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PRESS RELEASE

“Social Work Paves the Way for Change”

During the month of March 2015, social workers across the nation celebrate National Social Work Month. Social Work Month is a time to reflect-on, and celebrate, the hard work social workers do each day to bring about positive change in communities; like ours...and positive change in peoples’ lives with which they work. Social workers make a difference in the day-to-day lives of millions of Americans by helping to build, support, and empower positive family and community relationships. For example, they work in schools helping students overcome obstacles to their education; they work in hospitals helping patients navigate their paths to recovery; and in North Carolina, they work in local government agencies helping protect vulnerable children and adults from abuse and neglect.

Randolph County Department of Social Services plays a large part in the social work and fabric of change within the community and is the local government agency charged with managing a wide array of federal and state social work programs. Sixty-four social workers and social work supervisors at DSS focus on adoptions, adult services, child care subsidy, child protective services, foster care, foster home licensing, and work first employment services.

Positive change in the community also involves each member of the community. North Carolina is a mandatory reporting state for child abuse, neglect, and dependency as well as adult abuse and exploitation. DSS also depends on foster parents from within the community to provide a vital role in the lives of children who have been displaced from their homes due to neglect or abuse. Further, there is always a need for safe, permanent, and nurturing homes for children who have no legal parents. Are you interested in becoming a foster parent? Call the Foster Home Licensing Hot Line at (336) 683-8062. Report child abuse by calling the Child Protective Services Hot Line at (336) 683-8200. To report elder abuse, call the Adult Services Hot Line at (336) 683-8300. After hours for child or adult abuse, call 911.

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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