

SIEOC

Community Action Agency



2022 Annual Report

Who are we

Southeastern Indiana Economic Opportunity Corporation (SIEOC) is a Community Action Agency that is part of a national network of federally funded Community Action Agencies (CAAs), established under the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 to fight America's War on Poverty. CAAs are now legislated by the Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) that replaced the Economic Opportunity Act in 1981. CAAs administer various programs, on their individual community levels, that assist people of all ages to work towards and hopefully achieve self-sufficiency. Today there are 1,000 CAAs serving residents in every state.

SIEOC is a private, 501(c) (3) not-for-profit corporation that has proudly provided a variety of services to people in need since 1965. We're a member of the National Community Action Partnership, SIEOC follows The Promise of Community Action, which is: "Community Action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities and makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire community, and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other."

SIEOC's mission is to improve the conditions under which people live, learn and work. To fulfill The Promise of Community Action and SIEOC's mission, SIEOC supports activities and programs that help communities, families and individuals become more self-sufficient. All SIEOC services are provided without regard to race, color, sex, age, religion, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity (including gender expression), disability, citizenship status, military status, genetic information, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity conducted or funded by the United States Department of Agriculture, or any other category protected under federal, state or local law.



Who we serve

SIEOC proudly serves communities in Dearborn, Franklin, Ohio, Ripley, Switzerland and Union Counties.

SIEOC's Head Start serves Dearborn, Franklin, Ohio, Ripley and Switzerland Counties.

Office Locations:

Main Office Location:

110 Importing Street / PO Box 240

Aurora, IN 47001

Phone: (812) 926-1585 or Toll free: (888) 292-5475

Satellite Office Locations:

Family Service Center
13195 Spangler Road
Dillsboro, IN 47018

Batesville Area Resource Center
920 County Line Road
Batesville, IN 47006



A message from the Executive Director

In 2022 SIEOC celebrated 57 years of being a Community Action Agency serving Southeastern Indiana. It is a milestone that we always like to acknowledge because so many - past and present - have loved being a part of this agency and being able to serve families and individuals in our community.

I feel as though we have emerged unscathed from the pandemic period and are getting back to a somewhat normal life and work style again. It has been challenging, but through the guidance of our Board of Directors, our unwavering staff and so many community partners, we continued to provide top notch services. This annual report represents our many accomplishments in 2022 and I am happy to share it with you.



I would like to report that after holding our first ever annual fundraiser dinner in 2019, and then the pandemic halted all planning of future dinners, we began that process again in 2022 to hold our second fundraiser dinner in 2023 and hope to continue that tradition.

I look forward to continuing our good work in 2023 and to be a bright light for those families and individuals who need us the most. Please enjoy our 2022 annual report.

2022 SIEOC Board of Directors

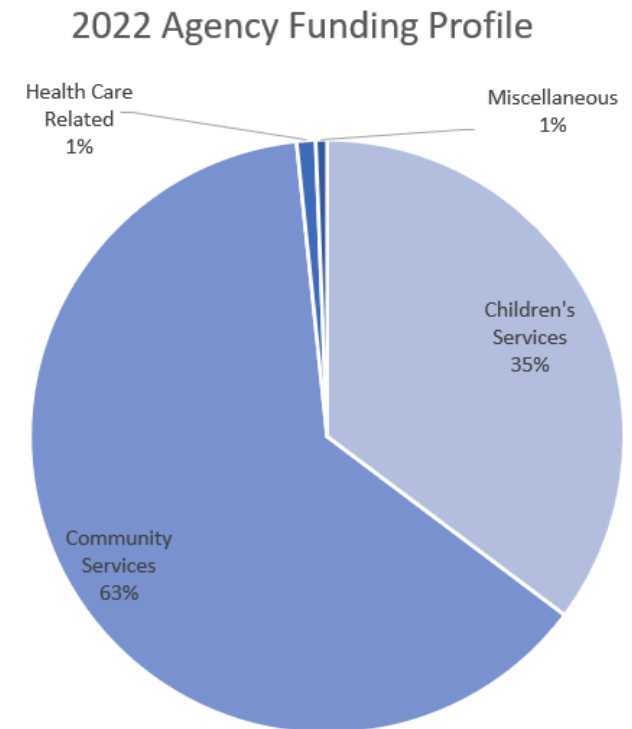
SIEOC is governed by a Tripartite Board of Directors who participates in the development, planning, implementation and evaluation of the Community Action Agency and their programs. The Board of Directors shall consist of at least one third Public Officials or their representatives, at least one-third low income representation, and the remainder from major groups or interests in the community.

