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CAC Annual Report

CAC is excited to share our [2021 Annual Report](#)! We are proud to report in the past year we had direct contact with nearly **425,000 individuals** seeking services or resources.

Plus these additional highlights from 2021:

- CAC provided Resource and Referral services to over **50,347 individuals** seeking housing security
- CAC provides food, free of charge, to feeding agencies (e.g., food pantries, meal sites) across our three county service area. Through our work in food security, **130,496 households** and an additional **370,913**

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Office Locations:

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118 S. Main St. (Jefferson)

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Are you behind on your rent?

You may be eligible for Rental Assistance. To learn more, click on the county where you live below:

[Dane County](#)

[Jefferson County](#)

[Waukesha County](#)

[Other](#)

- Winter coats and clothing were provided to **2,757 individuals** this past winter

As you can see from these numbers, during a pandemic, CAC was able to impact hundreds of thousands of lives this past year. Everything we do is in an effort to push back on poverty in Dane, Jefferson, and Waukesha Counties.

To learn more about CAC and how to be engaged in our programs and services, please contact cac@cacscw.org. Or stay connected with CAC by following our [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) pages.

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Summer Shine Highlights

three Summer Shine events, in Fort Atkinson, Waukesha and Madison. Through these three events, we have assisted **more than 250 households** and provided **325 backpacks** to students in Fort Atkinson and Waukesha. If you still want to join us in August or September, you can see the dates and locations and register on our [website](#). All events will provide household goods, personal care products and COVID-19 vaccines or boosters, while Jefferson and Waukesha Counties will also provide backpacks and school supplies.

To donate and support Summer Shine, please contact Jeremy Otte, jeremyo@cacscw.org for ways to do so.

Donate to Summer Shine

Early Childhood Zones

Have you heard of our Early Childhood Zones (ECZ) program? For families located in Madison's Leopold and Mendota/Northside neighborhoods, the program offers intensive, limited-term housing services. This includes short-term rent assistance, individualized housing stability plans, and more. To learn more about our ECZ program and how to apply, please visit cacscw.org/services/housing-security/dane/.

You can view the 2021 Impact Report [here](#).



Food Security

The foundation for our food security programs is our food bank and our coordination of the Dane County Food Pantry Network (DCFPN), the Jefferson County Food Pantry Coalition, and distribution to Waukesha County Food Sites.

We administer and distribute The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) in all three counties. TEFAP is a program of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) that provides food for pantry shelves and meal sites. We also coordinate community food drives throughout the year, including the annual Stamp Out Hunger food drive.

During the first half of 2022, CAC has helped to distribute nearly **6,750,000 pounds of food** in our three counties. This food has served nearly **200,000 individuals**, including over **60,000 children**.

We are excited to share that Adam Zierten, a CAC Warehouse Specialist, has developed a couple of recipes that you can use if you are receiving food from your local Food Pantry.

In the future, we will work with Adam to post more recipes like this on our Facebook page.

Servings: 8-10 | Prep Time: 10 min | Total Time: 20 min

Ingredients:

- 1 whole rotisserie chicken
- 1 can of condensed cream of chicken soup
- 1 package hamburger buns

Directions:

- Pull meat/skin off of the chicken and set aside in a large bowl.
- Heat a large frying pan to medium, and let warm for 2 min.
- Add chicken and soup mix and stir for about 10 min.

Note: Also good on a plate, or open-faced on top of or with a side of bread.

STRAWBERRY FRENCH TOAST

Servings: 2 | Prep Time: 30 min | Total Time: 1 hr

Ingredients:

- 2/3 lb of fresh strawberries
- 4 thick slices of bread
- 4 eggs
- 1 stick of butter
- 1/2 cup of brown sugar
- 1/4 cup of milk
- 1 1/2 tsp vanilla extract
- 1/2 lemon, squeezed

Directions:

- Dice strawberries into 8 pieces per strawberry.
 - Cut 3/4 of the butter off as one chunk and add it to a medium-sized pot, preheated on med heat.
 - Let butter melt completely and add strawberries, brown sugar, 1/2 tsp vanilla and lemon juice and stir a bit.
 - Once it starts bubbling, turn the heat down to medium-low for 20 min, stirring frequently.
 - While that cooks, crack 4 eggs into a mixing bowl, add the remaining vanilla and milk, and whisk until it bubbles.
 - Heat a large frying pan on medium heat and place the remaining butter in pan until melted.
 - Soak bread in the egg mixture until coated on both sides, then put face down in the pan.
 - Brown the bread, plate & top with berry mix.
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Winter Glow coat collection will occur between **September 1 through October 15**. We are in great need of winter coats, scarves, hats and gloves for children, and we also accept winter clothing items for adults.

Follow our [website](#) and [Facebook page](#) for collection sites. Also, follow our Facebook page for announcements regarding dates and locations for disbursement of winter clothing items for you and your family.

To be a collection site, volunteer, donate or support Winter Glow, please contact Jeremy Otte, jeremyo@cacscw.org for ways to do so or donate to the program directly on our [website](#).

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