



# CAPNM

COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP OF NORTHWEST MONTANA

HELPING PEOPLE. IMPROVING LIVES. STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES.



ANNUAL  
REPORT  
2012-2013

## A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT



I am pleased and humbled to share with you the successes of Community Action Partnership of Northwest Montana. During the past year, our Board and Agency Leadership were fully aware of and expertly responsive to the significant challenges we faced and endured. In times of sequester, government shut down, and uncertain economic recovery, we sustained our programs with resolve and tenacity and continued our enduring commitment to achieve our mission to help people, by providing services and advocacy to improve lives and strengthen our communities.

Through these challenging times, we are proud to report that our agency provided services to more than 12,700 residents of our four counties. All of our programs continue to positively impact and improve our clients and communities. Our entire agency and each of its programs strives to distribute valuable dollars and deliver vital solutions to our clients. Examples of these endeavors are providing a means for affordable housing and neighborhood stability through our Community Land Trust, securing warm homes and stable energy costs through Weatherization and Energy Assistance, providing personal home care allowing for loved ones to stay at home, and intervening to help prevent families from experiencing homelessness.

I am honored to be part of such a wonderful and essential organization. In 2014 CAPNM will continue to positively impact our area by identifying needs and being prepared to meet them. We will bring the issues of poverty and need in our communities to the forefront of people's minds by hosting public events that will educate all as to the role poverty plays in our very own communities. We'll seek to engage and involve each and everyone in joining our resolve to improve lives, and strengthen our communities.

- *Holly Walsh*, CAPNM Board President

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### OUR MISSION:

TO PROVIDE SERVICES AND ADVOCACY

TO IMPROVE LIVES AND STRENGTHEN OUR COMMUNITIES

# CAPNM'S PRIMARY AREAS OF SERVICE

## Housing:

Section 8 Rental Voucher Program aided **421** very low and low income families in obtaining decent, safe and sanitary housing in the private market

**142** homes were purchased by low to moderate income families

Mutual Self-Help Housing assisted **6** low income families construct their own homes. Over **10,247** volunteer hours assisted with this program.

*"It really is empowering to know I've done this on my own, and that I have provided the kind of stable future for my children I always dreamed of."*

- Mutual Self-Help Housing Participant

## Energy Assistance:

LIEAP provided energy assistance to **4,738** families by paying a portion of their winter heating bills with **\$2,768,779** in assistance.

Energy Share provided **731** families with funds for emergency heat needs caused by situations beyond the family's control.

Weatherization helped **178** households reduce high energy costs by installing insulation, replacing furnaces, and reducing air infiltration.

*"THANK YOU!!! For giving me a Healthier, Happier, Quieter, Greener Home to Live in !! You all are a swell bunch of guys."*

- Weatherization Services Recipient

## Employment & Training:

**241** unemployed people obtained a job with training & education

**250** families obtained child care enabling employability.

*"This community is a better place by not just offering a hand out, but by offering a "Hand Up." The CAPNM program does just that. They were there to help me as long as I was willing to help myself and make the most of what they had to offer."*

- WoRC Program Participant

## In-Home Services:

Personal Touch HomeCare attendants assisted **97** people with activities of daily living.

**1891** Seniors maintained an independent living situation as a result of various services at CAPNM.

*"Words cannot express the thanks we have for the wonderful, compassionate, care our mom received from all of you. Because of you, our amazing mom was able to live in her own home, in dignity, surrounded by those she loved."*

- Personal Touch HomeCare Family Member

## Asset Development:

**150** Community members received training in Home Buyer Education.

**529** low-to-moderate income individuals received free tax preparation returning over **\$410,820** back to the community.

**42** youth were educated in the financial literacy Free to Choo\$e class.

*"I have to say that without the help of CAPNM and this class, I would be under water and not ahead of anything."*

- Free to Choo\$e Program Participant

## Additional Services Provided:

**712** community members were assisted with free legal assistance.

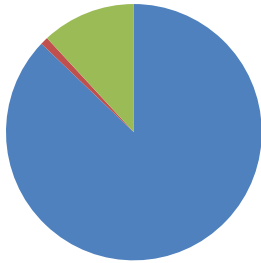
**635** homeless and impoverished people received immediate necessary services at Project Homeless Connect including Medical, Dental, Food, Haircuts, and other services.

**1443** obtained healthcare services for themselves or a family member with assistance from CAPNM.

CAPNM staff connected community members with other service agencies by making more than **26,000** referrals.

# LOOKING FORWARD

## FINANCIAL PICTURE



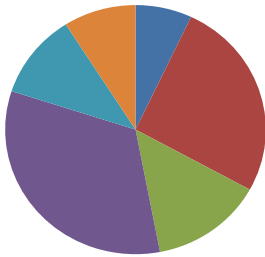
### Source of Funds

Revenues: \$7,600,844

Federal- 88%

Local- <1%

Private- 11%



### Use of Funds

Expenses: \$7,489,598

Community Services- 7%

Energy Programs- 26%

Job Training Programs- 14%

Housing Programs- 33%

In-Home Assistance Programs- 11%

Administration- 9%

## 50 YEARS OF COMMUNITY ACTION

2014 marks the 50th anniversary of the War on Poverty and of Community Action's role on the front lines. Today this 50 year fight against hunger, homelessness, joblessness and everything else that goes with poverty continues and is as important as ever.

CAPNM will bring the national campaign to the local level through a series of public events designed to get people thinking and talking about the role that poverty plays in our community and how they can get involved in the fight.

The consequences of poverty are felt at the community level as much as by the individual. To be effective, solutions must take place at both the individual and the community level! Look for the campaign to kick off in late winter with the first of these CAPNM sponsored events.



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