The CSBG Organizational Standards are a new element of Community Action accountability that boards are aware of and consider when carrying out their responsibilities. These 58 Standards address three broad categories: Maximum Feasible Participation, Vision and Direction, and Operations and Accountability.

Dearborn County	Franklin County	Ohio County	Ripley County	Switzerland County
Sonia Kaffenberger Member since 2006	Adele Fritz Member since 2012	Annette Richards Member since 2013	Terri Trowbridge Member since 2015	August Dael Member since 2017
Robin Hochstrasser Member since 2017	Mary Lierl Member since 2014	Katie Walton Member since 2019	Wanda Knollman Member since 2016	Colleen Robertson Member since 2018
Bob Ewbank Member since 2010	Karen Fuegi Member since 2021	Nancy Swart Member since 2021	Pam Weiler Member since 2018	Teresa Bovard Lyons Member since 2020

2022 SIEOC Financial Budget Information

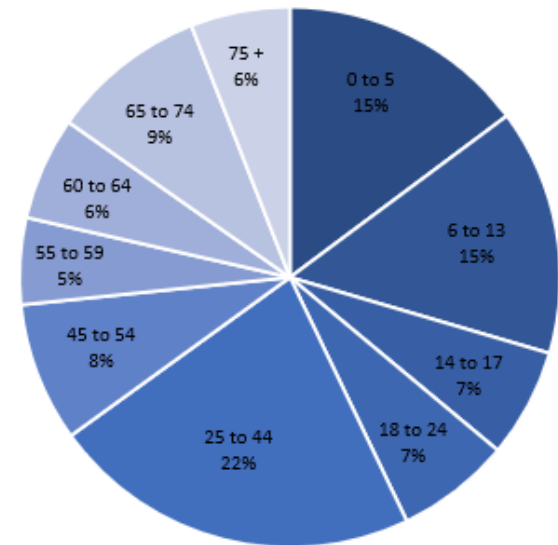
Department of Energy (DOE)	\$216,556.00
Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)	\$193,219.00
Head Start	\$2,856,414.00
COVID	\$318,269
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)	\$118,897.00
In-Kind (Includes 12,894 Volunteer Hours)	\$407,908.00
Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)	\$295,561.00
COVID	\$397,063
Covering Kids & Families of Indiana	\$108,134.00
Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8)	\$1,321,765.00
Energy Assistance Program (EAP)	\$1,800,918.00
Water Assistance Program	\$190,081.00
Energy Assistance Program (EAP ARPA)	\$1,719,991.00
Water Assistance Program (ARPA)	\$150,585.00
Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP ARPA)	\$267,883.00
IERA	\$70,000.00
Other non-program related funds	\$64,756.00
Total	\$10,498,000.00



