

INCA INFORMER

INCA's IMPACT
in 2016...

Helping People. Changing Lives.

January
2017

6,496 Unduplicated Individuals Served

4,186 Families Served



Emergency Services **106**

Utility Assistance **93**

Weatherization **6**



Tax Preparation **861**

Outreach/Referral **489**

Employment Supports **815**

Reflecting on 2016

141,445 Rides

2,088 Clothing Bank

374 Food Bank



575 Prescription Assistance

50 Medical Lending Closet

1,661 Holiday Related

27,251 Volunteer Hours



EXPANDED TERRITORY

JAMM in Murray County expanded in 2016. Beginning in March, rides were available in Davis City limits. Since opening the route the community need has remained high so in August a new bus was added to the route.



On September 22, 2016 INCA's Executive Director LaQuita Thornley, was presented with the Oklahoma House of Representatives Citation for her outstanding commitment and many years of service to the state, community, and our agency. Representative Charles McCall from Atoka, and friend of INCA, presented her the award.

LEADING BY EXAMPLE

SPREADING AWARENESS



The Antler's RAVE group attended DD Awareness Day at the state Capitol on March 14, 2016 to help spread awareness. This event was part of a nationwide effort to educate elected officials as part of *National Intellectual/ Developmental Disabilities month*. *Developmental Disability (DD) Awareness Day* has become an annual event that has taken place for over a decade at the State Capitol. Everyone who attended gathered at 10 a.m. to demonstrate the number of people with *Developmental Disabilities* dependent on supports and services. The theme of this rally was "SOS - Save Our Services." As a development advocacy program, RAVE and another programs from the across the state were in attendance to fulfill their responsibility of educating the legislators on the services provided and the challenges faced daily to do so, which at this time is primarily budgetary constraints. The focus was to assist in educating and empowering elected officials with the information they need to support services for Oklahomans with developmental disabilities.



INCA Medical Lending Closet was able to provide much needed help for many individuals in 2016 including the young with cystic fibrosis who needed a scooter, and the women that needed a walker and electric wheel chair in Atoka and Murray Counties. These items help to maintain a quality of life for the individuals but also helps to sustain their independence and overall happiness by allowing them to do chores and tasks we sometimes take for granted. We appreciate all the donations from the community that allow us to provide these items to individuals in need and continue a cycle of helping others.

PROVIDING SUPPORT

UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES



Providing assistance is INCA's day to day job, but when a disaster or unforeseen circumstance hits our agency and staff provide help in anyway we can. May 9, 2016 changed the lives for many Sulphur residents, as a massive tornado swept through the northern part of Murray County. Mary Garrison, Murray County Community Specialist recounted that although being a lifelong resident of the area, she had never seen anything like it. The first few hours after the storm passed the only means of travel was by 4 wheelers. Mary along with her son, and grandsons went home to home checking on people. Even though Mary's son's home was one of the ones that was destroyed and he was more worried about the neighbors' safety than his own home. Moments after the storms had passed, local officials, friends of those in the affected area, along with area agencies including INCA sprang into action to help those affected.



On March 3, 2016 INCA-RSVP staff attended the United Way Community Heroes Banquet at the Colvert Center in Ardmore. They were proud to nominate Carter County Advisory Council member and volunteer Katherine Fox. Katherine has dedicated her retirement to volunteering and has served many different roles in this time, but found her passion and calling when she moved to the area more than 10 years ago and discovered the opportunity at Mercy Hospital Ardmore. Since that time she has served over 14,000 hours at the hospital, joined INCA-RSVP in 2010 where she has served over 6,500 hours, and became an advisory council member for INCA-RSVP in 2013. All of her accomplishments and volunteer roles are proof that she never shies away from the opportunity to help. She continues to be abundantly committed to her community, RSVP, and assisting others. She is a crucial volunteer at the hospital for RSVP because she acts as a liaison for the program and helps with any questions other volunteers may have, recruiting new volunteers as needed, and promoting the importance of RSVP.

ENRICHING COMMUNITY

PROVIDING OUTREACH



Providing outreach is key to letting the public know crucial information and services we provide as well as others available in our counties. In 2016 staff participated in many local information and health fairs to help spread the word.

