer clients to the appropriate staff who can assist them, and make appointments. She is always willing to help with whatever the office needs completed. Amy took the VITA volunteer test so she could assist with the intake of taxes this tax season and has even brought coloring books and toys into the office for the customer's children to play with.

Herb & Shirley Wright

have been making a difference in the lives of seniors for almost 20 years by delivering hot nutritious meals with a smile at the Meals on Wheels nutrition center at Vandalia. In addition to delivering meals, Herb and Shirley also assist in the kitchen to ensure the meals are bagged and ready to go for home delivery. Herb and Shirley love to visit with the home-bound seniors and are great in recognizing if the home-bound senior needs other services so they can remain in their own home.



*Small acts, when multiplied by millions of people,
can transform the world.*

Howard Zinn

Personal Achievement Award

Katie Brown

completed her Dental Hygiene training and graduated in May 2019 through the help of WIOA. During the pinning ceremony Katie was presented with the Sigma Phi Alpha, Golden Scaler and the Preventative Dentistry Awards. Upon passing her boards, Katie found immediate employment and enjoys working in a job that allows her to support herself.

Jasmine Compton

first came to WIOA seeking assistance to complete a degree in Broadband Telecom. Jasmine worked part-time and graduated in May 2019 with President's Honors from Lincoln Trail College. Jasmine found full-time employment and enjoys working outdoors as she helps service the telecommunication needs of a wide rural region.

Carla Engelbrekton

came into the WIOA office as a dislocated worker following a lay off. Carla was interested in the Respiratory Therapy Program and needed assistance with training so she could focus on her education. Carla has maintained excellent pre-requisite grades and has been accepted into the Respiratory Therapy Program at Kaskaskia College and started this Fall.

Alexis Gillespey

received help through WIOA Program to complete her Registered Nurse degree at Olney Central College. Alexis is working full-time, enjoys her work, and is very grateful for the help received from C.E.F.S. as she can now support her family.

David Gonzalez

benefitted from assistance WIOA provided David. David completed his training and began immediate employment for a local company with excellent pay. Being able to provide and contribute financially to his family has relieved a substantial burden from his life.



Personal Achievement Award

Jerry Gordon

first attended the Meals on Wheels of C.E.F.S. in Taylorville 15 years ago. The healthy meals, social interaction, friendship and fun provided at the Meals on Wheels of C.E.F.S. congregate centers have made a difference in Jerry's life and has kept him socially active and engaged.

Courtney Mathews

was referred to the WIOA Program as a dislocated worker after losing her job. She entered a six-month contract at the Effingham Child Development Center as a pre-school teacher aide. After completing training, Courtney was promoted to pre-school teacher where she creates a positive learning environment for her pre-school children.

Marlon McCallen

sought assistance through Outreach because his company went out of business and his unemployment ended. Marlon participated in budget counseling, utilized the food pantries and began a savings account. He has found full-time employment with great pay and benefits and has made his health and well-being a priority and displays a "can-do" attitude.

Lois Peck

continues to remain in her home because of Meals on Wheels of C.E.F.S. home delivered meals. Meals on Wheels plays a vital role in ensuring that Lois can remain in her own home. Lois continues to make a difference in people's lives by collecting paper towel rolls for Head Start, expired coupons for overseas military, bottle caps for memorial benches and sending greeting cards to many people to brighten their days.

Rex Shaw

found affordable housing, secured two jobs, and participates in budget counseling and is learning how to manage his money thanks to the Outreach program. Because of his positive attitude and skills, he is dedicated to helping others he sees struggle as he did in the past and states that he cannot thank C.E.F.S. enough for all they have done to get him back on his feet. He is currently working on a bachelor's degree in Behavioral Science.

Personal Achievement Award

Evangeline "Rosie" Simmons

was homeless and only 18 when she sought assistance through Outreach. She was placed into the Rapid Rehousing Program and received supportive services with life skills coaching, budgeting and case management, utility assistance with LIHEAP and utilized the food pantry. Rosie found full-time employment and is no longer in need of assistance with our programs.

Jill Spour

attended a Rapid Response through the WIOA Program after the company she was working for was closing. During Jill's last semester of school, she started having health issues from a car accident but was determined to finish her classes and graduate, which she did. Jill enjoys working full-time as an Industrial Arts teacher and inspires the students that she teaches.

Christina Uphoff Nees

had held a HR Manager position for 21 years when she was laid off. Realizing that she did not have the necessary technological background to compete in today's job market, Christina wanted to pursue a master's degree in Technology at Eastern Illinois University. Christina completed her training in four semesters, maintained a 4.0 GPA, and earned her MA in Technology. She is employed as a HR Manager for a plastics manufacturer earning an excellent salary.

