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**COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP OF HENNEPIN COUNTY CELEBRATES 40 YEARS
OF SERVICE DURING COMMUNITY ACTION MONTH**

*Minneapolis, Hennepin County and State of Minnesota Recognize Community Action Month with
Proclamations*

BROOKLYN PARK, MINNESOTA (May 22, 2026)—Community Action Partnership of Hennepin County (CAP-HC) is celebrating 40 years of service during Community Action Month this May while also being recognized through Community Action Month proclamations from the City of Minneapolis, Hennepin County, and the State of Minnesota.

Established in 1986, CAP-HC has spent four decades working alongside Hennepin County residents with low incomes to reduce the impact of poverty, strengthen economic stability and expand opportunity. Today, the organization serves 45,000 residents across Hennepin County each year through programs including Energy Assistance, Housing Stability Services, Financial Wellness, Employment Readiness, Homebuyer Services, Vehicle Repair Assistance and more.

Nearly 1,000 Community Action organizations across the nation recognize Community Action Month each May. The goal of Community Action Month is to raise awareness about the critical role this national network of organizations plays in helping people achieve long-term stability and self-sufficiency. The proclamations issued by Minneapolis, Hennepin County and Minnesota recognize the importance of Community Action organizations, including CAP-HC, in responding to local needs, strengthening communities and creating pathways to prosperity.

“Everyone should be able to access the resources they need to stabilize and improve their lives,” said Dr. Clarence Hightower, Executive Director of CAP-HC. “Community Action Month is an opportunity to celebrate the dignity and strength of the people and communities we serve, especially during our 40th anniversary.”

CAP-HC’s anniversary commemoration comes at a time when many households continue to face significant financial challenges. One in ten Hennepin County residents are living below the Federal Poverty Level, and many households continue to struggle with housing, utility, transportation and other rising costs.

For 40 years, CAP-HC has adapted to meet the changing needs of its community. “Community Action works because it is community-driven,” Dr. Hightower explained. “The experiences of Hennepin County residents shape our programming so we can respond effectively to local needs as they shift. Whether helping families keep the heat on in the winter, assisting people experiencing housing instability or providing financial

education and employment support, we meet people where they are so that they can move beyond poverty and toward prosperity,” he added.

The organization has browsed its archives to find photos and stories clients have shared over the years. CAP-HC is also highlighting milestones from its history. Dr. Hightower shared an important reminder that CAP-HC’s 40th anniversary is more than a time for reflection. “Yes, we are looking back on the positive impact Community Action has made across Hennepin County. We are *also* recommitting ourselves to the work that is still ahead of us. We are grateful to everyone who has been part of CAP-HC’s work over the last 40 years and look forward to continuing to build a stronger Hennepin County together.”

To learn more about CAP-HC’s 40th Anniversary, Community Action Month, programs or ways to support the organization’s work, visit caphennepin.org/40th-anniversary.

ADDITIONAL ASSETS FOR THIS STORY

Logos, video link, photo, proclamation PDFs, and more available here:

[2026 CAP-HC 40th Anniversary Media Kit](#)

ABOUT CAP-HC

Established in 1986, Community Action Partnership of Hennepin County (CAP-HC) is a nonprofit organization that helps people with lower incomes navigate crisis situations, build stability, and lift themselves out of poverty. CAP-HC’s mission is to partner with the community to provide effective and responsive services to reduce the impact of poverty in Hennepin County. In 2026, CAP-HC is commemorating 40 years of serving the community.

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