

# THE COMMUNITY CRUSADER

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## AGENCY RECOGNIZES YEARS OF SERVICE



*Logan Chick, Judge Executive Logan County and Cheryl Allen congratulate Mary Powell for 30 years of service.*

Community Action's employee recognition dinner was held on Thursday, November 5, 2009 at Cambridge Market. The dinner honored 23 employees for 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35 years of service.

- Ms. Helen Canler, Logan County Children's Services – 35 years
- Ms. Mary Powell, Logan County Children's Services – 30 years
- Ms. Lana Carroll, Hart County Children's Services – 25 years
- Mr. Frank Goad, Weatherization – 20 years

We also recognized **Katrina Neighbors, Foster Grandparent Program, for 27 years of service** and **Essie Simmons, Warren County Children's Services, for 29 years of service.**

Other honorees included:

15 years

Mary Boyd, Warren County Children's Services

10 years

Debra Daughterty - Barren County Senior Services  
Sonya Hampton - Logan County Children's Services  
Heather Hutchison - Warren County Children's Services  
Mitzie Pruitt - Food Services  
Marcella Spainhoward - Edmonson County Children's Services

5 years

Mary Biggs - Metcalfe County Community Services  
Garry Brown - Facility Maintenance  
Karen Castro - Central Office Administration  
Yolanda Duncan - Warren County Children's Services  
Shanica Gant - Family Preservation Program  
Sherry Griffin - Simpson County Community Services  
Armin Hasanagic - Warren County Children's Services  
Emma Kendrick - Warren County Children's Services  
Gwen Lindsey - Warren County Children's Services  
Christina Pacheco - Hart County Children's Services  
Jenny Pierce - Warren County Children's Services  
Bill Rolett - Transportation Services  
Randy Upchurch - Warren County Community Services

Thank you to all of the honorees for your dedication to Community Action of Southern Kentucky.



*Terry Martin, Judge Executive Hart County and Cheryl Allen congratulate Lana Carroll for 25 years of service.*

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## **FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM RECOGNITION 2009**

*Article Submitted by Robbie Chinn, FGP Director*

The Program held its Annual Volunteer Recognition on Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2009 from 9:00 am-1:00 pm at Living Hope Baptist Church in Bowling Green. The theme of the event was the “Wizard of Oz”, and the festivities included an appearance by the Scarecrow, Dorothy, and the Great Wizard himself! The morning’s Featured Speaker was Ms. Amy Bingham from Western Kentucky University; Community Action Associate Director Ellie Harbaugh also provided remarks. Each of the 108 Foster Grandparents recognized were presented with a certificate and had their name read by WBKO’s own Gene Birk. All Foster Grandparents had their photo taken with their county’s Judge Executive or our Associate Director, Ellie Harbaugh. FGP Advisory Council members from 2008-2009 were also recognized.



## **2009 UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN INCREASES 70%!**

Community Action’s 2009 United Way Campaign included 135 employees raising \$19,997. This total represents over an \$8,000 increase over last year’s donations. This increase gained us a highest increase award and the 2009 Non-profit Agency Campaign of the Year Award at the United Way! Thanks to Martin McNew and Renee Coleman who coordinated this year’s campaign. The Foster Grandparent Program and Head Start benefit from United Way funds and many of these funds come from our own employees! Thank you for your continued support of the United Way!



## **2009 FGP HOLIDAY PARTY**

*Article submitted by Robbie Chinn, FGP Director*

For the Program’s holiday celebration this year, children and staff from Bowling Green Christian Academy sang and helped serve meals to seniors, Head Start children performed Christmas carols, and there was a special appearance by “Santa”. Foster Grandparent senior volunteers received bags full of canned goods, other non-perishable foodstuffs, and personal hygiene items. Groups who participated by giving and/or organizing items included Potter Gray Elementary students, Modern Woodmen, Berea Christian Church, Fruit of the Loom and Community Action employees. Over 1,800 items were collected and given out, representing well over one ton of donated goods! So great was the distribution that it was a challenge helping Foster Grandparents get their bags out to waiting vehicles!



*Edmonson, Hart, Logan, Metcalfe, Monroe, Simpson, and Warren Counties.*

## Community Action Holiday Celebration 2009

Employees and their families came out to the 2009 Agency Holiday Party in record numbers for our first holiday celebration at the National Corvette Museum - 91 employees, 63 adult guests and 81 children for a total of 234 people in attendance! The night was filled with great music, great food and a wonderful time had by all! Thank you for everyone who volunteered and attended this year's holiday party!



### A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS FOR EVERY CHILD

This year, every child enrolled in Head Start or Child Care received Holiday gifts from organizations throughout the community. We would like to thank all of the organizations that donated to help make this a very merry Christmas for so many of the children that Community Action serves. For a list of donors, please visit [www.casoky.org/news](http://www.casoky.org/news).



