



Community Action for Improvement, Inc.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

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From the Desk of

Executive Director, *Jennifer Corcione*

The month of April brings on the beginning of Quarter 2 of the year. Its hard to imagine that we are already in April and Spring is all around us.

During Quarter 2, CAFI is going to be focused on community engagement and organizational partnerships to assist our clients beyond just providing rental assistance and utilities. Realizing that community engagement is critical to fostering client connections and success, CAFI is always looking to strengthen our relationships with great Community Based organizations who also serve clients in need.

Whether we are providing direct case management to a needy family, or we are simply assisting a client with transportation to a critical appointment- CAFI is looking beyond the traditional model of providing social services.

An Extensive Reach- LIHEAP

The LIHEAP program began in late November and has steadily continued into the new year. To date, CAFI has processed over 3,201 LIHEAP applications for client assistance, that is over 1 million dollars!

To round out the LIHEAP program this year, CAFI is still offering available assistance to Carrollton, Coweta & Heard counties. To obtain an appointment, clients must call their neighborhood Service Center to request an intake appointment. Appointments are handled on a first-cal, first-served basis and walk-in's are not accepted.

Staff Welcome



Valerie Goss is the new Program Coordinator for the Coweta Neighborhood Service Center. Previously assisting CAFI with our LIHEAP and Food Commodity Program, Ms. Goss is a wealth of support to the Community Services department at CAFI and we are so lucky to have her assistance.

WELCOME VALERIE!



CAFI Neighborhood Services

WHATS NEW?

Food Security Services

CAFI offers a monthly food commodity program at its LaGrange location. For Meriwether County, CAFI also sponsors a monthly food commodity in Luthersville.

If interested in receiving food assistance please contact Valerie Goss, Program Coordinator at (706) 882-6412



Keeping it Real

30 MINUTE MEALS ON A BUDGET

SPANISH RICE

- 2 CUPS OF WHITE RICE
- 1/2 CUP OF CHICKEN BROTH
- 4 CUPS OF WATER
- 1 TBS OF PACE SALSA
- DRIZZLE OF OLIVE OIL

IN A SMALL POT, BROWN YOUR WHITE RICE IN A DRIZZLE OF OLIVE OIL FOR 3-4 MINUTES OR UNTIL TOASTED.

ONCE BROWNEED, ADD 4 CUPS OF WATER AND THE CHICKEN BROTH AND BOIL ON HIGH HEAT FOR 3 MINUTES.

SPOON 1 TBS OF PACE SALSA IN THE POT WHILE THE RICE MIXTURE IS BOILING.

TURN DOWN YOUR HEAT TO LOW AND SIMMER WITH THE POT COVERED FOR 12-15 MINUTES (OR UNTIL RICE IS DONE)

SERVE WITH SHREDDED CHEESE ON TOP IF DESIRED.

You Should Know

CARROLLTON BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

Carroll County Boys & Girls Club

**1103 N Highway 113
Carrollton, Georgia 30117**

CAFI is proud to partner with the Carroll County Boys & Girls Club to support youth leadership and family supportive services. The Carroll County Boys & Girls Club is a valuable resource that offers an array of supportive services for youth in Carroll County.

Neighborhood Service Centers

Community Services Program Update

CAFI Client Diaper Assistance



CAFI Neighborhood Service Centers

Troup: (706) 882-6412
Coweta: (770) 253-3864
Carroll: (770) 838-0511
Meriwether: (706) 882-6412
Heard: (770) 253-3864

CAFI understands the needs of clients are not always linear. To assist our client families, CAFI is now providing diapers to families in need. Distributed on an emergency basis, CAFI is now able to provide a diaper supplement for low income families who need a bit of assistance. Diapers are distributed on a as-needed basis and clients must complete a Community Services application to qualify. For additional information, please contact (706) 882-6412

