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**“Social Workers Stand Up”**

March is **National Social Work Month** and this year’s theme is “*Social Workers Stand Up.*” This theme is fitting because social workers *stand up* for millions of people every day. These include people who are experiencing devastating illnesses and mental health crises, our veterans, children, families and communities. Social Work Month allows everyone to celebrate the profession and creates an opportunity to educate the public about the contributions social workers make to society.

Our nation has more than 600,000 social workers who have amazing tenacity and talent. They confront some of the most challenging issues facing individuals, families, communities and society and forge solutions that help people reach their full potential and make our nation a better place to live.

Randolph County Department of Social Services employs sixty-six social workers across various program areas including child protective services, foster care, adoptions, foster home licensing, adult services, child care, and work first. These local government social workers carry out duties in line with the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services policy, federal law, North Carolina general statutes, and the Randolph County DSS published purpose, “**Serving by empowering, protecting, educating, and promoting stability.**” Randolph County DSS social workers partner with social workers from mental health, schools, hospital, nursing facilities, and various other entities to find solutions for children and adults in need.

This month is designed to celebrate all social workers. Thousands of child, family and school social workers across the country provide assistance to protect children and improve the social and psychological functioning of children and their families. Social workers help children find loving homes and create new families through adoption. Social workers in schools work with families and schools to foster future generations by ensuring students reach their full academic and personal potential. Social Workers work with older adults and their families to improve their quality of life and ability to live independently as long as possible and get access to quality mental health and health care.

Social workers work tirelessly to improve the lives of families in our community; children, parents, caretakers, the elderly and disabled, and their caregivers. Please join DSS in recognizing and appreciating social workers, in all areas, and the GREAT work they do each and every day!

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