

CPCA NEWS

First Quarter of Program Year 17-18



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EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

Congratulations to the Employee of the Quarter, WAP Quality Control Inspector **Cesar Carmona!** His supervisor said, "Cesar is my right hand man. I can give him a task and he will try his best to take care of it, always on time and he doesn't mind working late to make sure that the work is done." *



DURHAM CSBG OPEN HOUSE

We had a great turnout to the CSBG Durham Open House on August 17, 2017. We are excited to be a part of Durham County and to have wonderful partner agencies in the community.

Thank you to our event donors:
The Home Depot, Panera Bread, Target, Chick-fil-a, Food Lion, Walmart, and George Perry. *



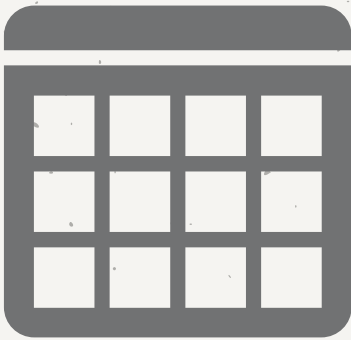
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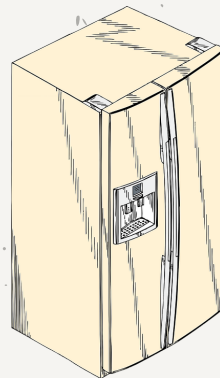
NEW CLIENT ORIENTATION

The CSBG program has implemented new client orientations that will take place quarterly in each county. During this quarter, PNC Bank was kind enough to send representatives from each county to provide their workshop on Foundations of Money Management. Photos above are from Orange, Randolph, and Chatham Counties. *



UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 28 - Weatherization Day Event, Siler City Office
- November 10 - Veterans Day Holiday, closed
- November 17 - Agency Thanksgiving Luncheon
- November 23 & 24 - Thanksgiving Holiday, closed
- December 15 - Agency Christmas Luncheon
- December 18 - 29 - Offices Closed
- December 22, 25, 26 - Christmas Holiday, closed
- January 1 - New Year's Day Holiday, closed



DUKE ENERGY FUNDS

WAP received \$21,944.00 from the Duke Energy Helping Home Fund for the next 2 years, (spent by 12/31/18) \$2,100 for Anson, \$4,766 for Chatham, \$9,341 for Orange, and \$5737 for Richmond counties. We can do appliances, Health and Safety, heat and air repairs, and regular weatherization projects, with some exceptions like well tanks, washer and dryer hook up, etc. Each house is evaluated on a case by case basis. *

CSBG PARTNERS FOR SUCCESS

Terrance was enrolled in the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) program at CPCA on April 20, 2016. At initial enrollment, Terrance was working part time and earning an annual income below 100% of the Federal Poverty Guideline. He sought assistance with obtaining better employment to support himself as well as with completing short-term training to be a more desirable candidate in the workforce. Terrance also needed reliable transportation which was a major barrier to his plans.

Initially, Terrance had a deep desire to obtain his CDL through Carolina Trucking Academy and begin a career as a truck driver. Due to past due driving fines and other complications with obtaining a valid North Carolina Driver's License, he was not able to attend the academy.

Terrance's CPCA Case Manager continued to work with him to seek better employment to help reduce his driving debts. Once the employment was obtained, Terrance began paying down his debts to obtain the license he so desperately needed.

Terrance was advised by his Case Manager of the agency's new partnership with Wheels4Hope where he might be able to obtain an affordable and reliable vehicle at minimal personal cost. His Case Manager explained the partnership and requirements for the referral. Terrance decided at that moment that he would take advantage of the opportunity when he was able.

Once Terrance paid his debts and secured his NC Driver's License, he began saving for a reliable vehicle from Wheels4Hope.

After counseling and case management from his CPCA Case Manager, Terrance decided to attend National Business Training and pursue certifications in Information Technology since his second passion is technology. With the A+ and Network+ certifications, Terrance hopes to obtain gainful employment to move out of his current poverty status. Participating in the training without transportation was difficult



but Terrance managed to quickly save \$618 for a vehicle.

He visited the CSBG Durham office on September 8, 2017 to complete the Wheels4Hope application and receive assistance with obtaining the required documentation.

Terrance's application was submitted to Wheels4Hope's Raleigh location for consideration. He was subsequently approved on September 16, 2017 and attended the client orientation for Wheels4Hope on September 18, 2017.

Less than two weeks later, on September 27, 2017, Terrance received his vehicle after a brief Car Blessing Ceremony at the Wheels4Hope Raleigh office.

Terrance was overcome with joy and a sense of accomplishment as he obtained the keys and started the first car he has owned in 10 years. Terrance thanked the staff at Central Piedmont Community Action and Wheels4Hope for the collaborative effort and expressed a special "thank you" to his CPCA Case Manager for her guidance and support during his enrollment.

Central Piedmont Community Action is proud of Terrance and the efforts he is making to become self-sufficient. With this vehicle, Terrance will be able to continue his training and employment and eventually achieve the future goals he has for himself. It is our hope at CPCA that Terrance also uses this vehicle to have a little fun. What sense is it to work so hard and accomplish goals for yourself if you cannot enjoy life and have a little fun? Congratulations to you Terrance! Job well done!

Pictured: CSBG Case Manager Angeline Roberts, CSBG Client Terrance, CSBG Assistant Director Allexus Porter. *

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