

# THE CAC'S HALLOWEEN EVENT WAS A WICKEDLY HUGE SUCCESS!

## *A Success Story*

The Community Action Committee of Pike County (CAC) hosted their annual Trunk-or-Treat event on Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022 in the multipurpose building at the Pike County Fairgrounds. The CAC's Events Committee members worked diligently to create a spooky atmosphere of decorations and ambience that correlated with the theme of this year's event, "Hocus Pocus Community Focus," which was based on the holiday-classic film. Due to the brisk autumn weather, tables were set up and decorated in lieu of vehicle trunks. In addition to the many programs at the CAC, the agency's partners and some local businesses participated in passing out candy and treats to the event-goers.

As a means to provide a safe and festive attraction to the event, the Events Committee members constructed a "Haunted Maze" for the children to explore with spooky decorations and effects. The *Hocus Pocus* movie was shown during the event which was made possible by the generous sponsorships of Southern Ohio Communications Services (SOCS) and the CAC's Early Childhood Education Program.

The atmosphere was made even more spooky thanks to the generosity of Sheriff Tracey D. Evans who provided caskets, tombstones, and ghoulish decorations, and Ms. Kelly Flakserud who provided the Sanderson Sisters' skeletons complete with cauldron and a 12-foot skeleton at the entrance of the building. Eager Trick-or-Treaters began lining up outside before the doors were opened, excited to gather candy and enjoy the family-friendly event!





Most of the children—and some adults—were dressed in myriad of characters and costumes. Staff members were dressed in various costumes ranging from characters from movies and television shows to video games and even the Sanderson Sisters were running amuck!

Making their way throughout the building, the adults were provided the opportunity to talk with the representatives from the organizations about available tools and resources to meet families' needs. Businesses provided information about some of the available jobs in the area, as well as services available to assist community members in need of healthcare and even communications.

Based on the amount of candy that was prepared by the participating organizations, it is estimated that over 500 children were in attendance during the event. Including adults, an estimated total of 800 people came through the doors; this is a 60 percent increase over 2021's attendance.

The members of the Events Committee are very honored that so many children and families were able to attend and enjoy the event, and plans are already underway for 2023's Halloween Trunk-or-Treat Event.





















