

Student Success - Cheyanne Mallett - Cherokee High School

After having been in Upward Bound for 4 years, looking back there have been many memorable moments. My adviser, Abby, has been my rock and helped me through any and every personal and academic situation. The Eagle Days have been a lot of fun as well! This fall I will be attending Walters State Community College and taking advantage of TN Promise. I plan on majoring in Health Information Management and transferring to ETSU to pursue a degree in Nutrition. Upward Bound has definitely helped me find myself throughout these past 4 memorable years and I am glad to have been a part of it.



The children at Early Head Start 1 enjoyed an Easter egg hunt!

COFFEE & CONVERSATION

with DCEA's Teen Outreach Program

May 18, @ 9:30 am

Our Topic:
Youth in our community

Location: Walter State Community College

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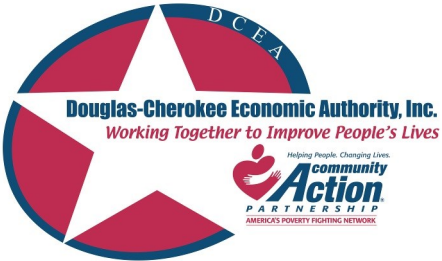


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Community Action Month

Community Action Celebrates 53 Years

Douglas-Cherokee Economic Authority, Inc. is celebrating Community Action Month, dedicated to recognizing the success of the national Community Action Network that fights poverty across the United States. This month, Douglas-Cherokee will be engaging in programs and events that showcase our anti-poverty work in our communities.

“Community Action Month is a wonderful time to honor and celebrate the impact Community Action has in the lives of families and communities across the country,” stated Kay Hale, Executive Director. “Agencies are successful every day in helping families achieve economic security. Given that the needs of each family and community are unique, Community Action is able to use a range of resources and programs to meet local needs in creative and impactful ways.”

Hale continued, “This past year, our Agency served 27,448 residents in the communities we serve and empowered them to attain self-sufficiency. Douglas-Cherokee paid over \$1.5 million in energy assistance to clients during 2015-2016.

Douglas-Cherokee Economic Authority, Inc. was established in 1965 to wage the war on poverty in rural East Tennessee counties including Cocke, Grainger, Hamblen, Jefferson, Monroe and Sevier. DCEA now serves clients in 24 Tennessee counties. We are a member of the Community Action Network, originally created in 1964 by President Lyndon B. Johnson’s Economic Opportunity Act, a pivotal piece of legislation in the War on Poverty.





Volunteers are needed to deliver meals to a couple of apartment complexes in Morristown. This would probably take an hour at the most. Meals are delivered M-F and volunteers can choose which day(s) they would like to deliver. If you are interested, contact April Myers at amyers@douglascherokee.org.



Sevier County Mayor Larry Waters and Meals on Wheels Participant



Douglas-Cherokee Economic Authority, Inc.
Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

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LIHEAP

1. Regular LIHEAP is energy assistance that is based on applications that are taken in 4 intake periods per year— July, October, January and April. The applications are processed and scored based on the household's needs.
2. Crisis/Emergency Funding is reserved for families that are in crisis and have a cut off notice or have already been cut off. The household must have a family member that is under the age of 6, disabled, age 60 or older or a household that has experienced an uncontrollable/unexpected loss of financial resources due to loss of financial resources.
3. Eligible households must meet income guidelines and provide documentation of all household income. The total gross annual income must not exceed the Federal Income Guidelines.
4. DCEA helps with electric, natural gas, coal, firewood, kerosene, oil and propane. Please ask a DCEA representative for a vendor listing.
5. Applications are available upon specific, on a year round basis. Appointments are not needed, unless you need assistance completing the application. If you need assistance contact the Neighborhood Service Center in your county. What to bring to apply: Proof of income for entire household, a 12-month printout from all sources of heat and cooling for the past year, and Social Security cards and date of births for all household members.

MAINTAINING EXCELLENCE

Affordable Housing Trains Maintenance Staff



DCEA's Affordable Housing Program (AHP) operates 59 rental complexes across 24 counties in east Tennessee. Mostly housing the elderly, these 1500+ rental units provide safe, decent and affordable housing to many rural households.

On March 29th, Rod Barnhart, Maintenance Manager for DCEA's Affordable Housing Program hosted a training for all our on-site Maintenance Workers from across the region.

"We wanted to remind our field maintenance staff that we are all on one DCEA team, and that their work is so important to our residents and communities."

The staff participated in classroom training, but they also completed some hands-on training, walking in/ around AHP's units at College Park Apartments in Morristown. We are so very proud of our Maintenance staff! They are a committed and resourceful team of professionals."



Talent Search
Douglas-Cherokee



Congratulations to Mr. Talent Search 2016, TJ Minton, for signing on to cheer with the Tusculum Pioneers this coming Fall. TJ will be cheering for home ballgames as well as participating on their competition cheer team.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- May 9 Hamblen Co. Commodity Distribution
- May 11 Jefferson Co. Commodity Distribution
- May 11 DCEA Board of Directors' Meeting
- May 15 Staff Meeting
- May 16 Sevier Co. Commodity Distribution
- May 17 Grainger Co. Commodity Distribution
- May 18 Bean Station Commodity Distribution
- May 18 Coffee & Conversation— WSCC
- May 23 Cocke Co. Commodity Distribution
- May 25 Monroe Co. Commodity Distribution
- May 25 Coffee & Conversation— Sneedville
- June 5-16 TOPS Summer Camp
- June 19 Staff Meeting
- July 13 DCEA Board of Directors' Meeting
- July 17 Staff Meeting



Outreach Representative Volunteer

SMTRC is looking for a volunteer to attend community events and give out information about our program. We cover nine counties: Claiborne, Cocke, Grainger, Greene, Hamblen, Hancock, Jefferson, Sevier and Union. Events may be in any of these nine counties, often they are on Saturday. If you know a student that needs volunteer hours or someone that values education, we could use some help spreading the word. Contact Terri Conduff at tconduff@douglascherokee.org if interested.

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