

The Community Action Communique

June 2022



Juneteenth commemorates June 19, 1865, the day federal troops informed enslaved African Americans in Galveston, Texas that they were freed by the [Emancipation Proclamation](#) more than two years after President Lincoln had made the order.

CAC celebrates Juneteenth and recognizes the countless contributions African Americans have made to our community. This is a time for people of all races and backgrounds to unite and acknowledge the affliction that the legacy of slavery and racism has and continues to have on our community. While self-reflection of such an egregious past can be difficult, it is important to expose the false narratives and recognize the truth that even now the experience of people of color is far different than their white counterparts. We also use this time to recognize the contributions and

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Join the CAC Board of Directors

CAC is seeking new board member to represent the private sector in Jefferson County. Inquire with Amber Duddy, Executive Director at aduddy@cacscw.org.

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](#)

Learn more about the history of Juneteenth, how it is celebrated today and ways that you can participate [here](#).

Check out this month's Advocacy Opportunity Spotlight for links to educational resources and to learn more about issues that disproportionately impact Black residents and communities.

Find Black-owned Businesses Near You



Pictured: Bryanna Banx\$, ever the Queen, drawing in admirers

CAC makes a return to in-person events!

Last month's Drag Brunch Extravaganza was our first return to in-person events in two years! It was an incredible event, and we cannot thank our amazing community enough for showing up and showing out – as attendees and donors, performers, advocates, and partners, and a special thank you to everyone who contributed by donating

Participate in the Community Needs Assessment Survey

Community Action Coalition for South Central Wisconsin (CAC) serves more than 35,000 households in Dane, Jefferson, and Waukesha Counties. Every few years we conduct a survey to make sure our programs meet the needs of our communities. Your answers to the questions on this anonymous survey are important to us.

[Take the Survey](#)

WHH Launches

Wisconsin Help for Homeowners has launched! The WHH Program has been designed to prevent mortgage delinquencies and defaults, foreclosures, loss of utilities or home energy services, and the displacement of Wisconsin homeowners.

Learn more about eligibility [here](#).

[Check Eligibility](#)

continuing events like these in the future! We hope you had fun – we know we did!

A very special thank you to our table sponsors for this event: Summit Credit Union, Old National Bank, Forward Counseling, and First Baptist Church.



Pictured: Several CAC staff helped make the Drag Brunch a slay – staff members Clarice Lightning and Natalie Brunner pop smiles while attempting not to pop the balloons they're inflating



LGBTQ Client Support

Read more of what the Queens had to share about CAC's shared goals to uplift and support the local LGBTQ community:

"Something that the drag community and Community Action Coalition have in common is the care of LGBTQIA+ people. To secure housing and nutritious food for the community is an extremely important way to care for our community." - Persephone Diamond

"Securing housing for our communities allows people to invest in their social relationships, communities, health, and education. Access to foods that support healthy eating patterns only contribute to a person's health throughout their life and should be treated as a human right. Healthy homes promote good physical and mental health." - Bryanna Banx\$



Pictured: Sponsors from Summit Credit Union and Old National Bank pose for a photo-op with Queens Bryanna Banx\$, Nemo, Mi Mi Sanchez, and Persephone Diamond.

Are you interested in sponsoring a table at next

Community Engagement Coordinator, [Oliver Soler](#)
for more information.

Advocacy Opportunity Spotlight

Educate yourself and others on justice and equity with these resources!

Learn more about some of the issues impacting communities of color in Wisconsin and beyond:

- [For a compilation of resources about Communities of Color in Madison, WI, and the surrounding areas](#)
- [How contemporary eviction practices in Dane Co. maintain racial segregation and target BIPOC](#)
- [A Brief History of BIPOC Reproductive Justice](#)
- [Black Student Strike – UW History](#)
- [Anti-Racist Historical Preservation](#)
- [Learn more about Juneteenth](#)

June is Pride month - learn more:

- [Trans Youth in Wisconsin](#)
 - [LGBT Rural Report](#)
 - [How does Wisconsin measure up when it comes to LGBTQ protections?](#)
 - [Find a Pride event in your area](#)
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