



CAP Services Update

Transforming People and Communities

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SPECIAL REPORT FOR FUNDERS OF CAP SERVICES

HAPPY NEW YEAR

To help keep you stay appraised of what is happening at CAP Services, please find highlights of the last quarter of 2009.

OCTOBER

- CAP's Head Start Program completed its annual "risk management assessment" with its regional office in Chicago. No deficiencies were noted and CAP was acknowledged for its strong training and employee development program as well as the numerous and strong partnerships it has established.
- An Open House was held at CAP's Fresh Start Program in Wautoma on October 22 to celebrate the completion of the 13th house built by program participants.
- CAP's Family Crisis Center also hosted an open house of October 27 to recognize National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Program partners, volunteers and supporters were able to tour the facility and learn more about program services.
- Patoka attended a session on Women, Jobs and the new Green Economy hosted by the Department of Labor and the Wisconsin Women's Council. Recommendations on how best to fully include women in the emerging economy were identified and submitted to the Department of Labor for policy action.
- CAP received news that its application to LISC (Local Initiative Support Corporation) was selected for funding. The grant will support assessing the use of housing land trusts to increase affordable housing as well as exploration of community supported agriculture initiatives in Waupaca and Outagamie Counties, with the goal of business/job creation and training opportunities.

NOVEMBER

- Intevation, a new food processing company in Plover, hosted an open house on November 14. The business, 18 months earlier, enrolled in CAP's Lease Purchase Program. With a promise to create jobs, some of which will be earmarked for low-income applicants, CAP assisted the business with structuring a multi-faceted financial package to meet its facility and equipment needs.
- CAP's Fresh Start crews in Waupaca were trained and installed a hot water solar system in the home they are constructing in the Eastgate Estates subdivision. Training was provided by Northwind Renewable Energy.
- Mike Olson, Senior VP and Director of Housing and Patoka participated in a focus group hosted by the Department of Commerce in assessing it's Rural Housing Development Program.
- Karl Pnazek was one of the featured panelists on rural investing at the Forward Community Investment conference on November 19. The audience included investors, developers and

municipalities.

- Pat's Carstar of Plover presented a passenger van to a family identified by CAP Services as part of its Recycled Rides Program. Pat's, after accessing a damaged vehicle from insurance, partnered with Gandrud of Green Bay, Mark Motors, Schierl Companies, and Finishmaster of Appleton to repair the vehicle for the family selected by CAP's Board of Directors. It's the second year Pat's Carstar participated in the national Recycled Rides Program.
- CAP's application for funds to expand dental services to all Waupaca County residents with Badgercare was successful. This will increase access to services for many low-income families.

DECEMBER

- Several CAP programs were featured at the annual Poverty Matters Conference in Appleton on December 2 and 3. Included were its family mentoring program – Project TEAM, its business development program and its free tax assistance program. Nearly 225 individuals attended the event organized by WISCAP.
- CAP's Weatherization staff participated in a nation-wide teleconference with Department of Energy Secretary Steven Chu. The Secretary addressed progress on the Weatherization Program expansion.
- CAP received notice that its application for Early Head Start services was selected for funding. This will support provision of services to 72 more families in Portage and Waupaca Counties with children 0-3 and pregnant mothers.

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