

Mission Statement:

*Mountain Projects, Inc.,
a Community Action Agency,
changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope,
improves communities,
and makes Haywood and Jackson Counties a
better place in which to live. We care about the entire community and
we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.*

Providing hope . . .



Crisis Intervention Program (CIP)

\$461,936 helped 1,663 people with crisis needs such as electric bills, establishing electric service, fuel needs, etc.

This figure represents funds contributed to the Crisis Intervention Program including Progress Energy, Haywood Electric, Share the Warmth Program, and local-general donations during the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

Program Highlights:

Approximately 14,000 lives were touched by 144 staff in 14 agency sites by 44 grants in fiscal year 2009-2010 through programs sponsored by Mountain Projects Inc. 90,000 volunteer hours were generated through the Elaine Kuhl Volunteer Center and Head Start.

Unaudited Expenses 6/30/10:

Children's Services	\$ 3,041,649
Senior Services	726,724
Housing Development	1,200,342
Volunteer Services	582,098
Rental Assistance & HPRP	3,921,765
Eligibility	470,799
Transportation	1,004,726
Food Service/Local	625,074
Other Services	458,709
	\$ 12,031,886



Unaudited Revenues 6/30/10:

Federal	\$ 8,628,499
State	434,698
County	164,910
Local	312,748
Fees	1,309,518
Contributions	285,683
Donated Services	308,747
Investments	14,709
Other	138,412
	\$ 11,597,924

Net Balance of expenditures over revenues reflect spending of accumulated funds from prior years for program specific purposes.

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Funds Expenditures as of September 2010:

Homeless Prevention Rapid Re-Housing	\$ 508,247
Community Services Block Grant	308,963
Head Start	92,310
Early Head Start	271,793
Weatherization	800,948
	\$ 1,982,261





Changing Lives...



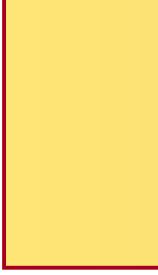
Serving Haywood and Jackson Counties for 45 years.

**Annual Report
2009-2010**

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Self Help Housing—Additional grant funds have helped 11 families build their homes.



Haywood County CDBG—

Rehabilitating 8 and replacing 1 home.

Single Family Rehab—NCHFA grant to rehab 8 Haywood County Homes. One is completed.

Urgent Repair— 15 jobs completed

and more are in the pipeline before the end of October.

WaDE— Repair and replacement of septic systems performed.

Safe At Home—34 jobs were completed making minor repairs to senior households.

United Way Safe At Home—9 households were assisted. This program supplemented other programs and helped people otherwise ineligible for assistance.

Senior and Volunteer Services

Retired Senior Volunteer program

124 RSVP senior volunteers provided 29,801 hours of service to agencies in Haywood and Jackson Counties.

Congregate Nutrition—13,614 meals were served to approximately 249 seniors in 3 nutrition sites in Haywood County.

Level 1 In-Home Service: 3,758 hours of in-home aide was provided for 79 clients.

Senior Companion Volunteer Program: 67 volunteers have helped 141 frail seniors maintain their independence, providing 56,147 hours of service for 2009-2010.

Foster Grandparents: 63 volunteers provided 56,147 hours of service to benefit children in Head Start Centers, elementary schools and early childhood development centers.

Elaine Kuhl Volunteer Center: Linked 271 volunteers with 58 agencies in need of volunteer services in Haywood and Jackson Counties. As counseling site for **Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP)**, the Center counseled 227 Medicare beneficiaries concerning their coverage.

Central Services

Over 7,300 individuals were assisted in Haywood and Jackson counties.

- 1,222 applicants were processed for both counties. Processing included a needs assessment and referrals for other Services within the agency, or to outside providers.
- 20 applicants are enrolled in the Graduate Education program with 46 attending.

CRASH (Coalition to Reduce Alcohol & Substance Use on our Highways)

The **CRASH** program is the Jackson County arm of the project and is responsible for drunk driving and substance abuse prevention education. Merchant education, media campaigns, and youth substance abuse prevention campaigns have been implemented in an effort to reduce drinking and driving rates and to increase substance abuse prevention education. Additionally, CRASH staff delivered two 'Positive Action' curriculums into the Jackson County Schools that are designed to emphasize media literacy and teach youth to question advertisements and to make healthy choices and alternatives to substance abuse.

Making our community a better place...



The Community Action Partnership Entrepreneurship and Innovation National Award was given to MPI for the Barefoot Ridge Project in Clyde developed to help 2004 flood victims. Project uniqueness was due to development of a partnership with MPI, government agencies, nonprofit communities, Haywood County, and the Town of Clyde, all united to provide affordable property outside the flood zone for those who couldn't afford to relocate or rebuild on their own.

Food Service Operation

Food Service cooked and delivered 178,126 meals to seven counties in western North Carolina.



Haywood Community Connections

- Now a **Community Resource Connections site**;
- **7th Senior Leadership Class** is in process. 60 County seniors are now working on 13 Senior Resource Teams;
- Established a **sitter's list** to provide respite care;
- Set up a **computer education center** for seniors.
- Implemented a **Senior Friendly** program to evaluate local businesses to determine if they have senior friendly services;
- **Project Lifesaver** in place to assist in locating Alzheimer's or autistic individuals who have wandered away; and
- Published a revised **Senior Resource Directory**.

Haywood Public Transit

Number of miles driven—500,679
Number of trips provided—59,091
An estimated 300 individuals were served.



Head Start

The Head Start program serves 200 children 3-5 years old. In addition, the **new Early Head Start program is fully operational serving 40 pregnant women and children ages 0-3 years old in Haywood and Jackson Counties.**



The children were served in 20 classrooms in 6 centers and 2 public schools. Head Start served a total of 235 children (4% over income) and Early Head Start served a total of 40 children (0% over income). All HS children receive physical, mental health, and dental screenings. Summer care was provided for 5 children at the Kneedler Center. 67 children in Haywood County and 41 children in Jackson County graduated into Kindergarten.

Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program

300 clients have been assisted not only with money but also being helped with housing search, job placement, and pointing them in the direction of services for which they may qualify beyond housing or rental assistance. Funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

Housing Development

HUD Section 8—Housing Choice Voucher Program. **684 households received assistance.** Family self sufficiency continues to work well with the voucher program enabling families to save money.

HUD Counseling—A certified housing counselor has served over 100 clients since April.

Weatherization/HARRP standard program— 30 units were weatherized plus an additional 41 weatherized with HARRP funds. The **Recovery Program**— ARRA funds weatherized an additional 128 units. 222 units are scheduled to be completed by March 2012. Average reduction per home in utility costs was 30%.