



*CAC Staff answer
“What Does
Community Action
Mean to Me?”*



Renee Hauge, Head Start Program Manager

I've seen community action work each year as a large group of children come to Head Start nervous and scared and then leave competent little people who can ask for what they need, make friends, deal with anger, and demonstrate learned skills. I believe in the early intervention that Head Start promotes. We work with families and their children to help grow good citizens. The children also grow in their academic abilities, which helps them be ready to succeed in kindergarten. You can change the course of a child's life at this age. --R.P.



Ruth Martin, Project Live Social Worker, M.S.S.W.

Community Action works because it enlists the energy of community people, especially the senior citizens who meet the needs of other seniors. Seniors help seniors with the most basic needs of food, shelter, and maintaining as much health as possible for as long as possible. They are able to live independently longer and avoid institutionalization through education and volunteer efforts. --R.M.

Community Action works because we connect with so many people from different backgrounds. We help a whole lot of people who have no means of getting to dialysis, the doctor, or the grocery store. I know what I do is valuable because people often tell me, "I don't know what I would do without you or without CAC." --B.G.



Calvin Taylor, Director of Homeward Bound Programs

Part of the agency's success in helping individuals and families move out of poverty is based in the attitude that if it deals with a client, it will be addressed. We see ourselves as guides to show clients how to make the small steps that will turn into large progress towards independence. --C.T.



Barbara Green, Driver for Office on Aging's Transportation Department