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STIMULUS: WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW?

On Feb. 13, 2009, Congress passed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, President Obama signed it into law four days later. A direct response to the economic crisis, the Recovery Act has three immediate goals:

- Create new jobs as well as save existing ones
- Spur economic activity and invest in long-term economic growth
- Foster unprecedented levels of accountability and transparency in government spending.

For more information on ARRA investments and details go online to the website.

Reference/Source: www.recovery.gov

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act included broad investments to alleviate the poverty made worse by economic crisis, such as:

- The Act increases funding for the Community Services Block Grant by \$1 billion.
- The Act increases the Weatherization Assistance Program by \$5 billion to help low income families save on their energy bills by making their homes more energy efficient.
- The Act includes \$5 billion for early learning programs, including Head Start, Early Head Start, child care, and programs for children with special needs.
- The Act also provides for \$2 billion in new Neighborhood Stabilization Funds to help maintain ailing neighborhoods and \$1.5 billion in Homelessness Prevention Funds to keep people in their homes or rapidly rehouse them.

For a complete list of ARRA investments and details go online to the Whitehouse website.

Reference/Source: www.whitehouse.gov/issues

Clayton County CSA, Inc. is a recipient of some of these ARRA investments. We have been able to increase the number of families served with evictions, foreclosure, prevent and restore disconnected utilities. More homes have been inspected and weatherized. The Child Care Assistance Program has awarded 19 families with free child care. As of February 2010 we have assisted 61 families from the CSBG-ARRA and 26 families from the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program.

We continue to take pride in serving the citizens of Clayton, Henry, and Fayette counties.

REV. CHARLES W. GRANT WE CELEBRATE YOU!



On March 18th Rev. Charles W. Grant celebrated his 83rd birthday. Beechie Yates, Comptroller, administrative staff and coordinators treated Rev. Grant to lunch at Longhorn's Steakhouse. We closed out the day with cake and ice cream.

History is Rev. Charles W. Grant; Charles W. Grant Parkway, Charles W. Grant Human Resource Center, Clayton County Chamber of Commerce Life Time Achievement Award, and many other great accomplishments and awards. He continues to have the same sincere desire to fight the war on poverty for 47 years.

CENSUS 2010

Please don't forget to complete and return your 2010 Census. Local governments use census data to determine what assistance is needed and where. If residents in your community go uncounted, it will affect the amount of federal tax dollars that your community will receive.

www.census.gov

SUMMARY OF SERVICES

Community Support - provides emergency short term financial assistance along with case management services and resource referrals to families or individuals faced with crisis situations, i.e. evictions, foreclosures, utility disconnections and emergency food assistance to help families move towards self-sufficiency. Jamminese Miller, Coordinator, (404) 363-0575

Child Development Program - Creative Curriculum for Early Childhood is the curriculum used at the day care center. The Child Development Program allows the children to fulfill their individual needs at the rate in which they are comfortable and in accordance to their age level. Nadine Hayes, Coordinator, 667 South Avenue, Forest Park, GA (404) 363-3103

Head Start - Federally funded program for children of income eligible families. Head Start helps all children to succeed once they are in public or private school. The children receive medical and dental care, healthy meals along with other services offered. Also, Head Start services are offered to meet the special needs of children with disabilities. Included in the curriculum are special programs for the children such as activities that will assist them mentally, socially, emotionally and physically. Eme Isok-Nsuk, Director, 667 South Avenue, Forest Park, GA (404) 363-6710

Transportation - Eligible participants are provided transportation to Senior Citizens Services, Day Care Program, the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program (TANF), Parks and Recreation Program, Adult Day Health Program, Department of Labor Vocational Rehabilitation Program, Clayton County Alzheimer Support Services Program, and ChildTec. Services are available Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. through 5:30 p.m., throughout the Clayton County area. Special emphasis is placed on the transportation needs of the elderly and physically challenged. Cassandra Cook, Director, (404) 362-0205

Weatherization - The process by which targeted weatherization measures are performed on a home that has a direct result on reducing energy bills. The four areas in which these measures are accomplished - Air Infiltration Reduction, Weatherization, Energy Counseling, and Blower Door Test. Alfonso Weems, Coordinator, (678) 904-9715

About CSA

For 46 years, Clayton County Community Services Authority, Inc. has provided a helping hand to citizens in need. Under the leadership of Executive Director, Charles W. Grant, and his leadership team has found new and innovative ways to keep up with the ever-growing demands placed on the agency.



Mission Statement

Clayton County Community Services Authority, Inc. is committed to the amelioration of poverty and the conditions and circumstances of people in Clayton County and the surrounding areas. The agency advocates for the disenfranchised and provides for the delivery of essential services through structured programs which improves the quality of life, leads to self-sufficiency, and responsible community involvement among its citizens.

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