

## **SPCAA Celebrates Community Action Month**

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(LEVELLAND, TEXAS) – 2024 marks the 60th year since the Community Action Network was established to help American families and communities overcome obstacles to poverty. Over 1,000 agencies across the country are working every day to create opportunities and transform the lives of their neighbors, making communities stronger and helping families across the US thrive.

This year, South Plains Community Action Association, a proud member of the Community Action Network, will also commemorate 59 years helping families throughout the South Plains and west Texas area!

"Each May, during Community Action Month, we reflect on the impact SPCAA and our network has had on families," said Bill Powell, Executive Director of SPCAA. "Last year alone, we served 114 counties in Texas, with immediately needed services such as shelter and food, and also long-term solutions like education and job placement."

Community Action Agencies were born out of the Equal Opportunity Action which was signed by President Johnson in 1964. The hope was that by providing communities with resources and assistance, they would become empowered and self-sufficient. Community Action Agencies serve 99% of all American counties with life-changing services to help families achieve financial stability. All agencies are locally controlled and represented by the private, public, and low-income sectors of the community.

SPCAA has 6 divisions and operates the Hockley County Food Box in Levelland, Texas. Some notable programs include, WIC, Head Start, SPARTAN Transportation, and the Utility Assistance program,

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SPCAA is a member of the National Community Action Partnership and the Community Action Network, which was born out of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964. *Helping People. Changing Lives*. SPCAA.org

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