

Douglas-Cherokee's ultimate goal is to provide resources, tools, and opportunities that help low-income families and individuals of all ages become successful personally, financially and socially. This year we wanted to focus on the people DCEA has served. Along with the Agency's Annual Report, a separate report focused on the "Stories of Hope" that were made possible by our Agency programs. From the stories submitted, the DCEA Board of Directors selected the top three successes. The stories were celebrated at the recent Annual Meeting. All of the Stories of Hope will be shared on the Agency's Facebook page in our series, Hopeful Holidays throughout December.



Karol Solomon— 1st Place

Karol was assisted by the Grainger Co. NSC through the Partners for Success services to better his life.



Taylor Trent— 2nd Place

Taylor participated in the Upward Bound program throughout high school and attributes his success to the program.



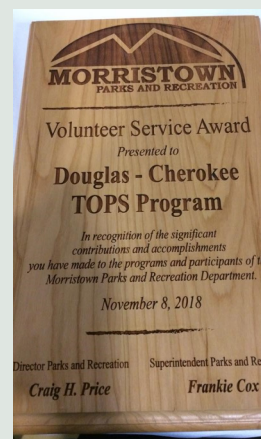
Mr. Ron— 3rd Place

Mr. Ron, a resident of Green Briar Village in Rogersville was assisted by Affordable Housing staff.



Elizabeth Belcher with Head Start, left, is presented with the grand prize from the recent Annual Board of Directors meeting. Jodi Saffles, Head Start Area Coordinator, presented the \$100 Wal-Mart gift card to Elizabeth. All employees who were hired on or before June 30, 2018 were eligible for this prize. Congratulations Elizabeth!

The Douglas-Cherokee TOPS Program was recently awarded the Volunteer Service Award from the Morristown Parks and Recreation Department.



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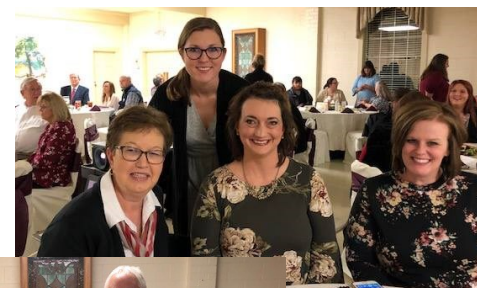
53rd Annual Board of Directors' Meeting

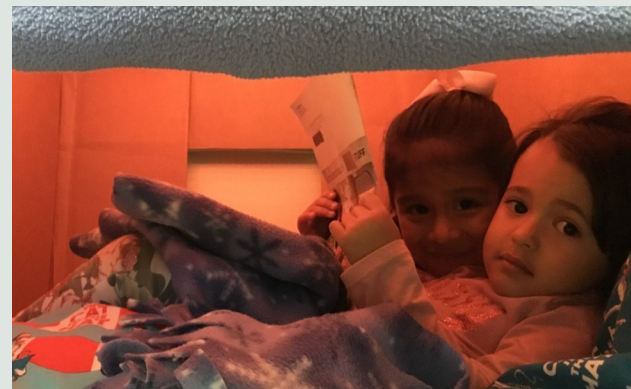
At the recent Annual Board of Directors' meeting, Kay Hale, Executive Director, applauded the agency for a good year. As of October 31, 2018, there were 532 active employees among the 32 counties in which Douglas-Cherokee operates over 152 sites. There were 29,485 clients served between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018. Here is a breakdown of how those clients were served:

- 1,106 children ages birth-5 were served in Head Start. 16% of the total being served were disabled children.
- 570 students were served in afterschool care.
- 1,703 students were served by the Teen Opportunity Program.
- 92,713 meals were served to 724 senior adults.
- 943 FAFSA's were completed
- 16,846 hours of college prep were completed
- 302 people enrolled in college
- 14,682 work experience hours completed by individuals placed in job training.
- 1,559 housing units provided for predominantly senior adults with other units for low-income families.
- 115,598 volunteer hours were provided to the Agency
- DCEA worked with over 400 different organizations and resources in the communities.

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White Pine Head Start has created a “book nook” from an old appliance box. Christmas lights, pillows, and blankets added to the box have made for a cozy spot. Everyone is excited to have some quiet reading time inside the book nook.



How often do we see things that need to improve in our communities and say, “Someone should do something about that?” You are someone. Get involved, volunteer and start making your world a better place. RSVP is currently seeking volunteers age 55 and up. Contact us today to learn more at (423)318-6912 or dcea.rsvp@outlook.com to learn more.



The Walters State RHITA Leadership group recently spoke to the Lincoln Heights Middle School Afterschool program. The Recruiting Hispanics to Achieve group talked to students about college and technical education opportunities and what students should do to achieve their goals.



Two Talent Search students were recognized at Claiborne County High School’s Veteran’s Day program. Cody has already completed basic training with the National Guard. Madison is headed to Navy basic training next summer.



At the November Eagle Day, Upward Bound students learned about leadership, financial aid, and college budgeting. Afterwards, the students created cards and ornaments for Douglas-Cherokee’s Senior Nutrition Program and the US Military Service men and women for Christmas this year.

