

## Executive Director



Dear Friends,

Thank you for stopping by to learn more about West Central Missouri Community Action Agency. For the past 42 years, West Central Missouri Community Action Agency has been working to make our part of Missouri – Bates, Benton, Cass, Cedar, Henry, Hickory, Morgan, St. Clair and Vernon Counties – YOUR communities – safer and stronger. And despite the constant threat of budget cuts and an increased demand for services, we will continue to do this important work.

West Central Missouri Community Action Agency's belief in human dignity inspires us to work with families and other partners to fight poverty and build a stronger community. We know that poverty does not just affect those that are living in it; it affects the entire community. The work that we do, therefore, does not only benefit people living below the federal poverty level but also the businesses where those families shop, the neighborhoods in which they live, and in turn our community overall.

How do we do this? By providing education and job-skills training that help individuals to increase their employment income. By creating jobs in the community and helping people purchase their own homes and small businesses. By planning and building safe and affordable housing to improve living conditions for our community's families. By working with parents of young children to provide educational opportunities, health and nutrition screenings, and to connect families with community resources. By helping elderly and disabled persons so that they are able to maintain independent living. By working with residents and community leaders to revitalize the homes and public spaces of our cities' oldest neighborhoods.

In short, we help individuals and families participate more fully as consumers, producers, workers, and citizens – all of which are important in their personal family security and the larger economic well-being of our community.

Please take a few minutes to look through our website and learn more about the work that we do in the community. If you have questions or would like more information on West Central Missouri Community Action Agency, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

*Amos E. Jackson*

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