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Community. Stability. Home.

REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

At CoAction, we care about everybody and strive to empower everyone in Northwest Indiana to flourish, regardless of income, ability, or age. Together, we're building stronger communities through compassion and collaboration. We offer vital services, including affordable housing, financial aid, and support for older adults and people with disabilities.

CoAction is resolving and preventing homelessness by:

- Creating and managing affordable housing units
- Providing permanent supportive housing for people with disabilities
- Providing rental assistance to keep families in their homes
- Providing rapid rehousing support to help families secure housing
- Connecting individuals living on the street with resources
- Providing emergency housing during transitions
- Offering a savings match program to encourage financial stability

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We serve: Jasper, Lake, LaPorte, Newton, Porter, Pulaski, and Starke Counties.

We helped **194 new families** in Northwest Indiana feel the embrace of a new home in 2024.

We gave out **$36,000** in match funding this year.

We helped **1,313 individuals** attend a wellness program this year.

We served **245,088 meals** to older adults.

FROM THE LEADERSHIP

A home is so much more than just four walls; it's a refuge where we can feel secure, grow, and belong. However, for **252 families in our community, a safe place to call home is out of reach.**

This year, our neighbors have faced challenges that remind us how critical these needs are. Today, **1 in 4 families are struggling to keep a roof over their heads**, with children going to bed hungry and our elderly and disabled neighbors at risk of eviction. Housing instability is a harsh reality that weighs heavily on our community. Yet, through these hardships, we are guided by a simple belief:

When we embrace our neighbors, we build a stronger community for everybody.

Thanks to your generous support this past year, we've fostered a sense of belonging, stability, and hope for those who need it most. Together, we are building brighter futures for families and individuals like Russ.

Russ spent years in a cramped, moldy apartment, contending with vision impairment and limited transportation. After being denied housing assistance multiple times due to being single, he felt disheartened and on the brink of giving up. That all changed when he walked through the doors of our housing office in Valparaiso.

Here, he found not just a place to live, but a supportive community. With newfound stability, **Russ improved his health, discovered the joy of volunteering, and became an inspiring voice on our Resident Council**. Housing can transform lives, offer shelter, a sense of belonging, and the kindling of renewed hope.

Your Impact in Action: A Year of Transforming Lives

In 2024, we provided essential housing and support to thousands of families:

- Housed 158 new families who are low-income and will create an additional 36 safe, secure homes by the end of this year
- Distributed $6.5M in rental assistance and spent an additional $272K on resources to prevent eviction and homelessness
- Helped two families purchase a home and 2 families make home repairs through our Savings Match Program

We also expanded our reach in key areas:

- Launched wellness programs that served 1,313 residents, promoting health and nutrition
- Provided 245,088 meals to individuals and families in need, addressing the growing crisis of food insecurity

Despite these efforts, we recognize that the need remains significant. According to Prosperity Indiana, over three-quarters of extremely low-income renter households in our state are at risk of eviction and homelessness. Indiana also faces the highest rate of severe housing cost burdens in the Midwest, placing our most vulnerable residents at even greater risk. We've been hard at work tackling this crisis head-on, creating pathways to stability and hope.

we need your help!

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The demand for safe, affordable housing is urgent, and we can't tackle this challenge alone. Join CoAction in our mission to build 100 affordable housing units in 2025, ensuring that everyone in our community has a place to call home.

Your donation will make a tangible difference, providing critical resources like housing, nutrition, services for older adults, and financial support services to those who need them most. Together, let's create a more compassionate community where everyone can embrace the warmth and security of home.

Thank you for your unwavering support. Together, we can ensure families have a place to call home and a future full of hope.

In our communities, 1 in 8 people do not earn enough to pay for daily bills and housing.
(Census Bureau)

Of the extremely low income renters, 28% of low-income renters are seniors; 22% have a disability.
(National Low Income Housing Coalition)

For every 3 low-income households there is only 1 affordable rental property.
(Prosperity Indiana)

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In our communities 1 in 4 people have to sacrifice medicine or paying their utilities when an unexpected expense occurs, like a car problem or dental bill. This means that 1 in 4 are living paycheck to paycheck.

(Overlooked and Undercounted, Nov 2022)

People who live at CoAction properties become housing stable with supportive services, and they earn more income than people in traditional low-income properties in the State.

(IHCDA 2024 report)

Indiana's housing wage (the hourly wage needed to afford a two-bedroom apartment) is $22.07 per hour. This is a substantial increase from previous years and is far above Indiana's minimum wage of $7.25 per hour.

(National Low Income Housing Coalition 2024 "Out of Reach" report)

In 2024, more than three quarters of extremely low-income renter households in Indiana are at risk of eviction and homelessness.

(Prosperity Indiana)

Our heartfelt thanks!

A special thank you to everyone who supported our mission this year.

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