Kimberly Whipple

worked with a WIOA representative to assist her in completing her education through training assistance. Kimberly completed the Respiratory Therapy Program, passed her state boards and is working full-time at a hospital where she can support her family. She is very grateful for the support received through the WIOA Program.

The beautiful thing about learning is nobody can take it away from you.

B.B. King

Community Service Excellence Award



First United Methodist Church

in Vandalia has been a big supporter of the Meals on Wheels of C.E.F.S. Program for many years. During the winter months the First United Methodist Church donates grocery bags full of food to the home delivered and congregate seniors and for many years has assisted with delivering meals one week every month. The First United Methodist Church generously donates \$1,000 every year to the Meals on Wheels of C.E.F.S. Program. The support received from the First United Methodist Church is instrumental in meeting the needs of the seniors in Fayette County.



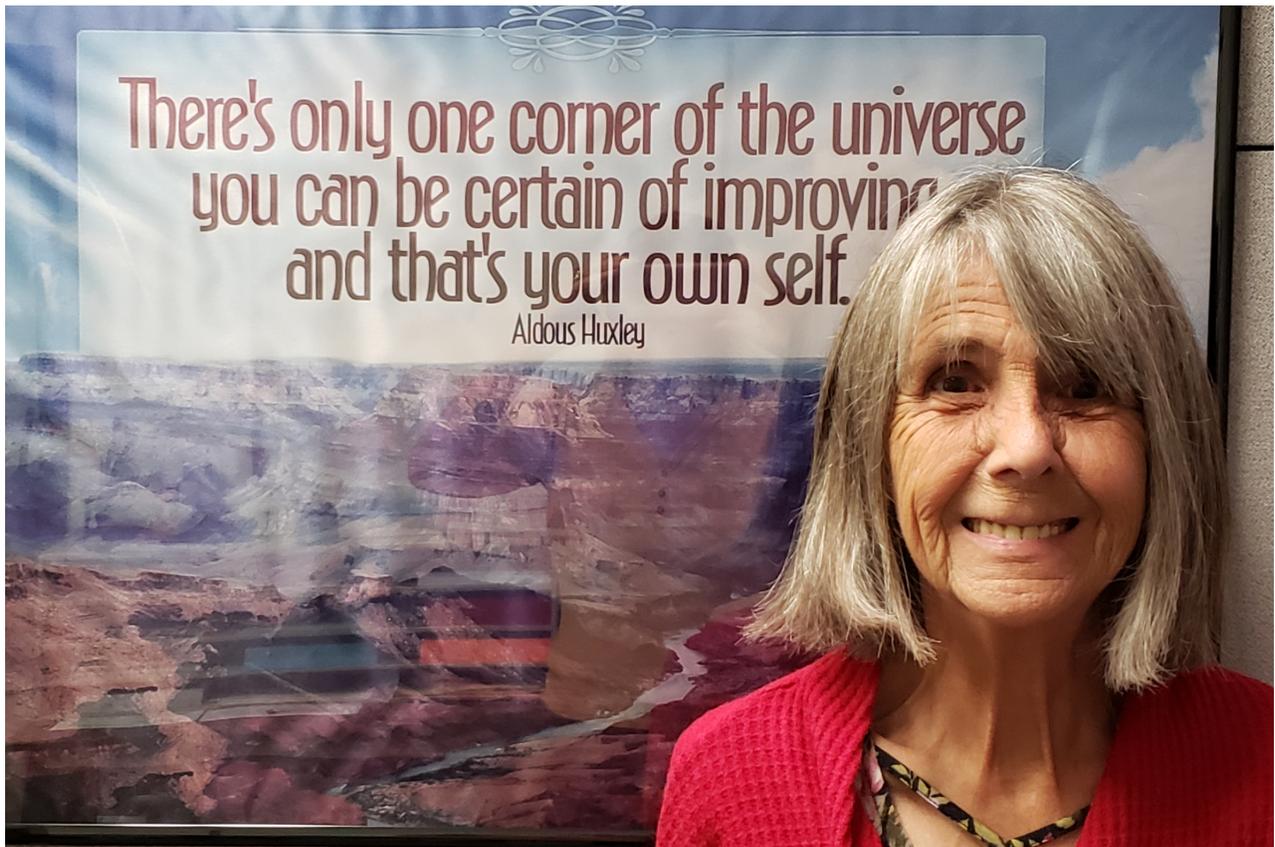
Effingham Public Library

is a valuable resource for the low-income and homeless from providing public access to computers to update their computer skills or offering a place to cool off and warm up. The library staff is able to assist those in need to search on the computer for unemployment, SNAP, health insurance through the market place, as well as explore employment opportunities and set up e-mail accounts which allows them access to resources and benefits. The library has been an integral part of providing networking for area service providers by hosting meetings to meet other organizations staff and learn what is available in the community to better serve C.E.F.S. customers. The library stands out because their efforts are to serve and to bring the community together.