Cathy Awalt was presented with the Head Start Volunteer of the Year award at the August 2016 Board Meeting. Cathy has a long and rich history of serving INCA. Approximately 10 years ago, Cathy & Eric Awalt came into the Madill INCA Office with their two grandchildren wanting to talk about the possibility of enrolling in the Head Start program. The next school term the second grandson was enrolled. From the beginning, Cathy and Eric volunteered in the classrooms regularly. Both boys attended Madill Head Start and then moved on to the Madill Early Childhood Center. During the summer of 2013, Cathy & Eric enrolled a third grandson and Cathy again began volunteering almost every day that year. In 2014, their grandson had moved on to the Madill Early Childhood Center and Cathy continued to volunteer in our classrooms in Oakland. Last year, 2015, Cathy won our Volunteer of the Year Award because of the number of hours that she volunteered in the Oakland Classrooms. She was again presented with the Volunteer of the Year Award in 2016 as she had put in over 1,000 volunteer hours during the 2015-2016 school year for the Oakland Classrooms. Cathy Awalt also serves on INCA's board of directors and is very committed to INCA's mission of helping others.



COMMITTED SUPPORTER

JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

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JAMM TRANSIT

Flex Drivers (All counties) Operates a transit vehicle, as assigned, for the transporting of participants in the transit programs, following established policies, practices and procedures.

HEAD START

4 Year Old Teacher (Oakland) Responsible for providing meaningful education to children from low-income households. They strive to facilitate learning to all children and prepare them for later schooling. Plan activities and assure that classrooms are in compliance with requirements. To provide pre-school children with age appropriate learning experiences according to their individual abilities. Encourages and assists parents in becoming involved in their children's education Bachelor's Degree with Endorsement in Early Childhood Education; A baccalaureate or advanced degree in any field and coursework equivalent to a major relating to early childhood education, with experience teaching pre-school-age children. Current Oklahoma State Teaching Certificate.

Area Supervisor (Marshall County) Provides general program management for assigned area. Is responsible for the supervision of staff engaged in Head Start activities in assigned classrooms and function as liaison and information conduit between leadership, staff and community collaborators. As Family Engagement coordinator is responsible for coordinating family and community partnership, social services, parent involvement, eligibility, recruitment, selection, enrollment, attendance, transition and transportation in assigned area, to ensure compliance of the Federal Head Start Performance Standards. This person is often the first person-to-person contact with families entering the program.

RAVE

Habilitation Training Specialist-HTS (Atoka, Bryan, McCurtain, Pushmataha) Help train individuals on certain tasks to help them become more independent for themselves. These can be daily living skills such as cleaning tasks, personal hygiene, etc. This depends on the actual person what you would be training on. HTS jobs right now would be fill-in positions as needed and are available in all counties.

Daily Living Support Staff-DLS (Atoka) Assists individual(s) with developmental disabilities in acquiring and maintaining individually prescribed self-help, socialization and adaptive skills necessary to reside in a home or community-based setting. Daily living support services are provided to the individual for supervision issues who needs 24/7 care with goals to be worked on daily so the individual can reside successfully and accomplish tasks they would normally do for themselves if they did not have a disability in the home they lease or own by providing supervision and oversight.

ALL VITA SITES OPEN



FEBRUARY 1ST!

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211 South 16th Street
Mannsville, OK 73447

**2 Bedroom Apartments
Available**

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Security Deposit Required

Handicapped accessible units available

Central Heat & Air, carpet

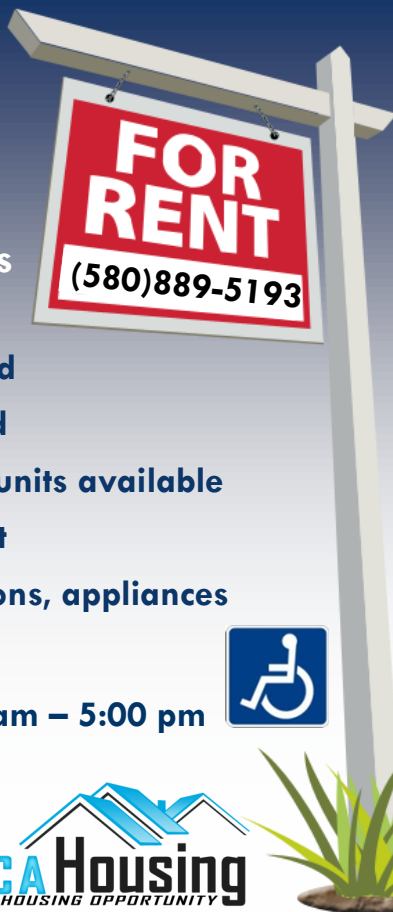
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