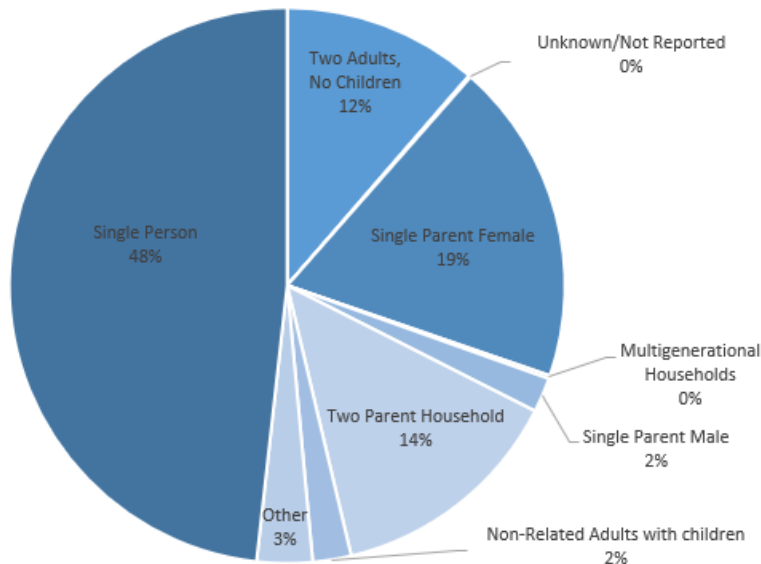
2022 Highlights and Statistics

- SIEOC served 2,726 families, benefitting 6,156 individuals
- SIEOC registered 322 children for the 2022 FOP Cops & Kids Program
- Toys for Tots served 619 children. 100% of funds raised were spent on toys
There were 9,116 toys, books, and stocking stuffers distributed
- SIEOC helped 2,455 people receive utility assistance
- SIEOC helped 508 people with emergency clothing assistance
- SIEOC helped 406 people receive rent or mortgage assistance
- SIEOC hosted MHS Walk for Wellness Event - 85 dental screenings, 42 individuals received 91 vaccines total, 5 asthma checks, 13 nicotine cessation checks, 27 glucose checks, 32 blood pressure checks, 176 shoe vouchers distributed, and 119 vision screenings resulting in 45 prescription glasses distributed and 38 readers distributed

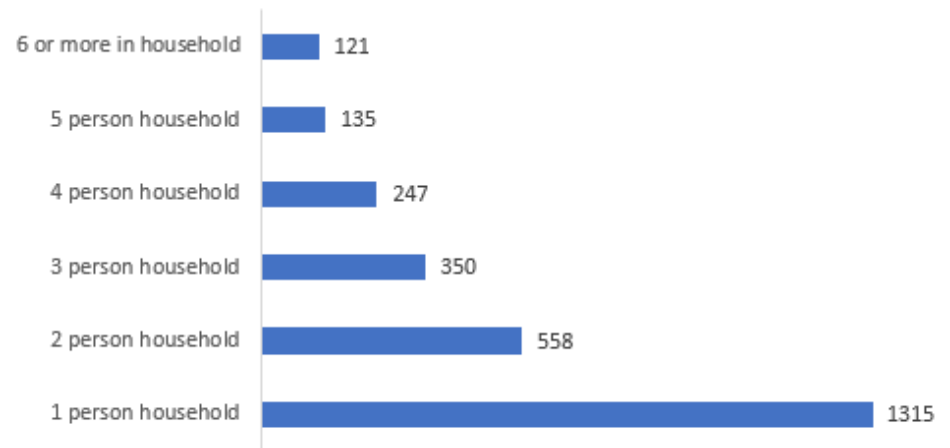
Age Categories of People Served by SIEOC in 2022



Types of Families served by SIEOC in 2022



2022 Family Size Breakdown



Head Start

Melody Minger, Program Director

SIEOC Head Start is a not-for-profit, federally funded program that promotes the school readiness of children ages 3-5 from low-income families by enhancing their cognitive, social and emotional development in Dearborn, Franklin, Ohio, Ripley and Switzerland counties.

The Head Start program is funded through the Office of Head Start (OHS), within the Administration of Children and Families of the Department of Health and Human Services. Head Start provides comprehensive services to enrolled children and their families, which include health, nutrition, social and other services determined to be necessary by family needs assessments, in addition to education and cognitive development services.

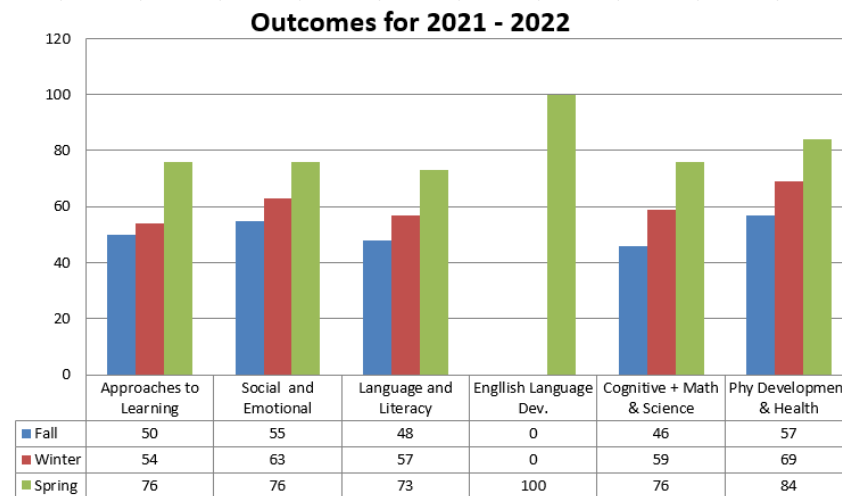
Head Start operates 13 pre-school classrooms at 12 different sites throughout our 5 county area with an enrollment of 266 children. Head Start employed 67 staff with 6 being past Head Start parents and 6 are past Head Start children. 4 staff have 5 + years, 9 staff have 10 + years, 3 staff have over 20 years, and 5 staff have over 30 years experience with SIEOC.