There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about.

Margaret J. Wheatley

Paul D. White Lifetime Achievement Award



Rita Cosner

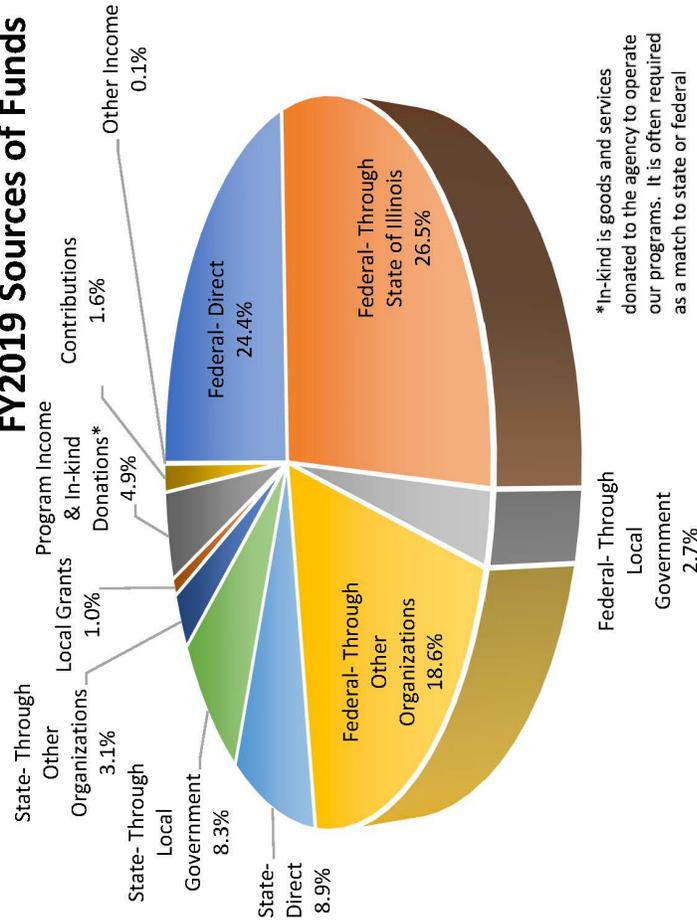
Rita began her employment at C.E.F.S. 31 years ago in the LIHEAP department. She moved into the Outreach Program as a housing counselor where she has remained for 30 years. Rita began as a counselor in the Clay County Outreach office, was transferred to the Effingham County Outreach office for 20 years and in 2013 was transferred back to the Clay County Outreach office. Rita has always put the clients that need assistance above all else ensuring they receive the agency services that will most benefit them and if C.E.F.S. is unable to provide help, she refers them to another agency that can assist with the client's needs. Rita has earned the respect of every employee she has worked with along with the clients of Clay and Effingham County. Clients can talk to Rita knowing that client confidentiality will be maintained. Because Rita has earned that trustworthiness and integrity, clients tend to open more to her, so she is then able to acquire the help they need to get back on their feet. As a housing counselor for 30 years, Rita has been offering hope and opportunities for individuals in the Clay and Effingham community.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

C.E.F.S. Economic Opportunity Corporation serves as a steward of federal, state, local, and private funds intended to provide opportunities for people through education and support to achieve and maintain self-sufficiency. Throughout the year, the agency undergoes dozens of monitorings, data quality reviews, and a comprehensive financial audit as required by the Federal Uniform Guidance. The most recent audit for the fiscal year of September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2019 was presented to the Board of Directors on Wednesday, January 8, 2020. During this audit, Sikich LLP, an independent accounting firm, issued an unmodified opinion and reported that no material weaknesses or significant deficiencies were identified.