### LIHEAP UPDATE

*Submitted by Francis Thornton, Community Services*

Community Action's Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) staff are working to help families stay safe and warm. The Subsidy Component (11/2/09 - 12/11/09) assisted 6,717 households utilizing \$924,433. This component provides eligible households with a one time payment to their energy provider in order to prevent families from being without heat. The Crisis Component began on January 4, 2010 and will continue through March 31, 2010 or until funds are expended. This component provides assistance to income eligible households that are in imminent risk of losing heating services or running out of fuel within 4 days. The type and amount of assistance is determined by the particular circumstances of the household, and may require a co-payment from some households in order to alleviate the crisis. Blankets may also be distributed as a temporary measure to allow time for delivery of fuel, or reconnection of utility services. We anticipate an increase in applications this year, but have prepared to handle the increase with ease. For more information, contact any local Community Services office.

## WE WELCOME OUR NEW EMPLOYEES

Community Action welcomes and congratulates the following employees who were hired September through December 2009:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>County</u>
Kimberly Anthony	Head Start	Substitute	Warren
Tangela Babb	LIHEAP	LIHEAP AIDE	Warren
Karen Baker	Food Services	Cook	Warren
Jessica Ballard	Head Start	Substitute	Monroe
Kelli Bullington	Community Services	ARRA Job Dev. & Training Office Assoc.	Allen
Susan Bush	Community Services	ARRA Job Dev. & Training Office Assoc.	Warren
Marecia Chandler	Community Services	ARRA Job Dev. & Training Office Assoc.	Butler
Tiara Donan	Head Start	Substitute	Warren
Barbara Driver	LIHEAP	LIHEAP Aide	Hart
Don Franks	Community Services	Job Development Specialist	Warren
Ana Gomez	Migrant Head Start	Substitute	Warren
Michael Hall	Community Services	Job Development Specialist	Metcalfe
Sharon Hall	Head Start	Substitute	Barren
Tracey Hays	Community Services	ARRA Job Dev. & Training Office Assoc.	Monroe
Bonnie Henderson	Head Start	Teacher	Warren
Chianta Holmes	Head Start	Substitute	Warren
Sherman Johnson	Community Services	ARRA Job Dev. & Training Office Assoc.	Logan
Charity Johnson	Indirect	Public Information Coordinator	Warren
Heather Keown	Head Start	Teacher	Butler
Sandra Kirkpatrick	Head Start	Substitute	Logan
LaDonna Mathis	Community Services	Job Development Specialist	Hart
Lekecia McDowell	LIHEAP	LIHEAP Aide	Hart
Jessica Meadows	Head Start	Substitute	Barren
Robert Miller	Community Services	Job Development Specialist	Logan
Amanda Morton	Head Start	Substitute	Warren
Heather Murphy	Head Start	Substitute	Logan
Jeana Nunnaly	Community Services	ARRA Job Dev. & Training Office Assoc.	Metcalfe
Nancy Owens	LIHEAP	LIHEAP Aide	Allen
Donna Parker	Community Services	ARRA Support Staff Associate	Warren
Brittany Payne	Community Services	ARRA Job Dev. & Training Office Assoc.	Warren
Molly Pitcock	LIHEAP	LIHEAP Aide	Barren
Kelly Poole	Indirect	Accounting Associate	Warren
Mary Poole	Community Services	ARRA Job Dev. & Training Office Assoc.	Simpson
Dennis Priddy	Child Care and Head Start	Center Manager	Edmonson
Cari Puleo	Head Start	Teacher Assistant/Bus Driver	Warren
Jessie Rich	Head Start	Substitute	Monroe
Barbara Sego	Child Care	Substitute	Edmonson
Antoinette Taylor	LIHEAP	Records Clerk	Warren
Tanya Vlahovic	CCC	Family Service Associate	Warren
Meg Watkins	Weatherization	Office Assistant	Warren
Kimberly Watkins	Head Start	Substitute	Warren
Jamie Wells	LIHEAP	LIHEAP Aide	Warren
Laura Whitlow	Head Start	Substitute	Barren
Kristin Wilcox	LIHEAP	LIHEAP Aide	Butler
Christal Womack	LIHEAP	LIHEAP Aide	Warren

## WINTER WEATHER SAFETY

Article submitted by Angela Roution, HR Assistant  
Source: [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov), [www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov)

### Avoid Ice

Walking on ice is very dangerous. Many winter weather injuries result from falls on ice covered sidewalks, driveways, steps and porches. Keep walkways and steps as clear of ice as possible. Rock salt or a de-icing compound can be used to clear walkways and steps. Sand can also be used on walkways to help reduce the risk of slips and falls on ice.