Program Year 2021-2022 Highlights

- Slots available: 266
- Children enrolled throughout the year: 314
- Monthly enrollment: Average of 244
- Average daily attendance: 75%
- Children who went on to kindergarten: 113
- Children with disabilities receiving services: 44
- Children completing a dental exam: 55%
- Volunteers: 226, of which 189 were current or former Head Start parents
- Children up to date on a schedule of preventive and primary health care: 75%
- Children with up to date immunizations or all possible immunizations to date: 75%

School Readiness and Child Outcomes

Progress of the Head Start children is measured at three intervals during the school year: fall, winter and spring. Based on information from Teaching Strategies Gold, the 2021-2022 Program Year showed gains in all domains. The graph below shows the growth by points over the school year. The children, as a whole, met or exceeded the knowledge, skills and behaviors that are most predictive of school success.



Head Start

Melody Minger, Program Director

Parent trainings took place with topics on

- Parent involvement in governance
- Center committee elections
- 40 Developmental Assets
- Empowerment Assets
- Reading Aloud to Your Child and other RIF trainings
- Boundaries and Expectation Assets
- "Second Step" parenting video
- Constructive Use of Time Assets For Your Children
- How to Build Positive Value Assets for Your Children
- How to Build Social Competency Assets for Your Children
- How to Build Positive Identity Assets for Your Children
- Home Safety
- My Plate
- Couponing
- Easy and Low Cost Recipes
- RIF Parent Workshops
- Child Abuse Prevention/How to Protect Your Children
- Adult Education and Lifelong Learning
- IN HOME – 123 and More 123

2021-2022 Head Start Parent Policy Council

Aurora

St. Leon

Brookville

Versailles

Karissa Turney

Vevay

Samantha Wright

Nicole Cittadini

Dillsboro

Jami Sebree

East Enterprise

Bridgot Galbreath

Parent Representative

Laurel

Deborah Hann

Lawrenceburg

Lindsey Marcus

Community Representative

Moores Hill

Mark Hensley

Sunman

Amber Hull

Rising Sun

Katelyn Davidson



Weatherization

Rocky Walton, Program Director

The Department of Energy (DOE) and the HHS Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), through the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA), funds SIEOC's Weatherization Program. The program has two main goals. The first goal is to ensure the health and safety of clients and the second is to reduce the energy use in the clients home. The health and safety goal is met through extensive testing, repair or replacement of the client's heating system and gas appliances. Energy use reduction is achieved through client education and extensive diagnostic testing to guide measures designed to reduce air infiltration into the home and improve the insulation values of exterior walls, attics and crawl spaces.

SIEOC Weatherization Statistics for 2022

Dearborn County	Franklin County	Ohio County	Ripley County	Switzerland County	Union County
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 44 energy audits completed and 17 homes weatherized• 7 furnaces replaced, 7 furnaces serviced• 8 water heaters replaced• 3 electric heat pumps installed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 24 energy audits completed and 2 homes weatherized• 2 electric heat pumps installed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 7 energy audits completed and 5 homes weatherized• 2 furnaces replaced, 1 furnace serviced• 2 electric heat pumps installed• 3 water heaters replaced	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 42 energy audits completed and 8 homes weatherized• 3 furnaces replaced, 3 furnaces serviced• 2 electric heat pumps installed• 3 water heaters replaced	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 18 energy audits completed and 8 homes weatherized• 6 electric heat pumps installed• 2 furnaces replaced• 1 range replaced	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4 energy audits completed and 2 homes weatherized• 1 furnace replaced, 1 furnace serviced• 1 water heater replaced

Client Satisfaction

"My husband is fighting cancer. Without this program the needed and necessary repairs would not have been completed for our home. We appreciate the new furnace and water heater, the roof leak repairs and insulation to our attic. Thank you for everything you did for us."

"Since my husband's passing, I have been struggling to make ends meet. There is no way I could have had any of this work done on my home if it wasn't for SIEOC. Thank you for the electric heat pump, duct work and other repairs you did to make my home more energy efficient. I'm so thankful."

