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Senior Community Service Employee Program

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Senior Employee Program Recognizes Participants

FAYETTEVILLE – The Cumberland County Senior Community Service Employee Program recognized participants during an awards program Sept. 21 at the Smith Recreation Center. Twenty-eight senior employees were recognized and two program volunteers received special awards.

The program was held in conjunction with National Employ Older Workers Week, observed Sept. 20-26. The week is held annually to recognize the vital role of older workers in the workforce and aims to increase awareness of this labor segment. The Senior Employment Program provides on-the-job skills training to individuals 55 or older with limited financial resources.

Cumberland County received a \$592,910 grant for FY2016 from the Department of Labor through Senior Service America Inc. Almost 90 percent of this funding pays wages and benefits to at least 115 low-income older adults living in Bladen, Cumberland, Lee, Moore, Richmond and Robeson counties.

Participants are placed in community service assignments to allow them to develop their skills, receive paid training and build their confidence to secure unsubsidized positions. The participants meet the needs of local non-profit and public organizations and contribute to the general welfare of their community.

Program Director Ann Johnson, County Commissioner Glenn Adams, County Manager Amy Cannon and Assistant County Manager Tracy Jackson presented certificates and ribbons to the following senior employees: Joseph Baldwin, Douglas G. Barnes, Dorothy Butler, Johnny Butler, Naomi Calloway, Thomas Crawford, Dozier Daniel, Vivian Davis, Reno Evans, Linda Farrior, Hervest Fuller, Nina Garris, Earl Grove, Robert Hall, Sandra Holmes, Ben Huggins, La Vonna Johnson, Ralph Johnson, Dorothy Leak, George Marshall Jr., Linda Miller, Julie A. Murray, Phlato Penny, Arcaster Philyaw, Vickie Powell, Constance Pyles, Michael Tucker and Audrey West.

Jean Allred and Gloria Barnwell received special recognition awards for their service as volunteers in the Senior Employee Program. Both are former participants.

“This program gives the participants and opportunity not only to learn but to give back,” Senior Community Service Employee Program Administrator Ann Johnson said.

The Cumberland County SCSEP currently serves seniors in Cumberland, Robeson, Moore, Lee, Richmond and Bladen County. For more information, visit co.cumberland.nc.us/seniors or call 910-321-6449. The office is located at 707-B Executive Place, Fayetteville.

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