

Winter 2020



Dear Friend,

What a sigh of relief that the end of the year is just around the corner! As you well know, 2020 has been an unprecedented year. From the onset of a worldwide pandemic, to new calls for civil rights, a terrifying wildfire season, and a historically contentious election period, we at Community Action Partnership of Sonoma County are **still here**, building resilience for those in our community who face the most barriers to well-being and advocating for social justice.

This is our Year End Appeal, where we THANK YOU for your past support, and ask you to support us once again for 2021. Even though the year was full of challenges, I am proud to report many accomplishments. These accomplishments were only possible through collaborations with foundations, service partners, our incredible staff, our committed Board of Directors, and individual donors like YOU!

This year we are especially proud about our response to the new needs in our community caused by the Pandemic and the Shelter in Place, and our ability to adapt to the challenges of providing services virtually. Other 2020 highlights include:

- Our early education staff at Early Head Start, Head Start, AVANCE, and Pasitos swiftly adjusted their curriculum to create communication channels to teach remotely and keep our children learning safely;
- The distribution of over \$315,000 to families economically affected by COVID-19 and food to 300 families each week at our Via Esperanza Family Resource Center;
- The creation of a powerful new program, “Community Conversations on Race” airing live weekly on our Facebook page;
- Serving as a “Census Champion” promoting this important civic action;
- And launching a beautiful new and easier to navigate website. Visit us at www.capsonoma.org to make a donation online, review our corporate sponsorship opportunities, or to learn more about our services.

As we look forward into 2021, Community Action’s work continues to be critical. Due to income and property losses from the pandemic and fires, inquiries for assistance in housing and essential needs remain high. As much as our agency has stepped up to meet the challenges, so have our donors. We are grateful for your trust in the work we do.

Thank you again for your continued support of Community Action, especially during these difficult times. Together, we can continue *“Helping People - Changing Lives”*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susan Cooper".

Dr. Susan Cooper, Executive Director