Energy Assistance

Linda Morehead, Program Director

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is a federally funded block grant through the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services. The LIHEAP Block Grant provides funds to individual states to assist low-income families with the high cost of home energy. Community Action Agencies are designated by federal regulation as the local agencies administering the Energy Assistance Program. Households meeting the poverty guidelines (45% to 60% of SMI for 2021) can apply for assistance.

The Winter Heating Program assists households with their heating bill or bulk fuel delivery. Crisis assistance helps families that need additional assistance who are in danger of disconnection or have no fuel.

Energy Assistance staff also administered the Duke Share the Light Program for Duke Customers in our service area. The program was funded at \$17,500.00 for 2021-2022. Duke Share the Light Program helped 58 households for 2021-2022 program years.

Clients that received SIEOC's Energy Assistance Program were also eligible to participate in an Energy Education Class and our Family Development Program.

SIEOC Energy Assistance Statistics for 2022

- 1,589 households were served, benefitting 2,779 people
- 1299 households were served through Energy Education Efforts

Client Satisfaction

"This program helped with things I could not afford."

"I was able to have a little cash to go to the movies. I haven't been in 10 years. Thank you very much."

Housing Choice Voucher

Linda Morehead, Program Director

The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), through the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA), funds the SIEOC Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCV). Households that want to apply for the HCV program are sent pre-applications and placed on a waiting list. Once funding is available those applications are pulled from the waiting list and are screened for eligibility. If eligibility is met, the applicant is issued a voucher to find housing. Applicants can look for a house, mobile home, apartment, etc. The unit must pass a Housing Quality Standard (HQS) inspection before SIEOC will assist in paying any housing subsidy.

Tenants will not pay more than 40% of their adjusted monthly gross income toward their rent, including utilities, and the remaining portion is paid directly to the landlord by SIEOC.

SIEOC Housing Choice Voucher Program Statistics for 2022

- Partnerships with 107 landlords in Dearborn, Franklin, Ohio, Ripley, Switzerland and Union Counties
- 235 households were served, benefitting 419 people

Salvation Army

Linda Morehead, Program Director

Salvation Army Mission Statement

The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

SIEOC serves as the Salvation Army Extension Office for Dearborn and Ohio Counties. SIEOC has two Salvation Army representatives that are able to write out checks to help families in need with clothing, food, emergency shelter, etc.



Salvation Army's work is funded through kettle donations, corporate funds and contributions and the sale of goods donated to Salvation Army Family Stores. Eighty-two cents of every dollar the Salvation Army spends supports their various missions across the country. Each year SIEOC employees participate in local kettle drives to help raise funds for Dearborn and Ohio Counties Salvation Army.

Dearborn & Ohio County Salvation Army Statistics for 2022

- 140 Households served, benefitting 330 people
- Air Conditioner - 13
- Clothing - 26
- Food - 7
- Mortgage - 2
- Rent - 29
- Transportation - 1
- Utilities - 29
- Other - 7

Bev Henry Emergency Fund

Kimberly Henry, Program Director

The Bev Henry Emergency Fund was established years ago as the Emergency Assistance Program. The fund was renamed the Bev Henry Emergency Fund in honor of SIEOC's previous executive director's passion for her job and the community. The Bev Henry Emergency Fund offers a variety of assistance to income-eligible families in a crisis situation in Dearborn, Franklin, Ohio, Ripley, Switzerland and Union Counties. Assistance may include financial assistance for rent, utilities, food and prescriptions. The Bev Henry Emergency Fund is solely dependent on donations from the community.

Bev Henry Emergency Fund Statistics for 2022

- 51 households were served, benefitting 141 individuals
 - Air Conditioner - 1
 - Emergency Food/Clothing from Fire - 1
 - Mortgage - 2
 - Prescription/Medical Needs - 2
 - Rent - 5
 - Utilities - 29
 - Transportation - 5
 - Work Related Clothing - 5
 - Vital Records - 1



