



## News Release

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### Couleecap serves thousands in need in 2014

(Westby, WI) 2014 was a year of action for Couleecap! We are pleased to report that in 2014 31,536 people, or 14,797 households, benefitted from the valuable services of Couleecap. Couleecap offers help with housing, food, transportation, and more. Below are just a few of the many ways we were able to assist people in 2014:

- Over **2.8 million** pounds of food were collected and distributed in partnership with eleven local TEFAP supported food pantries.
- **19,294** people received emergency food assistance through eleven TEFAP supported food pantries.
- **3,883** people were served at the Bargain Boutique thrift store.
- **1,513** households received energy assistance payments; **390** households received crisis energy payments.
- **370** people received housing counseling.
- **266** homes are warmer and more comfortable from home weatherization; **197** households received emergency furnace repair or replacement.
- **137** households received emergency utility bill payment assistance.
- **124** homeless households received supportive housing, case management, and supportive services.
- **107** homeless households received case management and motel vouchers, emergency services, emergency rental assistance, or transitional housing.
- **117** households received housing rehabilitation assistance.
- **100** people were assisted with education, employment, and skills training.
- **84** tobacco compliance checks and **18** alcohol compliance checks were conducted in collaboration with the health department, 7 C's Health Initiative, and law enforcement in Monroe County.
- **60** people received loans to purchase vehicles for work or were assisted with car repairs for work.
- **51** households received housing counseling and eviction prevention assistance.
- **12** businesses were created or helped.

Created in 1966, Couleecap is a community action program that fights poverty and promotes self-sufficiency in Crawford, La Crosse, Monroe, and Vernon counties. In 2014, **178** community partnerships were established and maintained between Couleecap and other entities. For more information on Couleecap programs visit our website [www.couleecap.org](http://www.couleecap.org).

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