

Blount County
Community Action Agency, Inc.

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**HELPING PEOPLE
CHANGING LIVES**

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follows Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights
Act of 1964 and Sections 503 and 504 of the
Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

No one will be discriminated against by this
agency because of race, sex, color, age, religion,
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***Are you needing a
helping hand?***

Imagine having to decide
on buying food or paying the
electric bill, being alone,
elderly and/or disabled...
wanting to stay in your own
home, but perhaps needing
some help. Icy winter winds
whistling around your
windows and doors. Utility
bills skyrocketing and your
check just isn't enough ...

We are here to help!

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Since 1965, Blount Countians, young and old, have turned to Blount County Community Action Agency for assistance.

Mission: The agency's mission is to provide specific services and develop resources within the guidelines of the programs it administers to promote the independence and self-sufficiency aspirations of members of the community. By fulfilling its mission, the agency will help improve living conditions and protect and promote the individual dignity of the elderly, disabled, and low-income members of the community. Blount County Community Action Agency is a public benefit, charitable, non-profit corporation.

Board of Directors: Much of the agency's success is due to the unselfish guidance of its board of directors. All board members serve on a voluntary basis, freely dedicating their time and talent in order to help others.

Volunteers: The agency could not meet the needs of the community without the support of dozens of volunteers. Our volunteers deliver hot meals every day to homebound seniors, assist with commodity distribution, build ramps and make home repairs, prepare income tax returns, provide clerical assistance, and make regular telephone reassurance calls to seniors.



Sometimes our volunteer may be the only friendly face a homebound person sees that day!

PROGRAMS

Senior Nutrition Program (SNP): Serves about 200 homebound people age 60 or older each year with a hot meal delivered Monday through Friday. About 190 seniors are served at 4 congregate dining sites during an average year.

Office on Aging (OOA): Offers in-home services as well as information and referral to people age 60 and older. Connects seniors with community resources; offers counseling on Medicare and prescription drug programs; publishes "Senior Service Directory."

Funding for SNP and OOA is provided under the federal Older Americans Act via the Tennessee Commission on Aging.

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP): Provides annual one-time assistance with home heating costs to low-income qualifying households. Serving over 900 households yearly.

Weatherization Assistance Program: Makes energy efficiency improvements to homes to offset heating and cooling costs. The average cost of improvements is \$3,000 per household.

Community Service Block Grant (CSBG):

Services to qualifying low-income households include the following: **Emergency Services:** Utility assistance, miscellaneous needs. **House Repair:** Purchases materials for volunteers to make home repairs, build ramps, etc. **Income Tax Assistance:** Offers free income tax preparation and e-filing by IRS VITA-trained staff and volunteers.

Funding for the above programs provided by the Tennessee Department of Human Services.

HOUSE: Grants and loans made to rehabilitate homes bringing them into compliance with the 2003 International Building Codes.

HOME: Ten homes will be rehabilitated under the guidelines of this \$267,000 multi-year grant.

Funding for HOUSE and HOME provided by Tennessee Housing Development Agency (THDA).

Commodities: U.S. Department of Agriculture surplus foods are distributed to low-income qualifying households. BCCAA provides commodities to approximately 500 households each calendar quarter.

Emergency Food and Shelter Program: This national program (formerly known as FEMA) makes grants to local organizations for emergency needs. This grant enables BCCAA to provide emergency utility assistance to qualifying households.