



Who we are

Community Action Partnership of Utah (CAP Utah) is the statewide association for Utah's nine Community Action Agencies. The Community Action network envisions an end to poverty in Utah. Our member agencies work toward this vision every day by providing services to low-income families and individuals across the state.

CAP Utah advocates for, supports, and provides training and technical assistance to Utah's Community Action Agencies, utilizing our collective strength to address the causes of poverty. Our advocacy focuses on low-income housing, work supports and asset building. Our biggest internal effort to fight poverty comes from our support of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program.

The Promise of Community Action:

Community Action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire community, and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.

Community Action Partnership of Utah

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Moving On...

It is always difficult to say good-bye. This letter is no different. For the past five years I have been lucky enough to lead CAP Utah as it has transformed from a part-time executive director to a fully staffed organization that is creating change and impacting lives throughout Utah. I am proud of the work we've done and excited about the path that CAP Utah will continue on without me.

During my tenure at CAP Utah, I have had the great opportunity to work with Utah's nine Community Action Agencies. Supporting these agencies and touting the work they do has been exciting. The promise of Community Action states that we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other. This promise is alive in Utah's Community Action Agencies every day.

My time at CAP Utah is most defined by the staff here in our office. Their dedication to creating social change and their passion for ending poverty is inspiring. Together we have created a statewide foundation for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program. Through this collaborative effort volunteers have prepared taxes for 69,000 households returning nearly \$73 million in total tax refunds to our communities. We have also started a public policy initiative that has become an important voice for low-income people at the legislature and within state departments. This voice is crucial and CAP Utah has become a trusted source for poverty research and information.

As my time in Utah is coming to an end and I am preparing to move with my family to Colorado, I've had time to reflect on the work I've done, the friends I've

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Member Agencies

Bear River Association of Governments - serving Box Elder, Rich and Cache counties.

170 North Main
Logan, UT 84321
435.752.7242
435.752.6962 (fax)
1.877.772.7242 (toll free)

www.brag.dst.ut.us

Ogden-Weber Community Action Partnership - serving Weber county.

3159 Grant Ave.
Ogden, UT 84401
801.399.9281
801.399.9887 (fax)

www.owcap.org

Family Connection Center - serving Davis and Morgan counties.

1360 East 1450 South
Clearfield, UT 84015
801.773.0712
801.774.8267 (fax)

www.fccdavis.org

Salt Lake Community Action Program - serving Salt Lake and Tooele counties.

764 South 200 West
Salt Lake City, UT 84101
801.359.2444
801.355.1798 (fax)

www.slcap.org

Uintah Basin Association of Governments - serving Daggett, Uintah and Duchesne counties.

330 East 100 South
Roosevelt, Utah 84066
435.722.4518
435.722.4890 (fax)

made and the things I've learned. My time here has been good. I thank all of you for your knowledge, your support and your friendship. While I know that both the work and the community that has been created here will continue without me I will miss being a part of it.

Poverty in Utah is real. It doesn't have to be. The fight continues...



Farewell Open House

Please join us on Monday December 13th from 2.30pm - 4.30pm at an open house to say goodbye to Heather and wish her luck in Colorado.

The open house will be held at the CAP Utah office - Artspace building, 230 South 500 West, Suite 260, SLC. All are invited!

Note that if you are attending, please do not park in the parking lot directly outside of the Artspace building as you may be towed. Parking is available in the parking lot to the south of the building and on the street. We are also located very close to the Old Greek Town Trax stop. Please contact Paul at 801 433 3025 with any questions.

Community Action Services and Food Bank - serving Summit, Utah and Wasatch counties.

815 S. Freedom Blvd. Suite 100
801.373.8200
801.373.8228 (fax)

www.communityactionprovo.org

Six County Association of Governments - serving Juab, Millard, Sanpete, Sevier, Piute and Wayne counties.

250 North Main Street
Richfield, UT 84701
435.896.9222
435.896.6951 (fax)
888.899.4447 (toll free)

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Southeastern Utah Association of Local Governments - serving Carbon, Emery, Grand and San Juan counties.

P.O. Box 1106
Price, UT 84501
435.637.7323
435.637.5448 (fax)

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Five County Association of Governments - serving Beaver, Iron, Washington, Garfield and Kane counties.

1070 W. 1600 S. Building B
P.O. Box 1550
St. George, UT 84770
435.673.3548
435.673.3540 (fax)

www.fcaog.state.ut.us

Utahns Against Hunger - serving the State of Utah.

455 East 400 South, Suite 407
Salt Lake City, UT 84111
801.328.2561

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**Give back to your community—
Volunteer!**

Help low- to moderate-income households
keep more of what they earn and bring millions
of Earned Income Tax Credit dollars
into Utah's economy!



As many of you may have already heard, last tax season 153 VITA volunteers in Salt Lake & Tooele Counties prepared 4,614 tax returns. Those 153 VITA volunteers brought back nearly \$6.5 million dollars in refunds to filers, distributing more than \$2.3 million in Earned Income Tax Credits. None of this would have been possible however if it were not for people like you volunteering as little as three hours a week.

**JUST IMAGINE WHAT YOU, ONE MORE
VOLUNTEER, COULD DO THIS YEAR!**

Volunteer Orientations will be held at Community Action Partnership of Utah (230 South 500 West Suite 260) on December 2nd and December 10th at 12:00 – 1:00pm. (*Lunch will be provided and RSVP is required*) - to RSVP please contact Casey at 801 433 3025 ext 3.

Keep looking for our volunteer ads in the Valley Journals, the Tooele Transcript, the Salt Lake Tribune, Deseret News, In Utah This Week, The University of Utah Rivalry Guide, and Utah CEO magazine.

For more information about Utah's Statewide VITA program - Earn it. Keep it. Save it. Please contact Melissa Jensen at 801 433 3025 ext 7 or mjensen@caputah.org or you can visit



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A home is the
foundation.

A majority of U.S. renters lived in unaffordable housing in 2009, according to new data from the 2009 American Community Survey (ACS) released by the Census Bureau. This is a result of a continuing rise in rents, loss of affordable housing, and a decline in incomes. Members of Congress will be back next week for a "lame-duck" session, and they may consider legislation affecting affordable housing in the U.S.

Now is the time. Urge our Senators to take action on the National Housing Trust Fund before the end of the 110th Congress. Call Senator Bennett at 202-224-5444 and Senator Hatch at 202-224-5251 and tell them you want the "extenders" bill with the \$1.065 billion for the National Trust Fund and Low Income Housing Tax Credit provisions enacted before the end of the year. The fund could potentially give Utah 4.1 million; create 62 construction jobs, and 16 ongoing jobs.

Also, urge Congress to approve an omnibus bill this year that includes \$2.2 billion for McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Grants. These funds increase funding for homelessness prevention, and assistance to families and rural areas.

For more information please contact Drew at 801 433 3025 or drew@caputah.org.

Milestones



Over the years the Earn it. Keep it. Save it. coalition has grown tremendously. The coalition started with only 10,000 returns and 350 volunteers. Since that we've grown to nearly 16,000 returns and doubled our volunteer base. This growth does not happen without a strong infrastructure of program development, partnerships, and research. During the past two years the coalition has seen many milestones; adding financial education, products, and research. This year we reached another milestone. CAP Utah is pleased to announce to the First Annual Report of the Earn it. Keep it. Save it. coalition, a report offering the information gathered throughout the years, an understanding of clients financial behaviors, and an explanation of the work that we are so pleased to be doing. Please visit our website December 1st to see the final product.

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