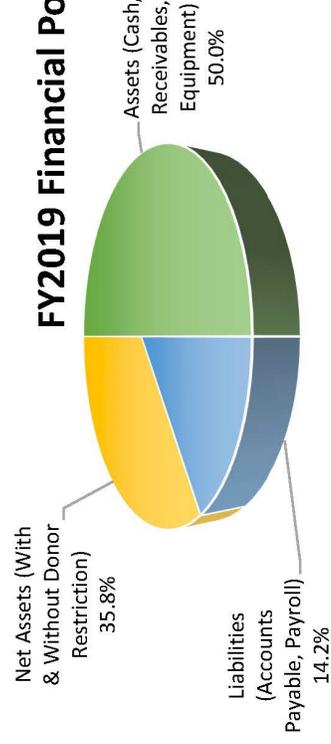
<u>Revenue and Support</u>	<u>FY2019</u>	<u>FY2018</u>
Federal- Direct	4,812,008	4,691,636
Federal- Through State of Illinois	5,225,908	4,141,110
Federal- Through Local Government	531,185	549,960
Federal- Through Other Organizations	3,670,191	3,272,790
State- Direct	1,749,298	2,008,820
State- Through Local Government	1,642,101	1,510,711
State- Through Other Organizations	606,457	616,101
Local Grants	188,256	20,000
Program Income & In-kind Donations*	966,725	637,299
Contributions	311,418	589,616
Other Income	20,079	66,009
Total Revenue and Support	19,723,626	18,104,052
<u>Expense</u>		
Programs and Services	18,857,516	16,717,416
Management and General	953,339	893,155
Total Expense	19,810,855	17,610,571
Change in Net Assets	(87,227)	493,481
Net Assets - Beginning of year	4,931,405	4,437,924
Net assets - End of year	4,844,178	4,931,405

FY2019 Sources of Funds



*In-kind is goods and services donated to the agency to operate our programs. It is often required as a match to state or federal

FY2019 Financial Position

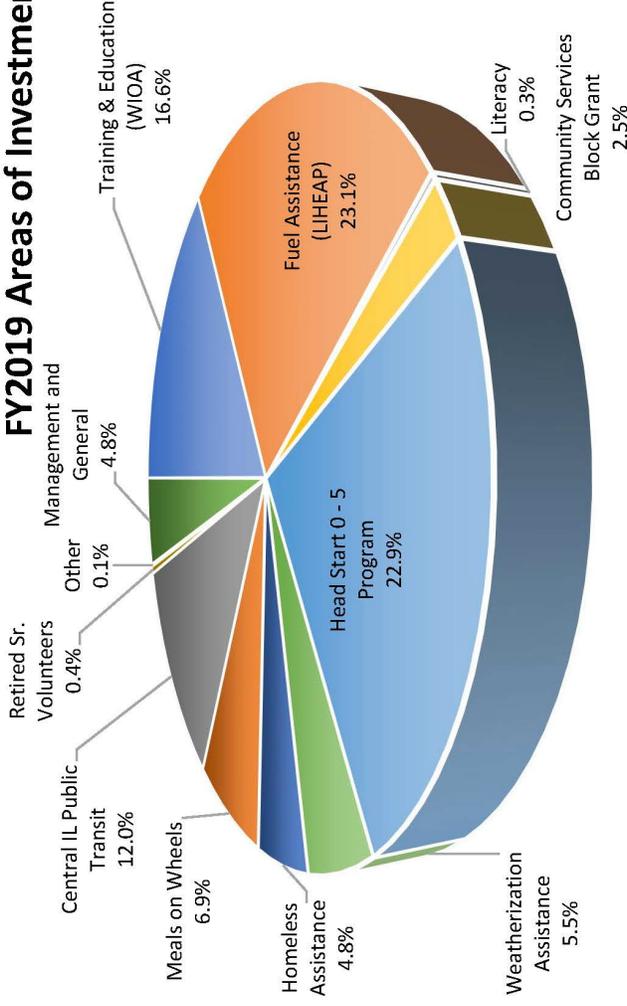


Financial Position

	<u>FY2019</u>	<u>FY2018</u>
Assets (Cash, Receivables, Equipment)	6,773,834	5,892,163
Liabilities (Accounts Payable, Payroll)	1,929,656	960,758
Net Assets (With & Without Donor Restriction)	4,844,178	4,931,405

