

Goldenrod Blade

Head Start: Appreciative, Gratified, Thankful

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← Appreciative

First Lady Sally Ganem and Gov. Dave Heineman made a visit to our Head Start Program on April 13th, 2007 to award books for all 19 of GHCA Head Start classrooms.

Gratified →
Siouxland Community Foundation, GHCA and Northeast Community College partner to provide free ESL classes for Head Start parents in the fall of 2007 and winter of 2008.

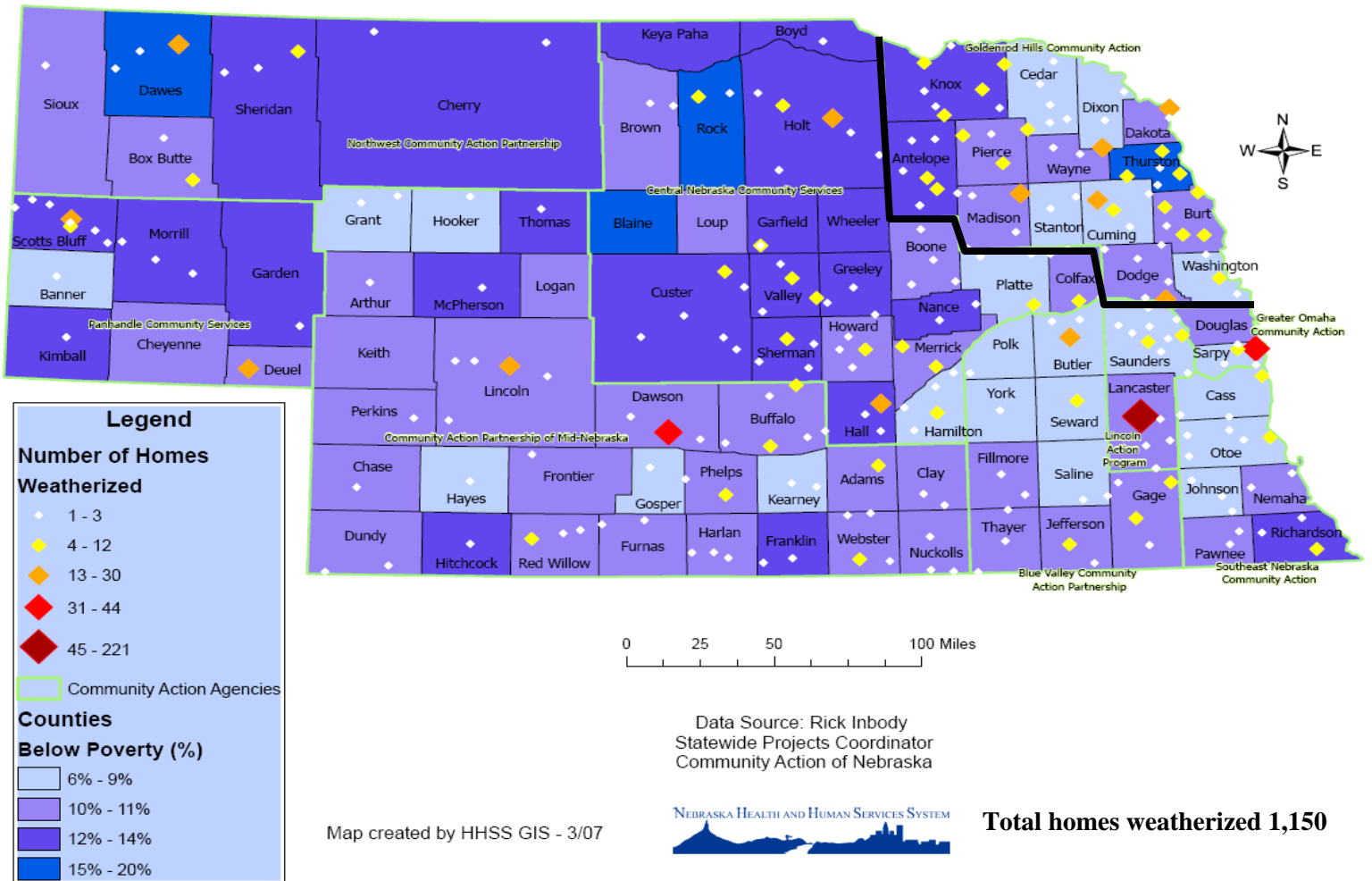


← Thankful

Wisner Head Start Center planted a tree in honor of the late Shirley Weber, niece of Louis and Abby Faye Dinklage, and to celebrate 20+ successful years. Shirley was instrumental in arranging for the funding of the Wisner Head Start program. GHCA would like to thank the Dinklage Foundation and the Webers for this enormous contribution over the last two decades.

