



REGIONAL NEWS

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Liberty County

In April the foster parents meet for their monthly meeting. South East Regional V.P. Mrs Eunice Daniels and AFPAG President Mr. Verdell Daniels were invited. Mr. Daniels spoke on keeping your association going. Special thanks to Mrs. Lashawn Bonds, the DFCS Liason, and Mrs. Zelter Byrd, the President of Liberty County Foster Parent Association.

On May 15, 1999 the Liberty County DFCS held their annual Foster Parent Appreciation Banquet. Mrs. Sollie Richardson is the County Director and asked Verdell Daniels, President of AFPAG to be the keynote speaker. Mr. Daniels gave a very motivational speech. There were also remarks from the Field Coordinator, Wayne Anderson. Mr. Anderson reaffirmed the need for total commitment and partnership. Many awards were also given to foster parents, including Foster Parent of the Year.



The foster parents, Southeast Regional V.P. Eunice Daniels and Verdell Daniels thank Mrs. Richardson and her staff for a great banquet and the hard work they did to show how much they appreciate the services provided by the foster parents in Liberty County.

Chatham County

On May 14, 1999 the Chatham County DFCS held its annual Foster Parent Appreciation Banquet. The banquet was held at Savannah State University's King Frazier Complex.

There were over 100 foster and adoptive parents in attendance and the Chatham county DFCS went to no limit to make all that attended feel special. The entertainment and the keynote speaker were second to none. The highlight of the program was the giving of awards, especially the Foster Parent of the Year. Our hats go off to the County Director Mrs. Earlene Davis, County Program Director Mrs. Debbie Bennett and their staff. Special thanks go to Mr. David Bates and Ms. Carmelita Maynor.



Every month on the 4th Friday night, St. Paul CME Church puts on a dinner for all foster parents, birth children and foster children at no cost. the pastor, Rev. Delany is very supportive to the needs of our children. His vision is that other

churches will do the same. Rev. Delany and his congregation have given tremendous support to Chatham County foster parents.

Chatham County Foster Parent Association held its annual Spring Banquet on June 11, 1999. This banquet is their biggest fund raiser of the year and is also in appreciation of our county DFCS staff. The keynote speaker was our County Director, Mrs. Earlene Davis. Our Master of Ceremonies was Master Shedrin Devine, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniels. The special guests were Mrs. Anne Bagley from the DFCS State Office, former State Representative Mrs. Regina Thomas, The Creative Dancers from Gravin Temple Baptist Church, The Second Baptist Church Choir and AFPAG President Verdell Daniels. There were 7 scholarships given to graduating seniors and Ms. Carmelita Maynor was awarded a plaque for Case Manager of the Year.



Charlton County

On June 12, 1999, the Charlton County DFCS, in partnership with the Charlton County Foster Parent Association, held their annual mini-conference at Mackey's Pizza. There were several interesting classes with very professional trainers: 1. Mrs. Anne Bagley on State Policy, 2. Charlton County Police Department's Mr. Kenny, 3. Babies Can't Wait, 4. The School System of Charlton, 5. Verdell Daniels on Grievance Procedures, 6. Verdell & Eunice Daniels on Building a Partnership.

This was a great conference with many opportunities for foster parents to earn their training hours. There were also goodie bags stuffed with pens, pencils, Savannah Sugar Refinery paraphernalia, SSR puzzlers and much more. Mr. Daniels was presented a Charlton County t-shirt and was also winner of the grand door prize. Special thanks to Mrs. Johns, President of Charlton County Foster Parent Association and Mrs. Moss from Charlton County DFCS.



In March there was an Adoption Gala held in Statesboro, GA. at Georgia Southern University's Paulson Stadium. The Adoptive & Foster Parent Association of Georgia set up a booth at the Gala which was manned by Southeast Regional V.P., Mrs Eunice Daniels.

Gordon County

On June 14, 1999 Gordon County DFCS held their annual Foster Parent Appreciation Banquet. They provided dinner from Elks Club and many door prizes. Verdell Daniels was the guest speaker and the highlight of the evening was the presentation of awards. Special thanks to all who were a part of setting up this special occasion.

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