To walk safely on snow or ice:

- Wear appropriate footwear. A pair of insulated boots with good rubber treads is a must for walking on snow or ice.
- Take short steps and walk at a slower pace so you can react swiftly to a sudden change in traction.
- If you must walk on a street, walk against the traffic and as near to the curb as possible and be aware of vehicles, which may have lost traction and are slipping towards you. Approaching vehicles may lose control and not be able to stop at crosswalks or traffic signals.
- Wear bright clothing or reflective gear at night, since dark clothing will make it hard for motorists to see you.
- Wear sunglasses in the daytime to help you see better and avoid hazards.
- Walk carefully inside buildings when you have wet shoes.
- Walk carefully on wet floors inside buildings. Make sure to brush snow off of shoes or boots.

### Winter Driving

- ◆ Listen for radio or tv reports of travel advisories issued by the National Weather Service.
- ◆ Do not travel in low visibility conditions
- ◆ Avoid travel on ice covered roads, overpasses and bridges when possible.
- ◆ If you must travel by car, use tire chains and take a cellular phone with you.
- ◆ Let someone know your destination and expected arrival time. Ask them to notify authorities if you are late.
- ◆ Never pour water on your windshield to remove ice or snow, shattering could occur
- ◆ Don't rely on a vehicle to provide enough heat. The vehicle may break down. Always bring along extra warm clothing, appropriate for winter weather.
- ◆ Check and restock winter emergency supplies in your car before travel. Your emergency kit should include:

blankets/sleeping bags	tow chain
cellular phone or two-way radio	matches
windshield scraper	
traction aids(sand/cat litter)	
snow brush	emergency flares
flashlight	jumper cables
extra winter clothes	snacks/water
shovel	road maps
- ◆ Inspect the vehicle to make sure the following systems are operating appropriately: brakes, engine, tires, oil, visibility, cooling, electrical and exhaust.

## COMMUNITY ACTION RAISES FUNDS FOR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



Thank you to all of the volunteers, including the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Shannon Jones, Modern Woodmen and those that came out to support Community Action of Southern KY at our comedy shows and silent auctions on Saturday, November 21, 2009 at Sloan Convention Center and Allen County Scottsville High School.

All funds from these events will be matched dollar for dollar by the Laura Goad Turner Charitable Foundation through a \$250,000 Challenge Grant. Due to the generosity of several individuals and businesses, we have raised \$84,526 towards our \$250,000 goal! For more information or to track our progress, visit [www.casoky.org](http://www.casoky.org). We need your support to reach our goal before June 30, 2010! We encourage everyone to get involved in helping Community Action create opportunities for people in our community to be self-reliant.

Community Action employees pose with

Axel from the Bowling Green Hot Rods at the local "Green the Block" event to promote energy efficiency on Sept. 11, 2009.



**Community Action: enabling individuals & families to become more self-reliant.**

## **AGENCY PROGRAM CONTACTS**

**Cheryl Allen, CEO/Executive Director**  
**Jenni Basham, Family Preservation**  
**Robbie Chinn, Foster Grandparents**  
**Brandon Fowler, IT Administrator**  
**Tracy Haddix, Children's Services**  
**Ellie Harbaugh, Associate Director**  
**Kathy Hunt, Weatherization**  
**Charity Johnson, Public Information**  
**Sandi Knight, Senior Services**  
**Kathy Leath, RSVP**  
**Pam McElhiney, Family Nurturing**  
**Ken Merideth, Public Transit**  
**Angela Roution, Human Resources**  
**Susan Simmons, Finance**  
**Leslie Talley, Community Services**  
**Donna Tooley, Transportation**

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Jan. 12	Butler Parenting Classes Begin
Jan. 14	Tax Prep in Allen & Edmonson Begins
	Allen Parenting Classes Begin
Jan. 18	Martin Luther King Day (Agency closed)
Jan. 28	Point in Time Count for Homelessness
Feb. 5	Quarterly Driver Training
Feb. 6	Saturday Shopping Shuttle(GO bg)
Feb. 8	Educational Scholarship Packets Available at Community Services offices
Feb. 12	RSVP Recognition Event
Feb. 15	President's Day (Agency closed)
Feb. 16-26	FGP In-Service Training
Mar. 2	Edmonson Parenting Classes Begin
Mar. 4	Metcalfe Parenting Classes Begin
Mar. 6	Saturday Shopping Shuttle(GO bg)
Mar. 18	Board Meeting
Mar. 31	Last Day for Crisis Heating Assistance

*To help Community Action make a difference, please  
contact our Central Office at (270) 782-3162.*



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