GHCA is State's Top Weatherization Provider

Weatherized Home Projects Done By Community Action Agencies in Nebraska For Calendar Year 2006



| Agency | Number of homes weatherized | Number of Cities participating |
|--|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Blue Valley Community Action | 60 | 19 |
| Central Nebraska Community Services | 181 | 58 |
| Community Action Partnership of Mid-Nebraska | 169 | 51 |
| ★ Goldenrod Hills Community Action | 275 | 60 |
| Lincoln Action Program | 247 | 15 |
| Northwest Community Action Partnership | 50 | 11 |
| Panhandle Community Services | 72 | 16 |
| Southeast Nebraska Community Action | 96 | 24 |

GHCA is your GO TO Agency for Taxes!!

- In 2007, Family Services completed **481** federal income tax returns.
- The returns resulted in federal refund dollars of **\$671,864.00**
- EIC credits (Earned Income Credit) totaled \$341,204.00
- CTC credits (Child Tax Credits) totaled \$104,477.00
- Educational Credits totaled \$4,483.00
- Of the 481 clients, 73 households consisted of one or more individuals who were 60 years of age or older.

Family Services also completed a total of 225 homestead exemption applications. Of the 352 household members, 23 were disabled and 301 were 60 years of age or older.

The Federal Internal Revenue Service specially trains Family Services Coordinators and our volunteers to prepare tax forms and/or answer tax questions.

What is CSFP?

CSFP stands for Commodity Supplemental Food Program. The program works to improve the health of low-income pregnant and breastfeeding women, other new mothers up to one year postpartum, infants, children up to age six, and elderly people at least 60 years of age.

The population served by CSFP is similar to that served by USDA's Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), but CSFP also serves elderly people, and provides food rather than the food vouchers that WIC participants receive. Eligible people cannot participate in both programs at the same time.

CSFP food packages do not provide a complete diet, but rather good sources of the nutrients typically lacking in the diets of the target population.

CSFP is administered at the Federal level by the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Food packages include a variety of foods, such as infant formula and cereal, non-fat dry and evaporated milk, juice, farina, oats, ready-to-eat cereal, rice, pasta, egg mix, peanut butter, dry beans or peas, canned meat or poultry or tuna, and canned fruits and vegetables. Please contact Mindy De Vault, CSFP Director ext. 214 and Kami Pilger CSFP Coordinator ext. 215 at 402-529-3513 or 1-800-445-2505 if you have any questions or comments.



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A Snap Shot of GHCA

Our History: Goldenrod Hills Community Action, Inc. is a private, 501c(3) non-profit corporation, incorporated under the laws of the State of Nebraska, and headquartered at Wisner, Nebraska. The agency was chartered in 1966 as the Thurston County Community Action Council under the provisions of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964. The mission of GHCA's programs is "People helping people, changing lives in Northeast Nebraska." GHCA programs include the Commodity Supplemental Food Program; Family Services; Every Women Matters; Immunization; Weatherization; Head Start; Women, Infants, and Children Nutrition; Early Child Services Coordination and Operation Great Start. For more information about our programs contact 402-529-3513 or 1-800-455-2505. Or visit www.goldenrodhillscommunityaction.org

GHCA has Cookbooks!!



GHCA has cookbooks for sale to commemorate the agency's 40th anniversary. The cookbook is padded in a three ring binder with approximately 586 recipes. The price of the cookbook is \$15.00.

Remember these make great gifts for any occasion. Please contact us if you would like to purchase one 1-800-445-2505 ext. 217 or 277.