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### **Bath, NY – Community Action Network Celebrates 55 years of Service, in Steuben and Yates Counties**

2019 marks the 55th 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, Pro Action of Steuben and Yates, Inc. (Pro Action), a proud member of the Community Action Network, will also commemorate 54 years of helping families throughout Steuben and Yates Counties.

“Each May, during Community Action Month, we reflect on the impact Pro Action and our network has had on families,” said Laura Rossman, CEO of Pro Action. “Last year alone, we served over 15,000 people in Steuben and Yates Counties, and over 15 million across the country with immediately needed services such as shelter and food, and also long-term 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 Rossman. “Their engagement helps us to be more effective in our approach by determining what Steuben and Yates Counties need.”

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Pro Action of Steuben and Yates, 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. Pro Action works to build a community of resilient individuals and families who can meet their basic needs, overcome adversity, and prosper. [www.proactioninc.org](http://www.proactioninc.org)

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