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Action for a Better Community Celebrates Community Action Month: Empowering Families and Strengthening Communities

ROCHESTER, NY – 2023 marks the 59th year since the **Community Action Network** was established to help American families and communities overcome obstacles to poverty. Over 1000 agencies across the country are working every day to create opportunities and transform the lives of their neighbors making communities stronger and helping families across the US thrive. This year, **Action for a Better Community, Inc.**, a proud member of the Community Action Network, will also commemorate **58** years of helping families throughout Monroe and Ontario County.

"Each May, during Community Action Month, we reflect on the impact Action for a Better Community (ABC) and our network has had on families," said Jerome Underwood, President & CEO of ABC. "Last year alone, we served **5,666** people in Monroe and Ontario County, and (in the network) over **15 million** across the country with immediately needed services such as shelter and food, and also transformational solutions like education and job placement."

Community Action Agencies serve **99%** of all American counties with life-changing services to help families achieve financial stability. All agencies are locally controlled and represented by the private, public, and low-income sectors of the community. "We are proud of our communities' participation in the development and oversight of our programs," said Underwood. "Their engagement helps us to be more responsive in our approach as our clients are also co-creators of our solutions."

To celebrate the continued success of Community Action and raise awareness throughout the Greater Rochester area, ABC will host a **Community Action Month Celebration** on **May 19th from 12 pm to 4 pm** at **400 West Avenue, Gate H**.

Be a part of this exciting occasion, where attendees will find a wealth of community resources, enjoy complimentary food, and have a chance to win incredible giveaways. Furthermore, participants will have the opportunity to learn more about the range of services offered by ABC and to inquire about current employment opportunities within the organization. "Don't let this amazing opportunity to connect with your community and make a positive impact pass you by. Mark your calendars and be there!" added Underwood.

On **Wednesday, May 24th at 5:30 pm**, ABC will conclude Community Action Month with our **58th Annual Meeting**, held at the **Memorial Art Gallery** situated at **500 University Avenue**. The event offers an opportunity to celebrate our volunteers, recognize the NCAM award winners and Youth Essay Contest champions, and listen to Jerome Underwood, President and CEO of Action for a Better Community, deliver the State of the Agency address. We cordially invite you to join us for this occasion.

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Action for a Better Community, Inc. is a member of the National Community Action Partnership and the Community Action Network, which was born out of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964. Action for a Better Community, Inc. promotes and provides opportunities for low-income individuals and families in Monroe and Ontario County to become self-sufficient.

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