



DID YOU KNOW?

Do you ever wonder where your charitable donations really go? Do you ask yourself "Has any good been accomplished because of my contribution?"

Haywood Community Connections wants you to know that your contributions have made the following accomplishments possible during the first two years of the project.

- Developed and distributed resource manuals for medical and mental health professionals.
- Developed and disseminated a brochure addressing depression in older adults.
- Instituted the Phone-A-Friend program.
- Produced and disseminated a Senior Resource Directory.
- Our Senior Leadership Program, in collaboration with Haywood Community College, has graduated three classes of students and will begin a fourth class in late summer.
- Thirty-eight Senior Leadership graduates are working in nine Community Support Teams throughout the County, helping residents find the programs and services they need.
- Our Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation Team accomplished the following:
 - ▶ Promoted National Adult Abuse Awareness month with PSAs, balloons and flyers, and by giving a checklist to medical personnel.
 - ▶ Interviewed Sara Jane Melton, ombudsman, on PEAK radio.
 - ▶ Distributed 500 buttons in recognition of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.
 - ▶ Gave presentations throughout the county including a Nursing Student Consortium.
- Our Caregiving/Dementia/Alzheimer's Team accomplished the following:
 - ▶ Added an Alzheimer's component to all law enforcement training programs.
 - ▶ Collaborated with Area Agency on Aging to produce and distribute 100 Caregiver Care Packages.
 - ▶ Held a region-wide caregiver conference in collaboration with the Alzheimer's Association, including an in-service track for CNAs with education credits available.
 - ▶ Project C.A.R.E. (Caregiver Alternatives to Running on Empty), a respite program began in Haywood County in October, 2007.
 - ▶ Adult Day Health Program was implemented.
 - ▶ A "Day by Day" workshop held to train the faith-based community in supporting caregivers. The training was shared with others at the NC Conference on Aging.
- Our Housing Team accomplished the following:
 - ▶ Continued to develop Barefoot Ridge.
 - ▶ Began work on a development called Smoky Meadows.
 - ▶ Began the Crisis Intervention Program (CIP) in September, 2007, assisting 1,161 people with fuel and electricity.

- Our Outreach Team accomplished the following:
 - ▶ Maintained the 2-1-1 database.
 - ▶ Published 102 articles, conducted 16 community presentations, and had 569,386 hits to the website for the year.
 - ▶ Remodeled and updated our website.
 - ▶ Produced two videos to promote Haywood Community Connections.
 - ▶ Presented three Good Neighbor Awards.
 - ▶ Published a quarterly newsletter.
- Our Social/Recreation Team accomplished the following:
 - ▶ Conducted Senior Games and Silver Arts Program with 119 participants and added two ambassadors to promote the program.
 - ▶ Included several senior programming components to staff training.
 - ▶ Adopted a comprehensive Master Plan which includes recommendations to hire a coordinator of Senior Adult Programs and to organize a Senior Activity Center in the former MARC building.
- Our Transportation Team accomplished the following:
 - ▶ Assembled a team to address future transportation needs.
 - ▶ Chosen to attend the Easter Seals Mobility Planning Institute in Washington DC.
 - ▶ Initiated the “Drive with David” Program to assist disabled clients in adjusting to the use of public transit.
 - ▶ Established two new transportation teams.
- Our Education Team accomplished the following:
 - ▶ Initiated a Leadership Institute in collaboration with Haywood Community College.
 - ▶ Conducted a Legacy Building Class with Stellar Media.
 - ▶ Conducted two Medicare Part D Seminars.
 - ▶ Conducted three in-service sessions for Community Support Teams.
- Our Advocacy Team accomplished the following:
 - ▶ Developed a forum model to use across the state to advocate for state funding of Project C.A.R.E.
 - ▶ Developed an education component for advocates.
- Our Wellness Team accomplished the following:
 - ▶ 9-1-1 Cell Phone Program initiated.
 - ▶ Conducted “Spring Into Wellness” and “Diabetes Health Fair.”
 - ▶ Collaborated with Haywood Regional Medical Center to conduct eight Lunch and Learn Programs.
 - ▶ Sponsored a Blood Drive.
- Our Dental Team accomplished the following:
 - ▶ Dental Clinic expanded to include older adult Medicaid patients – one day a week, including preventive services.

OTHER NEWS:

- ◆ Haywood Community Connections was awarded the prestigious Acts of Caring award from the National Association of Counties presented in Washington DC.
- ◆ Received a \$600 grant from the Haywood Community Foundation to purchase a video camera for a Legacy Building Component.
- ◆ Held three fundraisers: Cabaret Dinner Theater, quilt raffle, and a Bicentennial T-shirt sale.