

MAY 2021

# COMMUNITY ACTION AWARENESS MONTH



## A LASTING IMPACT

Through the month of May, we will be showcasing the programs that we offer that help empower our community members to achieve economic security.

If you would like to be added to our list to receive these showcase emails, please email [jmurphyhill@ruralresources.org](mailto:jmurphyhill@ruralresources.org)



## MAKING A COMMUNITY HOME

**May is Community Action Awareness Month.** We would like to take this time to celebrate the impact that Rural Resources Community Action has had on our local communities.

57 years ago, our country initiated a War on Poverty by establishing the Economic Opportunities Act of 1964. Along with the Economic Opportunities Act, the Civil Rights Act (1964), amendments creating Medicare and Medicaid (1965), and the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (1965) emerged to fight against poverty. These programs were created to allow all community members to have economic security.



In a society of individualism and self-reliance, poverty is something many turn a blind eye to as if it is invisible. The problem of poverty is too frequently forgotten. People living in poverty are often looked at as lazy, unwilling to work, uneducated, or ridden with substance abuse. In fact, most people living in poverty are as hard-working as anyone else, trying to survive and get by with what they have. In addition, they endure social shame and isolation.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Rural Resources serves 17 counties in Washington.

**Through the month of May, we will be highlighting our programs that help empower our community members and achieve economic security.**

The needs of our communities are unique, and for that reason, Rural Resources offers 30 different programs. Through them, we help customize support for our residents to address their needs and create a positive impact for anyone seeking economic security.

Community Action agencies help those with limited incomes achieve self-sufficiency and

ensure that all community members can live in dignity. We do this by creating and implementing programs that are innovative and cost-effective; improving the lives and living conditions of those in poverty. Community Action agencies provide support and guidance for those in need. We are often the voice of those that feel invisible or forgotten.

Although we are constantly dealing with budget cuts and shrinking resources, we have an increase in demand, especially with the pandemic still affecting all of us. Even with these challenges, we continue to provide vital support to our local population. We aid families, children, students, senior citizens, veterans, single-parents, and anyone else seeking support. Our organization is reinforced by great partnerships throughout the community. We partner with local businesses, volunteers, school districts, and other civic organizations. It is through local support that we build strong communities that thrive. Join us in making our community a place we are proud to call home.

# Through local support we build strong communities that thrive.

We are asking for your help to make a difference in our community. Please consider becoming a donor or volunteer!

## Donate Today!

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