

Early Head Start Moves Into New Hazzard Hill Center

The New Year started off in grand style as the new Hazzard Hill Center opened its doors to the Early Head Start children in Waycross. The building was a part of a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project that houses five Early Head Start classrooms and the McKinney Community Health Services Outreach Office. The grant was part of a collaborative project with the City of Waycross.

Shown to the Right: Ribbon Cutting at the Hazzard Hill Center attended by City of Waycross officials, CSI staff, Southern Georgia Regional Commission staff, and McKinney Community Health Services staff.



Homeless Count Coming to Southeast Georgia



Over 95,000 people experienced homelessness at some time during 2009 in Georgia. The state’s last homeless count revealed that statistic. With economic times as hard as they are now, many in Georgia are curious to see the results of this year’s Homeless Count, as well as the impact the numbers will have on the communities around the state.

“We are truly excited to support the efforts of the Dept. of Community Affairs (DCA), as well as to have this opportunity to draw attention to this increasing problem in the counties we serve,” stated Ms. Diane Rogers, Community Services Director for CSI. “The 2011 count will be conducted through surveys administered to people who are experiencing housing difficulties during the week of January 24th at locations where homeless persons are likely to seek assistance, as well as at places they stay or congregate. The count will also gather data on families and individuals who are precariously

housed,” continued Ms. Rogers.

The Homeless Count serves several purposes: (1) It is a requirement for the state to continue receiving HUD funding for homeless programs administered by service providers across the state; (2) The information from this count will assist DCA and local communities in understanding the housing problems facing families and individuals, both statewide and locally; and (3) Measuring the scope of homelessness, as well as the different types of homelessness facing Georgians, will improve our ability to address this important issue.

For local Homeless Count information, or to volunteer and/or donate to help the effort, contact the CSI County Coordinator in the appropriate counties listed below. For more information about the overall state initiative, contact Lindsey Stillman, PH.D., Planning Coordinator, State Housing Trust Fund for the Homeless - GA Dept. of Community Affairs, 404-327-6813, lindsey.stillman@dca.ga.gov.

Appling County	912-367-6127	Jeff Davis County	912-375-2357
Bacon County	912-632-4288	Long County	912-545-2435
Bulloch County	912-489-1604	Pierce County	912-449-1438
Clinch County *	912-487-2445	Toombs County	912-537-0453
Coffee County	912-384-3700	Ware County	912-283-8634

*in partnership with Lowndes Associated Ministries to People, Inc.

Rosemary Street Awarded 2010 Community Action Award of Excellence



Rosemary Street

Ms. Rosemary Street was honored recently with the first annual Community Action Award of Excellence for her countless hours of service to her community. Ms. Street, a resident of Coffee County, is a former educator, a member of the Retired Teachers' Association in Coffee County, and the Chairperson of the Coffee County Democratic Party. She is affiliated with the Coffee County/Douglas Planning and Zoning Commission, the State of Georgia Zoning Commission, and is on the Board of the East Central Tech Certified Literacy Program. She is a faithful member of Gaines Chapel AME Church where she is a Steward, Sunday School teacher, and President of the Mary Garmon Missionary Society. She served on the Head Start Policy Council where she was President for two years. She currently volunteers at the local Head Start and is a Coffee County Community Representative for Concerted Services, Inc.

CSI salutes Ms. Street for her continuing commitment to serving the community of southeast Georgia.

A Special Thank You to the Weatherization Program

January 6, 2011

To All of You Who Helped Me,

I want to thank each and every one of you who had a part in making my home more comfortable. I especially feel it in this cold winter we are having. When a person gets to be my age, I'm 76, and no money except enough to barely scrape by, you made this Christmas the best I have had in many a year.

I thank each of you from the bottom of my heart. It is people like you who make life worth living.

With much love and I ask God's blessings upon each of you!

Jacqueline (Jacque) Wilson



**Jacqueline Wilson and Robin Fullard,
Weatherization Technician**

Winter is here and families are facing the impact of energy prices on their monthly budgets. "The hardest hit will be our low-income families," stated Wayne Crawford, CSI Executive Board Vice-Chairman. "This could cause more families to have to make the difficult choice between heat and other basic necessities, such as medicine or groceries."

Concerted Services, Inc.'s Weatherization program makes a daily impact on low-income families. The program provides free energy related repairs to income eligible households that results in lower utility bills and a safer standard of living for individuals. "CSI's Weatherization crew members and contractors are hard at work in the homes of truly needy families in the seventeen (17) county service area." continued Mr. Crawford. (Note: Coastal GA Area Community Action Authority, Inc. in Brunswick provides weatherization services to Long County.) "Having lower utility bills puts money back in their pockets to buy groceries, visit a doctor, buy medicine, or improve some standard of living during a time when every penny counts."



Concerted Services'

Weatherization Team



Pre-School Recruitment Roundup



Attention Parents:

If you have a child that will be 3 or 4 years old by September 1, 2011, you are invited to register your child for FREE Head Start pre-school services for the 2011-2012 program year.

The following items are required to complete the application:

- Verification of Child's Birth
- Proof of ALL income for the last 12 months of calendar year

A free transition pack, which will include "Clifford's First Day of School", will be given out to registrants on a first come, first served basis. (While supplies last.)

Look below for the date recruitment will be held in your county and call the number listed for time and place:

Tuesday, February 8th	Appling County	912-357-5371
	Coffee County	912-720-1005
Thursday, February 10th	Clinch County	912-487-5959
	Toombs County	912-526-9229
Thursday, February 17th	Charlton County	912-496-4563
	Jeff Davis County	912-375-2258
	Ware County	912-284-0369
Tuesday, February 22nd	Bacon County	912-632-0774
	Brantley County	912-462-6552
	Candler County	912-685-2857
Thursday, February 24th	Atkinson County	912-534-6035
	Pierce County	912-449-0004

CSI Mission Statement

Concerted Services, Inc's mission is to empower people to become self-sufficient by instilling hope through advocacy, partnerships, and services that promote economic and family stability.

We're on the Web

www.concertedservices.org

CSI's Vision Statement

Concerted Services, Inc. will become southeast Georgia's leader in helping people achieve self-sufficiency.

Ware County High School Beta Club Give to the Elderly

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Pictured Above: (L) Lori Leverett, Ware County Coordinator, (R) Amy Hewett, Elderly Services Coordinator and Lucille Husbands, Elderly Services Director accepts bags filled with goodies and necessities from the Beta Club at Ware County High School to be given to elderly clients during the holidays.



Candler County Senior Citizens Enjoy the Holidays



(L) Lucille Husbands, ES Director and Santa, Robert Hutchins



(R) Santa with Candler Co. Head Start children after they entertained for the seniors of Candler and Tattnall counties



(Above) Tonya Ogletree and (R) Brian Fitzgerald of BB&T serving meals to the seniors



The Candler Co. Seniors hosted a Christmas luncheon for City and County officials to thank them for all they do for seniors. (L) Mayor Billy Trapnell with Seniors and (R) Police Capt. Calvin Walker, Sheriff Homer Bell, City Clerk Linda Sowell, & City Manager Joe Mosley.

