



Dear Friend,

Winter 2021

What a year this has been. I think we can all agree that we had no idea when the pandemic began in March of 2020 that we would still be in the midst of it at the close of 2021. Our agency has not only felt the effects of a global pandemic, but also multiple losses and changes within our organization. We look back at this difficult year and marvel at how our incredible team was able to push forward with strength and perseverance. We look back with pride as our staff continued to bring services, education, advocacy, and a voice to our community through resiliency and hope.

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, we are 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!

Some of our 2021 highlights include:

- The distribution of over \$1.2M in rental assistance from May through September, helping countless families during a difficult time.
- Leading a "Community Action Gets Vaccinated" campaign to spread awareness, education and encouragement.
- Our early education staff at Early Head Start, Head Start, AVANCE, and Pasitos continued to thrive swiftly adjusted their curriculum to create communication channels to teach remotely and keep our children learning safely;
- Our popular new program, "Community Conversations on Race" was picked up by KSRO radio twice a month on Thursdays and was featured at the CAP National Conference in Boston, Massachusetts
- Completing a new Annual Report available for view and use at www.capsonoma.org

As we look forward into 2022, Community Action's work continues to be critical. Due to income and property losses from the pandemic, 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, as we are truly in this together. Visit us at www.capsonoma.org to make a donation online, review our corporate sponsorship opportunities, or to learn more about our services.

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

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