



Our Journey

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

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COMMUNITY ACTION



7 Divisions

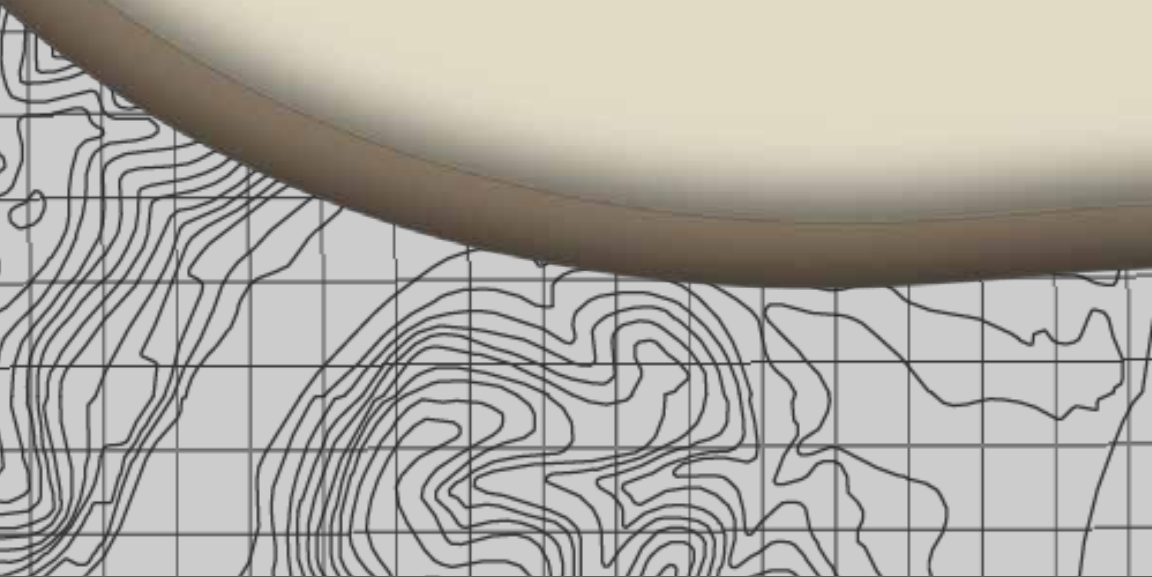


30+ Programs



250 Employees

***4,604 Square Mile
Service Area***



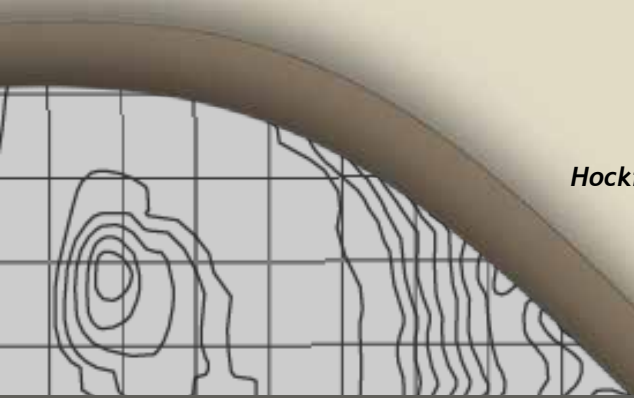
It's the summer of 2023 as I write this. It has now been five years since I accepted the honor and the privilege of serving as the Executive Director of HAPCAP. If I'm honest, it has felt like closer to a decade. I naively thought that coming out of 2021 things were looking up, but 2022 was incredibly brutal to low-income families. Global events and the subsequent domestic economic disruptions resulted in skyrocketing inflation on everything from food to housing to gasoline. Prices rose as funding from COVID-19 relief fell. That affected many of our programs, but especially our foodbank. We faced a significant food shortage, as did most foodbanks across the county. The impacts of all this upheaval hit those experiencing poverty hardest.

Our staff, donors, volunteers, and community partners rallied to help weather the storm, and I am exceptionally grateful. Our team and community partners work to address both the causes and conditions of poverty. I am so proud of the grit, determination, and empathy our team shows while helping our neighbors navigate tough times and systemic barriers.

