



ACTION NOW

SPRING 2025

THIS ISSUE

Hope Springs Eternal

Program Statistics

Primary Needs

Stories of Impact

Thank you!

PROGRAM STATS

685 Referrals

623 Families Served

Over 400 Gas Cards for work & medical rides

Over \$200,000 in Assistance

PRIMARY NEEDS

Housing

Gas

Home Repair

Car Repair

Pest Remediation

HOPE SPRINGS ETERNAL

As we welcome the vibrancy of spring and summer, we also recognize that for many in our community, the excitement of a new season may be overshadowed by challenging economic times. We understand that rising costs, fluctuating job and housing markets, and unforeseen circumstances continue to place immense pressure on families and individuals striving for stability and self-sufficiency. Our senior population has been particularly impacted, as fixed income is not keeping up with the rising cost of living.

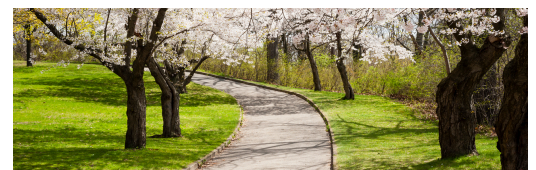
Our commitment to empowering our neighbors through these difficulties has never been stronger. We see firsthand the resilience of our community, and it fuels our dedication to providing vital resources and support. This past year, the economic landscape has presented unique hurdles, from the cost of basic necessities to the ever-present need for affordable housing and reliable transportation.

Your support of the Action Fund helps individuals and families not just survive, but thrive, even in the face of adversity. We cannot thank you enough!



JAMES FOX

President & CEO
330-202-7821
jfox@cawm.org



STORIES OF IMPACT

FROM RECENT ACTION FUND CLIENTS

SINGLE MOTHER RETURNS TO WORK

The Action Fund supported a recently single mother of five who had no license and minimal transportation options. We helped her register and pay for driving classes, worked with a local church to donate a vehicle, and made safety repairs. The client is now able to transport her children to school and activities, and she has returned to work!

HOT WATER HEATER THREATENS HEALTH & SAFETY

The Action Fund assisted a family by replacing a leaking hot water heater that was causing health and safety concerns. This family lived without running water for three weeks. While employed and surviving, the family did not have the savings needed for the repairs. Our partner plumber was able to replace the unit and address other minor issues in one day!

HVAC Classes Offer a Second Chance

We worked with our local probation department to support a young man who was interested in a career in HVAC, yet could not afford the classes and certification exam. He is now enrolled in the adult education program at the career center, and already has employment prospects!

FROM UNHOUSED TO EMPLOYED AND SAFE

The Action Fund supported a single father who was living in his vehicle with his daughter. CAWM assisted him in gaining employment, an interim hotel stay, and securing a market rate apartment. He is thriving at his job, and his daughter is safe and secure.

GAS & CAR REPAIRS

RAPID RESPONSE - HIGH IMPACT

The Action Fund has assisted over 400 families with fuel assistance supporting transportation to school, medical appointments, prosocial activities, and employment.

We have been able to support 71 families who were just above the income eligibility criteria for our formal car repair program. As a result of the repairs, families report being able to attend work, school, out of county medical appointments, and other critical needs.

KNOW OF SOMEONE IN NEED?

Refer to the Action Fund



<https://forms.office.com/r/7gXpwWYA3j>

THANK YOU!

The Action Fund is constantly evolving to ensure that we are able to address the current unmet needs of our community. Thank you for your support as this would not be possible without you! If you would share our program with others it would be greatly appreciated. We operate the program with existing administrative resources so 100% of your donation goes to direct client support. Donations can be on our website at <https://www.cawm.org/get-involved/donate.html> or by scanning this QR code:



Donations can also be dropped off at any CAWM office or Head Start Center or mailed to:

CAWM

Attn: Action Fund

905 Pittsburgh Avenue

Wooster, OH 44691

CURRENT IN-KIND NEEDS

- Reliable Used Vehicles
- Household Items
- Gas Cards
- Grocery Gift Cards for special dietary needs



Thank you to our incredible
FOUNDATION PARTNERS

**The Donald & Alice Noble
FOUNDATION**

THE

**RALPH R. & GRACE B.
JONES FOUNDATION**



Wayne County
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
SHARING YOUR LIFE WITH SOMEONE YOU MAY NEVER MEET®



United Way of Wayne
& Holmes Counties, Inc.