

2008 ANNUAL REPORT

Financial Statement

Year Ended December 31, 2008

Revenue	Total
Grant revenue	\$2,987,641
Program contributions	13,145
Investment income	52,839
Contributions	134,127
<i>Total Revenue</i>	<i>\$3,187,752</i>

Expenses	Total
Salaries and wages	\$ 980,279
Payroll taxes	103,967
Fringe benefits	167,859
Consultants and contract labor	80,273
Travel	31,483
Occupancy	167,171
Consumable supplies	88,779
Food purchases	121,632
Beneficiary assistance	781,632
Other direct costs	132,724
Commodities distributed	512,017
<i>Total Expenses</i>	<i>3,167,816</i>
Change in net assets	19,936
Net assets beginning of year	844,154
Net assets at end of year	864,090



*"Our problems are many and are great.
But our opportunities are even greater."*

Lyndon B. Johnson, 1964

Remarks before the National Convention upon
accepting the nomination.



**COMMUNITY ACTION COALITION
FOR SOUTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN, INC.**

**HOPE.ACTION.RESOURCES.
SOLUTIONS**

THANKS TO OUR DONORS AND SUPPORTERS

- ◆ Over 7,000 volunteer hours were donated to CAC in 2008.
- ◆ \$114,849 was donated to CAC by private donors in 2008.
- ◆ Countless in-kind donations made to our Clothing Center and Food Security Program.
- ◆ CAC partnered with over 600 community organizations.

Grants from the following help CAC
achieve its objectives



Special thanks to *Madison Community Foundation*, which encourages, facilitates and manages long-term philanthropy.



CAC proudly serves people affected by poverty in South Central Wisconsin.

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Greta C. Hansen,
Executive Director

Welcome

We witnessed and were a part of historic events in 2008. Some of our lowest moments arrived when we watched

our biggest companies and economic institutions come crashing down and thousands of “typical” Americans, like our family members and neighbors, struggled in the aftermath. In many ways, we saw poverty and homelessness in a new way and community action agencies did what they have always done - we provided a hand to those in need. In 2008, voters elected Barack Obama as the first African-American President and we heard his plan to assist those in need with basic services such as housing, healthcare and food. 2008 brought us moments of despair and hope and *Community Action Coalition for South Central Wisconsin Inc. (CAC)* continued to walk the walk and travel the road.

It continues to be a privilege to lead this organization. The distance down the road to ending poverty often seems long, but I believe with each mile traveled we bring more people with us who are better off and living more fulfilling lives.

Thank you for your support.

Our Board of Directors

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I am honored to serve the community in such an important and meaningful way. We are grateful to have dedicated and competent leadership in Greta Hansen and her staff, and in the types of programs being offered to the community.



Emily Curtis
Group Health Cooperative
Board President, 2008 - 2010

We believe that by continuing our work in the following five areas, that we help to create real solutions to core causes of poverty.

1. Homelessness Prevention & Housing Stability
2. Fighting Hunger & Improving Nutrition
3. Increasing Income and Improving Skills for Employment and Personal Finances
4. Neighborhood Leadership and Inclusion
5. Basic Needs and Emergency Assistance

The Board spent much of 2008 on strategic planning and is excited about moving forward with our strategic direction for the next few years.

Dane County: Bette Barnes, Emily Curtis, Reg Emshoff, Tom Lopez, Bob Salov, V. Richard Wildermuth

Jefferson County: Isabelle Bentheimer, Joyce Hughes, Gail Towers MacAskill

Waukesha County: Cynthia Pike, Meghan Spragher

2008 Officers: Emily Curtis, *President* / Cynthia Pike, *Vice President* / Bob Salov, *Treasurer* / Meghan Sprager, *Secretary* / V. Richard Wildermuth, *Past President*

“it is that American spirit - that American promise - that pushes us forward even when the path that binds us together in spite of our differences; that makes us fix our eyes not on what is seen, but what better place around the bend.” Barack Obama, 2008

Our Impact in 2008

Housing Stability and Permanence

CAC provides a variety of housing services to low-income people in Dane and Jefferson Counties, including: financial assistance, Section 8 Housing Choice vouchers, housing counseling, housing case management and landlord/ tenant mediation. The agency started a new permanent supportive housing program in 2008 for Dane County residents and continues to operate a Transitional Housing Program in Jefferson County.

4,567 individuals benefited from housing services.



Food Security and Nutrition

CAC provides food to Dane, Jefferson and Waukesha Counties. As an Emergency Food Operator, CAC receives and distributes food to pantries, homeless shelters, meal sites and senior centers. CAC receives food through The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), purchases food from grants and donations, and helps to coordinate many local food drives. CAC also coordinates specialized food programs such as holiday turkey baskets for Thanksgiving and venison during the deer hunting season. Over one million pounds of perishable foods are also recovered and delivered by volunteers called CAC Gleaners. CAC assisted 65 food pantries, 100 meal sites and 25,756 individuals benefited.



Employment skills and Income Management

New to the agency in 2008 was the Skills Enhancement Program, focused on providing employment supports and training for those working at least 20 hours a week with a desire to complete training to increase wages. This program enrolled 10 and continued in 2009.

CAC also helped 107 households with budgeting counseling and financial literacy classes. Building Bridges assisted 45 households with financial case management so they could stabilize housing and improve income management skills.

Neighborhood Leadership & Inclusion

The Citizen Advocacy program continues to provide support to individuals with disabilities in Dane County by matching them with advocates. The program aims to give those who are most vulnerable and at-risk of being isolated an opportunity for social engagement and neighborhood inclusion. 45 voluntary relationships were supported during the year.

Community Gardens also provide opportunities for 18 neighborhoods to develop leadership skills and improve quality of life for those who participate. CAC provides technical support and staffing to gardeners in neighborhoods where a community garden is formed. The gardens become a place where people with mixed-income and diverse backgrounds can grow together. Over 1500 individuals were served by a community garden in 2008.



Basic

Needs

CAC provided short-term financial assistance for eviction prevention, security deposits and telephone payment assistance. Over 2,000 individuals received help. The CAC Clothing Center also provides free clothing in Dane County, and free coats to those who participate in Coats for Kids. Nearly 7,000 individuals benefited from free clothing in 2008.