We have the tools to solve the problems of poverty—we saw childhood poverty cut in half through the Expanded Child Tax Credit. We only lack the will and the commitment to abolish poverty for good in America. HAPCAP will be here to help until that day comes, when life is no longer a struggle, but an adventure for ALL people in Southeast Ohio. Thank you for supporting us on this journey!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kelly Hatas". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial "K".

Kelly Hatas
Executive Director
Hocking Athens Perry Community Action





Naomi Squires

*Director of Operations
SE Ohio Foodbank*

36 employees



4.4 Million Meals



271,834 Service Visits
47,800 People | Average 5.7 visits

SE Ohio Foodbank

Our team works day in and day out to combat food insecurity, defined as the lack of consistent access to enough safe and nutritious food to lead an active and healthy life. The causes of food insecurity are myriad – poverty, financial hardships, low-wage employment, unforeseen emergencies, and inadequate social safety nets, among others. When our neighbors find themselves at a crossroads, facing impossible choices like whether to pay for food or medicine, we're here for them. In 2022, over 63% of the families we served visited a pantry or a Mobile Market just four or fewer times. Over 30% of families came to us one time. When families turn to the SE Ohio Foodbank, we mobilize food, support, and resources to create a lifeline for those in need.

We do not do our work alone. There are hundreds of Ohio farmers, growers, commodity producers, drivers, employees, retail partners, funders, community partners, pantries, volunteers, and advocates who make this work possible. To everyone who has helped us on our path to do this work along the way, thank you.

Our work enables families to navigate tough times, children are nourished and able to focus better in school, and our elders feel cared for and cherished. Whether we are bringing food to a pantry in our network, delivering food to families in their homes, providing lunch to children through Summer Feeding, or supporting people through the work of our Community Health Workers, all that we do is help those facing hunger in Southeast Ohio take the next step on their journey.

We believe that food is a basic human need and providing food and personal connection improves the overall health and well-being of our community.

SE Ohio Foodbank:

- 10 Counties
- HAPCAP for Health
- Mobile Market
- 60+ Member Agencies
- Child & Senior Nutrition



Carolyn Conley

*Director of
Transportation*

63 employees



1,474,923 Miles Traveled



277,420 Total Trips

Transportation

On November 9, 2022, HAPCAP's Transportation Division began a new voyage as they unveiled the Athens Public Transit (APT) Electric Vehicle Shuttle Bus (EV). The all-electric shuttle bus is the first of its kind among APT's 26-vehicle fleet. "The seats are more comfortable. It is quieter and smooth," said a rider on the EV bus. Residents along the EV bus route also enjoy the quieter operation, which preserves the peace in their neighborhood.

Exploring new technology in public transportation has other significant benefits for our communities, including improved efficiency, safety, reduced traffic congestion, and decreased environmental impact. Reducing greenhouse gas emissions will help the City of Athens take a big step toward meeting its sustainability goals.

The U.S. Department of Energy, in partnership with Rural Action, provided HAPCAP the opportunity to explore sustainable public transportation in rural Ohio in part because of our unique terrain. With this vehicle, we can create a more sustainable, efficient, and equitable transportation system in our community and provide insights to other communities considering their own electric fleets.

The new bus also creates an opportunity for the community to experience new technology without having to own a personal electric vehicle. "The chance to ride on an electric bus helps people to see and understand how electric vehicles work. They can see that they are a safe and reliable form of transportation," says Carolyn Conley, HAPCAP's Director of Transportation.

Exploring new technologies isn't just about innovation; it is about creating a better community for everyone to thrive in and helping our neighbors on the next part of their adventure.

Transportation:

- GoBus
- Athens Public Transit
- Logan Public Transit
- Athens on Demand
- Mobility Management



Chris DeLamatre

*Director of
Child Development*

83 employees



47,704 Bus Miles Traveled



59,013 Meals Served

Child Development

Through the endless exploration of their senses, young children discover a world full of wonder and possibility, unlocking a wealth of knowledge and understanding that will shape their lives for years to come. Every day is a new adventure and presents an opportunity for a child to learn something new about themselves and the world around them.