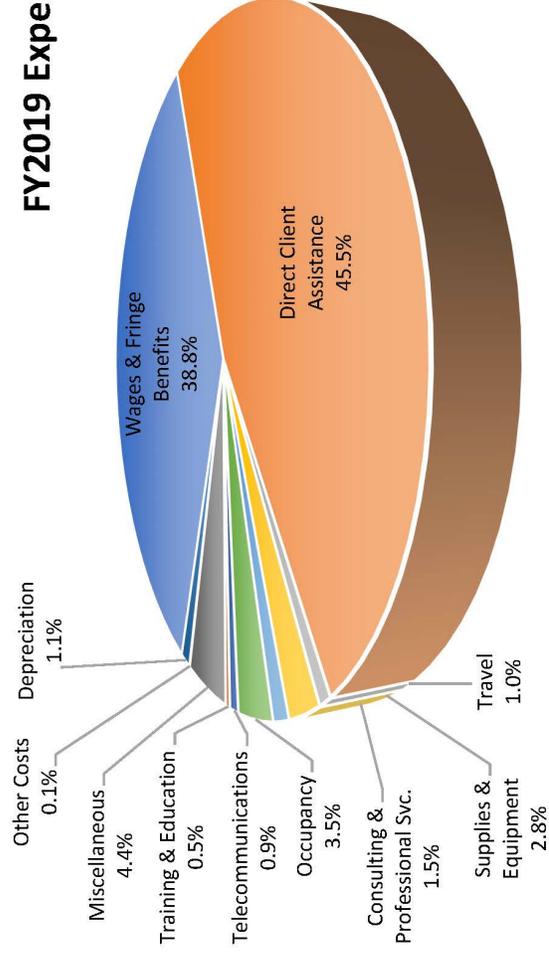
USES OF FUNDS

FY2019 Areas of Investment



<u>Programs and Services</u>	<u>FY2019</u>	<u>FY2018</u>
Training & Education (WIOA)	3,279,570	2,547,299
Fuel Assistance (LIHEAP)	4,577,622	3,891,022
Literacy	67,491	58,378
Community Services Block Grant	485,381	496,396
Head Start 0 - 5 Program	4,544,472	4,360,792
Weatherization Assistance	1,098,736	1,005,991
Homeless Assistance	959,648	843,410
Meals on Wheels	1,370,990	1,259,592
Central IL Public Transit	2,371,485	2,153,627
Retired Sr. Volunteers	78,311	71,042
Other	23,810	29,867
Total Programs and Services	18,857,516	16,717,416
Management and General	953,339	893,155
Total Expenses	19,810,855	17,610,571

FY2019 Expenses



<u>Expense Type</u>	<u>FY2019</u>	<u>FY2018</u>
Wages & Fringe Benefits	7,677,465	7,291,019
Direct Client Assistance	9,016,094	7,500,164
Travel	196,991	169,413
Supplies & Equipment	558,401	499,560
Consulting & Professional Svc.	297,195	236,149
Occupancy	694,677	660,691
Telecommunications	180,255	184,646
Training & Education	93,949	104,164
Miscellaneous	871,719	766,817
Other Costs	11,842	4,524
Depreciation	212,267	193,424
Total Expenses	19,810,855	17,610,571

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Effingham County
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U.S. Department of Labor (1)
Lake Land College

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (1)
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Illinois Department of Human Services
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U.S. Department of Agriculture (1)
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U.S. Department of Federal Emergency Mgmt. Agency (1,2)
United Way

U.S. Department of Treasury (1)
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Private

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Winterization Program For County Told

C.E.F.S. Economic Opportunity Corporation announces the introduction of a Winterization-Energy Conservation Program for Effingham county. Unexpected winter weather and increased fuel costs are a reminder that energy conservation services are conv... ve money thro... ergy consume...

Glen Forbes (center) of Vandalia watches while CETA employes Chuck Hodge and Richard Wiseman, both of Effingham, insulate his home.

CEFS Gets Cash, Six Months To Start Hot Meal Program

Six months and \$27,500 have been allotted the CEFS Economic Opportunity Corp. to prove to the federal government that it can workable program for CEFS from Food and Medical agency hopes set up a hot meal or three of it workability of...



222 Mini-Van Users Reported Last Month

A total of 222 people took advantage of the Senior Mini-van during September according to CAC... nita Branham... veled 1,430 miles and services which transporting elderly medical appointments the nutrition program izens' meeting... scellaneous trips. Total donations for s \$91.59 for the month set fee for riding the van...

CEFS Board Meets, Discusses Job Training, Family Planning

The regular monthly meeting of the CEFS Economic Opportunity Corporation's board directors was held March 11 at the Effingham County Courthouse. The session was conducted by Larry Maxwell and John Hansen of the local Mental Health Center. Paul Donaldson of the... rasing Home has presents the CEFS...

Jobs Available Thru CEFS Here

Several federally-funded jobs are available in Shelby and Moultrie counties through the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act of 1973 (CETA). The jobs, designed to help those who are unemployed, unskilled, underemployed, or In addition, CETA funds also be used to staff various CEFS projects, including mini-van drivers, a home care RN, and a job analyst. Persons interested in jobs should contact director Judy Harn...

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