



Dear Friend,

Winter 2022

Well, that's another successful year in the books! 2022 was a year of strength, persistence, and new beginnings. In September, we sent our fearless leader, Dr. Susan Cooper, to her well-deserved retirement. We are grateful for her many years of service and that she promptly joined our Board of Directors to continue providing her wisdom and guidance to the agency. Luckily, our past Board President and current Deputy Director, Johnny Nolen, has stepped in as Interim Executive Director. We are actively recruiting for Sonoma County's next champion of anti-poverty work, so if you know any heroes of economic equity and social justice, send them our way!

As we approach the end of this amazing year we want to THANK YOU for your past support and ask you to support us once again for 2022. All the amazing things we've accomplished together could not have been possible without the generosity of our community, including individual donors like YOU!

Some of our 2022 highlights include:

- Our ERAP (Emergency Rental Assistance Program) team helped 329 families maintain housing through over three million dollars in emergency rental assistance!
- Our Give Kids A Smile program returned for its 18th year, offering much-needed dental services to children in the community.
- Our early education staff at Early Head Start, Head Start, Pasitos, and ALAS, continued to thrive and create a positive impact. Despite the continuing challenges of COVID, we were able to continue to help children achieve school readiness.
- Our program, "Community Conversations on Race" was spotlighted at the National CAP Conference in New York and Cal CAPA conference in San Diego. This was an incredible opportunity and honor to raise the voices of our community members and share strategies for expanding social equity.
- Our VITA Tax program completed 423 tax returns, and over 900K in refunds were submitted, saving taxpayers over 126K in tax preparation costs.
- We completed a 2021 Annual Report available for viewing and use at [www.capsonoma.org](http://www.capsonoma.org)

As we look forward to 2023, the work of Community Action continues to be more critical than ever before. We are still seeing the massive effects of the pandemic and there has never been a time of greater need than today.

We thank you again for your continued support of Community Action and the work that we do. Take advantage of this opportunity to invest in your community and be part of the CAP Promise: to **change people's lives, embody the spirit of hope, improve communities, and make Sonoma County a better place to live.**

Visit us at [www.capsonoma.org](http://www.capsonoma.org) to make a donation online, review our corporate sponsorship opportunities, or learn more about our many programs.

Sincerely,

The CAP Sonoma Team

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