Early Head Start (EHS) is a program offered by HAPCAP's Child Development division that serves pregnant individuals and children from birth to age three. "One of our goals in Head Start is to make our parents aware that they are their child's first teacher. It is so rewarding to observe the light come on when they can see how using their home as a learning tool is actually so simple!" says EHS home visitor, Patti Anderson.

Leah & Liam are one-year-old twins enrolled in the EHS program. During Patti's visit, the twins are ready to get messy! Messy play offers an open-ended exploration of materials and their properties. It allows children to use their natural curiosity and engage their senses at the appropriate developmental level. Today they are playing with paint made from yogurt and food coloring to learn foundational cognitive principles by exercising motor, language, and social skills. "It has been such a rewarding experience working with the family and being a part of so many firsts, just as it is with my other families," said Patti.

Like tiny pioneers, young children embark on their journey of exploration, fearlessly venturing into the vast unknown. HAPCAP is here to help them navigate a endless realm of possibilities and grow into whoever they want to be.

Child Development:

- CACFP
- Early Head Start
- Car Seat Program
- 6 Head Start Centers



Glen Crippen

*Director of Housing &
Community Development*

24 employees



60+ Individuals Assisted
Digital Navigator Programs



\$3.5 Million Administered
for Community Infrastructure Projects

Housing & Community Development

Broadband can be a transformative force to empower communities and drive innovation and growth in the local economy. In 2022, HAPCAP's Community Development division joined the quest to create equitable access to the digital world for our region.

In today's digital age, reliable broadband access is no longer a luxury but a necessity, especially for those who live in rural or underserved areas. It allows individuals and businesses to connect with the rest of the world, access information, and participate in the global economy. Lack of broadband access can limit economic opportunities, hinder educational attainment, and affect the quality of life of individuals and communities.

HAPCAP's broadband expert and Community Development Coordinator, Jeff Jenkins, works hard to identify the specific needs of our rural communities and their challenges. According to a survey, 52% of households in Athens County do not reach the generally accepted minimum broadband speeds of 25 megabits downloaded and three megabits uploaded per second. Slower speeds limit what users can do online, like telehealth appointments, and the number of people who can use the connection simultaneously. An estimated 13,788 households, as well as local businesses, face these limitations. "The companies we work with often struggle to maintain adequate speeds, which impacts their ability to effectively operate and communicate with suppliers, partners, and customers, which disrupts operations," said one survey respondent.

As technology advances and more services and devices become internet-dependent, the need for broadband access will only grow.

HAPCAP will continue to work with governments and organizations to ensure everyone has access to reliable and affordable broadband infrastructure, regardless of location or income, to bridge the digital divide and ensure that no one is left behind in the digital age.

Housing & Community Development:

- Home Repair
- Pest Control
- Fair Housing
- Weatherization
- Affordable Housing



Jessica Stroh
Director of
Community Services

49 employees



**2,297 Households Received
Housing Assistance**



**5,231 Households Received
Energy Assistance**

Community Services

The greatest adventures start and end at home. Having a place of shelter, security, and a sense of belonging provides the foundation that allows us to grow, dream, and create a better future for ourselves and our loved ones. In 2022 HAPCAP's Community Services division helped 2,297 families maintain that sense of security by remaining in their homes through homeowner and rent relief programs.

These programs aim to support individuals who have faced financial hardship during, or due to, the COVID-19 pandemic. Many workers lost their jobs or had hours cut during the height of the pandemic and are still working hard to get caught up. For families experiencing poverty, any reduction in income leads to tough decisions like whether to buy food, medicine, and other necessities, or pay the rent.

"A lot of folks who would have been working found themselves not working, many not qualifying for unemployment due to the nature of their work," says Clarissa Reynolds, Perry County Resource Navigator. "The housing relief assistance has been beneficial to so many." Clarissa recalled one recipient who made their living as a healthcare worker and could not continue this work due to their partner's diagnosis of stage 4 lung cancer. The couple had been renting the same house for years. With HAPCAP's assistance, they remained in their home without having to navigate the stress and uncertainty of relocating during such a vulnerable time.

