



# North Carolina Extension Association of Family & Consumer Sciences

## 2005 Awards Program Summary

### **Distinguished Service Award**

*Sue Counts, Watagua County*

As County Extension Director with Community Development responsibilities, Sue has been innovative in her approach to programming by creating educational programs that meet the needs of diverse populations. Sue's focus has been on educational programs for the Hispanic community, cancer education and sustainable energy.

*Georgia Kight, Currituck County*

Georgia provided educational programs that impacted many individual lives in the area of Health and Wellness such as Partners in Wellness, Weight management after school programming, and county employee trainings. Her programming efforts reached 3000 individuals including senior citizens, employees, child care providers and youth.

*Dianne Gatewood, New Hanover County*

Dianne Gatewood has focused her major programming efforts on building healthy families. She collaborated with other agencies to provide nutrition education programs such as: Color Me Healthy, Dining with Diabetes, Meal Creations, nutrition camp and Fight BAC. Youth and adults have reported adopting healthier lifestyles.

### **Continued Excellence Award**

*Shenile Ford, Greene County*

Shenile has provided quality programs to Greene County citizens for twelve years. Shenile is dedicated to the Extension mission, and promotes collaboration and teamwork rather than individual achievement. Her programming efforts have been in the areas of nutrition education, child development and health and home environment.

### **Para Professional Award**

*Della Hicks, Pasquotank County*

Della Hicks is enthusiastic, dedicated and committed to the success of the EFNEP program in Pasquotank County. This is evident to the 219 program participants, Extension staff, and county agencies she services. Della has been very resourceful in accruing funds and items for the EFNEP program in her county.

## **Environmental Education Award**

*Carolyn Shepherd, Appalachian District Health Department, Ashe County  
Jefferson Water Treatment Plant, Ashe, County ECA members, Ashe County*

Carolyn and her team screened 525 families for coliform bacteria and nitrates. 60 volunteers were trained in taking the samples. 45% of the samples were contaminated. 58% of those families with contaminated samples followed one or more recommendations to improve their water quality.

## **Early Childhood Child Care Training Award**

*Robin Taylor  
Greg Clemmons*

*Debby King  
Peggy Garner*

*Wanda Mills  
Onslow County*

Robin and her team put together a program called The Caring for Children Program which targets the continuing education needs of child care professionals by offering short-term, high caliber training opportunities throughout the year at a low cost to participants. This was accomplished by collaborating with local agencies and using a variety of resources.

## **Food Safety Award**

*Trudy Smith, Duplin County*

*Robin Tayler, Onslow County*

Fighting BACI Food safety for food handlers working in the Older Americans Nutrition Program was presented to 21 food handlers in NC's Region P, encompassing 9 counties. Food-borne illness, sometimes fatal to older adults, could occur without proper food handling. Prevention is taught through their educational efforts.

## **Communications Award: Newsletters**

*Carmen Long, Surry County*

Carmen writes a bi-monthly newsletter called Family and Consumer News that is mailed to 375 families and 500+ county employees in Surry County. Agents in Surry, Yadkin, and Wilkes counties contribute and share information and then each county creatively formats a newsletter meeting individual needs.

## **Communications- Educational Technology**

*Renay Knapp  
Julie Padgett*

*Cathy Hohestein  
Sandi Sox*

*Sue Estridge  
Tracy Davis*

This team developed a Food Preservation Power Point. The presentation covered the six different methods of food preservation, including the advantages and disadvantages of each, the process, equipment needed and storage life of the food. It was presented to general public audiences in six counties in Western North Carolina.

## **Communications - Educational Publications**

*Carmen Long  
Surry County*

*Buffy Scott*

*Catherine M. Waddell*

An educational publication was developed to provide child friendly recipes to cooking classes for youth. Classes were provided during June Dairy month to promote hands on recipes for youth to help them make and eat dairy rich foods.

## **Community Partnership Award**

*Susan Morgan  
Rebecca Brandon  
Brunswick County*

*Belinda Stroops  
Gary McDonald*

*Marilyn Graham  
Mary Lewis*

Through partnerships with Extension, Environmental Health, and the Brunswick Senior Resources, over 525 employees and 179 senior adults have completed Food Safety Training. Food Service is a key component of the tourism industry in Brunswick County.

## **Early Career Award (one per district)**

*Brenda Sutton, Rockingham County (North West)*

Brenda began her career with Cooperative Extension in May, 2003. She has collaborated with other agencies, volunteers, and other Extension staff to provide quality, timely and impact producing programs in Rockingham County. Programs have included: Dining with Diabetes, Workable Wellness, Moving towards a Healthier You, ServSafe, Kids in the Kitchen and more.

*Juatina Dunham, Hoke County (South Central)*

Juatina has demonstrated extraordinary programming skills during her 17 months with Cooperative Extension. Through her people skills and dynamic teaching abilities she has helped the FCS program reach a diverse audience in parenting, Family resource management and human development. Within a short period she has implemented and effectively evaluated 3 parenting programs, 3 family resource management programs and a host of other marketing efforts.

*Robin Taylor, Onslow County (Southeast)*

As a native of Onslow County, Robin Taylor feels responsible for providing quality programs for Onslow County citizens. Whether it is making sure children are riding safely in the car seats, assuring that local restaurants are serving safe food, or helping seniors "East Smart and Move More", Robin is making a difference.

*Glennie Daniels, Catawba County (Southwest)*

Through the broad-based nature of her programs and continuing efforts to make Extension programs available to those who need them, Glennie Daniels provides education to enhance quality of life throughout the lifespan. Other agencies recognize her expertise; she is in demand for program presentations to those whom she collaborates with and their clientele.

## **Florence Hall Award**

*Susan Garkains, Randolph County*

Susan Garkains initiated a program for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren designed to address a variety of issues. A six-week series was developed to assist grandparents with their parenting role, the second time around. A youth component was added to help grandchildren with homework and to provide educational programs.

## **Clean Homes Healthy Families Award**

*Susan Chase, Beaufort County*

Susan improved the lives of homebound patients by providing Cleaning 101 training for 41 Nurses aides who have cleaning responsibilities. The patients they served suffer from respiratory ailments. The training helped to provide environmentally friendly cleaning recipes to the Nurses aids working with these families.

## **Youth Award (one per district)**

*Jessica Roberson, Cherokee County*

Jessica has provided educational experiences for over 1000 youth from preschool age to high school. She conducted programs on eating disorders, foods/nutrition for summer camps and classrooms, and collaborated with 4-H Agent to present Jr. Master Gardener's program. She has also worked with local agencies to present a county-wide school health fair.

*Trudy Smith, Duplin County*

Trudy has reached several hundred youth and adults who care for youth in 2004. Programming focused on healthful eating, physical activity, and disaster preparedness. Highlights were classes for 4-H youth that taught sewing a chef's apron and a social skills class entitled "How Rude!"

## **Mary Kay Wells Diversity Award**

*Debbie Cox, Caldwell County*

Debbie has designed a program to open communication in communities regarding the tolerance and acceptance of gay, lesbian, bisexual and trans gender youth. The Healthy Diversity training program assisted after school leaders in becoming familiar with terms and issues regarding adolescent sexuality and Gay, Lesbian, bisexual and trans gender youth.

## **Healthy Lifestyles Education Grant**

*Suzzette Goldmon, Durham County*

Suzzette has proposed developing Social Marketing posters to assist with the introduction of the new USDA dietary guidelines to middle school aged children. The intent is to increase awareness, promote participation and ultimately aide in the reduction of the obesity epidemic through education.