December is always a time for reflection on days past and goals for the days ahead. During the 2016 calendar year, CSO was able to help many individuals and families in need. Here are some numbers:

- 29,168 utility services were provided
- 16,074 food pantry services were logged
- 3375 Job Seeker Services were recorded
- 891 services for SNAP and other COMPASS benefits were tallied
- 300 coats were distributed through Keep Our Kids Warm
- 47 Children received toys at Christmas through Toys for Tots

While these numbers do not denote unduplicated individuals, they illustrate the fact that there are multiple services and contacts related to each case. So, as you can see, we’ve been **VERY BUSY**!

As we spend time with friends and family during the holiday season, we are grateful for all we have and for the opportunity to help others. To all of our community partners and supporters, we extend best wishes for a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

**HAPPY, Happy, Happy, Happy, Happy, Holidays!**

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Thank you, Eric Rowe! After many years of dedicated service to CSO, Eric has stepped down from his position as the agency’s Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Eric, Manager of Employee Communications and Services at Woodmode in Kreamer, Snyder County, has an extensive resume’ of community service. He still maintains posts on seven local boards, ranging from commerce to education and faith-based organizations. He is a 2001 graduate of Leadership Susquehanna Valley, a premier organization for emerging and established leaders in the region.

Best wishes and many thanks, Eric!

Congratulations, Greg Sacavage! A CSO Board member since 2004, Greg has been elected to serve as Chairman of the Board of Directors. Prior to becoming Board Chair, Greg served as Vice-Chairman, and head of the Personnel and Finance Committees.

Mr. Sacavage is a lifelong resident of the area. Currently the Director of Athletics and Elementary Dean of Students at Mt. Carmel Area School District, Greg has dedicated his life to public service including: job training and career counseling; children and youth services; juvenile and adult corrections; social and human services, and governmental financing and oversight.

CSO is happy to have Greg Sacavage at the helm!

To all who contributed to and participated in CSO fundraisers and events, we say...
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Financial Literacy – to attend or schedule a workshop please call Lari at ext. 113.

UGI – for assistance with your Gas bill, call Lari at ext. 113.

SNAP – to submit a SNAP application or to schedule a presentation, dial ext. 123 for Marlene.

CARES for Saving – call Lari at ext. 113.

BH/IDS Housing Needs – for assistance in locating housing please call Brian at ext. 109 or 570-492-1212

Columbia/Montour Counties: Reach Becky at 570-412-2830

DIRECTORY

Adult Services – for rent/housing related services in Northumberland County, contact a Case Manager.

Case Management – 570-644-6575
Melissa Farrow – ext. 144
Sarah Fowler – ext. 126
Rich Higgins – ext. 135
Kathie O’Grady – ext. 174 or 409

JOBS Room – Call Andrea @ ext. 119

General Information – ext. 171
email csone@censop.com

SafeLink – if you meet certain criteria you may be eligible to a free cell phone. Ask at ext. 171

Home-Delivered Meals – call Rich At ext. 135

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‘Tis the Season to be Jolly!

Warm Wishes from CSO Community Action & CSO Central

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