The mission of Garrett County Community Action Committee, Inc., is to improve the quality of life for people in need by empowering them to become more self-sufficient and by providing essential services in collaboration and cooperation with partners.

Numbers Are Only Half of the Story

Annual report messages typically tend to concentrate either on the accomplishments of the past or on plans for the future; numbers can often take the center spot light, too. The numbers listed are a snapshot sampling. I am heartened to look at these numbers and see the response to individual, family and community need that they reflect. Beyond seeing them as a response to solely a need or action, I see a different story that the numbers may not readily tell.

Behind the numbers, behind the programs and services, behind the brick and mortar are, you, the staff. Without you the numbers just wouldn’t add up. Our capacity to respond is often influenced by you, the staff. You are the agency. You help to shape these numbers and foster outcomes and make an impact for those we serve.

You are the ones our participants trust, to reach out to and intervene when a crisis occurs. You are the ones who hear their hopes and fears as well as their aspirations. It is your face they see, your words they hear when you deliver home meals or provide a ride. Your voices are those our participants and the community hear directly and indirectly; yours are the actions that they trust to improve the circumstances. It is you they turn to help with staying warm in the winter or remain living independently.

The effect of your actions and your caring ripples into the community and the effect can be exponential over time. The stabilizing force of a home, the ability to gain job skills, or expand upon education or have access to medical care either prenatal or as a senior can all impact the circumstances now. But, they can also extend out to younger and future generations by establishing a foundation of economic security.

Whether it is you who prepares the food, you who schedules a ride, or you who answers the need, you all are the agency and you all play a role in making an impact in your community and in the lives of your neighbors. Thank you for what you do, and, now, let the numbers tell the rest of the story.

Warm regards,
Duane Yoder
President, Garrett County Community Action Committee
Garrett County Maryland has approximately 12,000 households and a population of 29,500

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Funding Sources

- 6.00% Local
- 20.00% State
- 30.00% Other
- 44.00% Federal

Aging and Nutrition - Senior Services

- 32,381 Meals delivered via Meals on Wheels
- 13,960 Meals served at 6 Senior Meal Centers
- 1404 Individuals maintain living independently

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Family Development

- 326 Children enrolled in quality early childhood development programming
- 147 Children "Fully Kindergarten Ready"
230 Families Pursuing Their Pathway Plan Goals

74 Adults Advancing Job Skills with Career Coaching Services

Learn more about Child Development
Learn more about Parent Programming

Transportation

571,791 Miles Logged
152,408 Passenger Trips
- 91,592 Ambulatory Rides
- 7,775 Non-ambulatory Rides

Garrett Transit Service is "Community Driven"

Asset Building

1022 Households Served
510 Tax returns Prepared

$1.17 Million in Tax Refunds and
$487K in Earned Income Tax Credits for Families Generated

57 "Pathway to Home Ownership" new home owners

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Community Development

- $90,000 in Grant Money to Increase Access to Broadband
- $142,000 in Grant Money Received
8 out of 8 Municipalities Certified as Sustainable Communities

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Emergency Services

- 2460 Families with heating and electricity assistance
- 33 Homeless Families moved to affordable housing
- 106 Families protected from homelessness
- Recognized FEMA Agency providing financial assistance with mortgage and motel stays

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2-Generation Approach

Helping 300 families by linking the needs of children and the aspirational goals of their parents to foster greater economic stability...

Two Pathways, One Future.

Learn More about the 2-G Approach

Housing

- Affordable Housing stock = 700 units
- 57 New Homeowners
- 56 Homes Repaired, Rehabbed, and Weatherized
- 90 New Units for Elderly/Disabled
• 233 Families with rental assistance

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Partners

A Sampling of the Supportive Partners That Help to Amplify Our Agency Impact

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