Each family we assist is overcoming unique challenges. Our Community Services division will continue to mobilize available resources so that those facing hardship can remain in the comfort of their homes, surrounded by the people and things they love.

Whether we've been away for a long journey or never left, we know there is no place like home.

Community Services:

- Utility Assistance
- Resources Navigation
- Employment Programs
- Community Services Block Grant
- Summer Youth Employment Programs

Finance & Administration

Funding by Source	
Federal & State Funding	\$32,347,047.36
Program Contributions	\$7,758,805.55
Rental Income	\$220,761.93
Contributions	\$584,214.40
Investment Income	\$2,215,624.11
Other Income	\$648,499.00
In-Kind Contributions	\$69,010.87
TOTAL	\$43,843,963

Ending Net Assets
(as of 12/31/2022)

\$13,376,063.37

Expenses	
Administration	\$1,904,712
Fundraising	\$209,862
Program Services	\$34,712,612
TOTAL	\$36,827,186

**Unaudited financial statements*

Funding by Activity	Revenue	Expense	Net
Housing & Community Development	\$2,404,796	\$2,317,337	\$87,459
Child Development	\$6,650,351	\$5,708,051	\$942,300
Food & Nutrition	\$10,393,247	\$7,676,864	\$2,716,383
Management & General	\$2,553,211	\$1,904,712	\$648,499
Community Service Programs	\$12,183,486	\$11,199,713	\$983,773
Transit	\$9,074,657	\$7,810,647	\$1,264,010
Fundraising	\$584,214	\$209,862	\$374,352
TOTAL	\$43,843,963	\$36,827,186	\$7,016,776

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Together we have helped our community along its journey.



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Staff / Board Member
40 Years of Service
1942-2023



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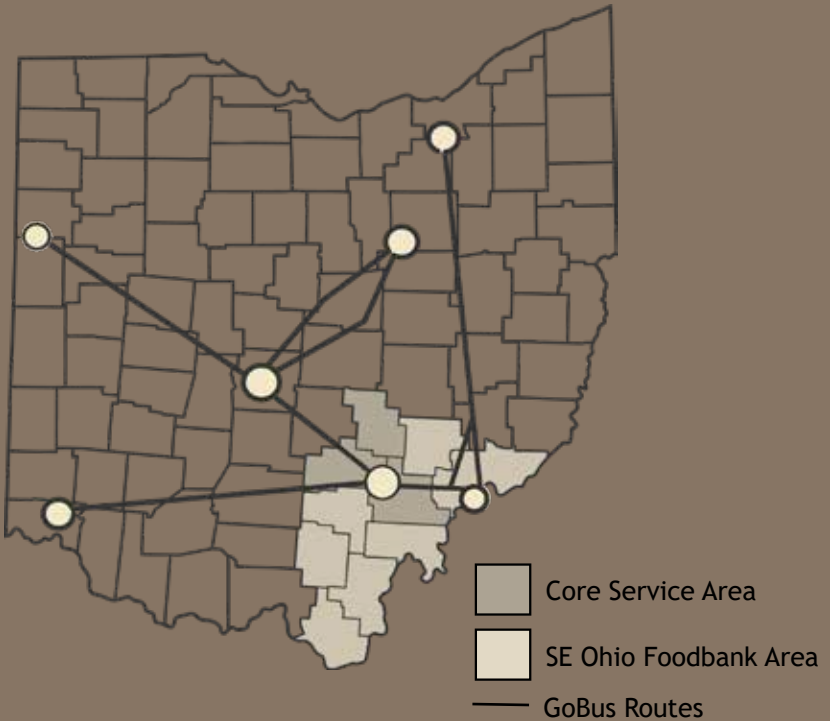


Gary Waugh
Board Member
5 Years of Service
1945-2023

A Member of
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AMERICA**



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mobilizes resources to empower individuals
and communities through advocacy and
quality services that promotes self-sufficiency
and improved quality of life.*

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