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Couleecap serves thousands in need in 2015

(Westby, WI) 2015 was a year of action for Couleecap. We are pleased to report that in 2015 **30,918** people, or **16,116** households, benefitted from the valuable services of Couleecap supported programs. 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 2015:

- Over **1.8 million** pounds of food were collected and distributed in partnership with local TEFAP supported food pantries.
- **16,003** people received emergency food assistance through TEFAP supported food pantries.
- **301** homes are warmer and more comfortable from home weatherization; **208** households received emergency furnace repair or replacement.
- **113** households received housing rehabilitation assistance.
- **1,091** people received housing counseling.
- **29** households received down-payment/home purchase funds to purchase homes.
- **161** people received housing counseling and eviction prevention assistance.
- **148** homeless people received case management and motel vouchers, emergency rental assistance, and/or transitional housing.
- **113** homeless households received supportive housing, case management, and supportive services.
- **10** households received loans to purchase vehicles for work; **71** households were assisted with car repairs for work; **11,520** rides were provided to clients to get to work.
- **90** youth were provided with employment and skills training.
- **30** people received business development services; **7** businesses were created or helped.
- **1,443** youth attended ATODA (alcohol, tobacco, and other drug abuse) prevention trainings.
- **3** medication take back days were held in collaboration with law enforcement and health care partners in Monroe County; **1,233** pounds of medication were collected at those take back days.

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 2015, **56,841** hours were volunteered to Couleecap supported programs by community residents, and **181** community partnerships were established and maintained between Couleecap and other entities. For more information on Couleecap programs visit our website www.couleecap.org.

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