Family Development

Kimberly Henry, Program Director

SIEOC's Family Development Program is a voluntary program for families who want to work towards living a more self-sufficient lifestyle. The goal of SIEOC's Family Development Program is to empower families to eliminate barriers so they can eventually reach self-sufficiency. The families enrolled in family development work directly with one of SIEOC's Certified Family Development Specialists. The Role of the FDS is to help families determine their own strengths and direction, and then is there to support the family in making practical and lasting change. The FDS offers families strategies to reclaim their self-sufficiency through home and office visits, assessments and goal setting. Families, along with assistance from their FDS, can together focus on identifying strengths, addressing obstacles and working to set and attain goals. Through the Family Development Program participants are able to build strengths, stability and resources, which in turn will allow them to be able to provide for their families and contribute to their local community and economy. Support is given to families in many ways such as referrals, group activities, linking families to the communities and advocacy. SIEOC's Family Development Specialists work closely with families to achieve self-sufficiency in many areas, including but not limited to:

- Family Interaction
- Child Care
- Income and Budgeting
- Employment and Resume
- Education
- Food and Nutrition
- Housing
- Utility Issues
- Support Systems
- Addictions

Family Development Statistics for 2022

- 12 individuals were assisted with HSE testing fees
- 2 rent assistance, avoided eviction
- 47 transportation assistance
- 5 work clothing assistance
- 1 utility assistance, avoided disconnect
- 6 past due balances paid on school related fees
- 4 nursing program fees paid

CKF of SIEOC

Kimberly Henry, Program Director

Since May of 2017 SIEOC has been a local coalition member for Covering Kids & Families of Indiana, Inc. (CKF-IN). CKF-IN is a statewide organization committed to ensuring that all eligible children and adults are enrolled in available health-care coverage programs. In 2022 CKF of SIEOC had 3 licensed Indiana Navigators that provided free help to individuals and families to enroll in and understand state and federal health insurance programs such as Medicaid, Hoosier Healthwise, the Healthy Indiana Plan and the Health Insurance Marketplace.

Our navigators assist consumers at all points in the enrollment process and will continue to work with consumers to maintain their coverage once approved. CKF of SIEOC serves residents in Dearborn, Franklin, Ohio, Ripley, and Switzerland Counties.

Covering Kids & Families of SIEOC Statistics for 2022

- Completed 437 applications, beating our goal of 200
- Had 407 enrollments, beating our goal of 250
- Participated in 186 outreach events and made 6,254 outreach contacts



SIEOC Staff Recognition

Congratulations to the SIEOC staff who celebrated 5 or more years of service in 2022.
Thank you for your service to SIEOC and the clients we serve.

5 years of service or more

Stephanie Isaacs	Maria Coudret	Melissa Weisgerber	Kayla Scholle	Sierra Lee
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10 years of service or more

Heather Hewitt	Sally Gregory	Kathy Hallgarth	Amber Moody	Kimberly Henry	Faith Lane	Brenda Taylor	Barb Scholle
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20 years of service or more

Sheila Fletcher	Colleen Lay	Linda Morehead
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30 years of service or more

Tammy Cunningham	Melody Minger	Susan Schnebelt	Rocky Walton	Barb Andrews	Sandra Lowe
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Yes, I can make a donation to SIEOC and help with the local fight against poverty!

I would like my donation to go to the following SIEOC program:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bev Henry Emergency Fund | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Toys for Tots |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Covering Kids and Families | <input type="checkbox"/> Head Start | <input type="checkbox"/> Weatherization |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy Assistance | <input type="checkbox"/> Section 8 | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: (Please Specify) _____ |

I am donating: \$_____ Would you like your donation to be in honor or in memory of someone? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, I would like my donation to be: ☐ In Honor of: _____ ☐ In Memory of: _____

Would you like your donation to be recognized in SIEOC's Annual Report? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please complete the information below:

Name(s) of person/organization making donation: _____

Address: _____

City

State

Zip

SIEOC is designated a not-for-profit 501 (c)(3) agency, therefore, your gift is tax-deductible.

Your donation and teamwork is helping SIEOC to accomplish our goal of helping our clients lead a more self-sufficient lifestyle. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Please return this completed form along with your donation to:

Southeastern Indiana Economic Opportunity Corporation

110 Importing Street / P.O. Box 240 Aurora, Indiana 47001-0240

*SIEOC would like to thank the many individuals,
businesses and organizations for their generous
support to SIEOC in 2022.*

*To those of you who volunteered your time,
donated goods or donated funds, we sincerely
appreciate your thoughtfulness.*

*Thank you for helping us work towards our mission
of improving the conditions under which people
live, learn and work.*