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Greenville Drug Court Graduation



FTHRA Drug Court Coordinator Jeffrey Poore, Supreme Court Chief Justice Cornelia Clark, Drug Court Graduate Larry Andrews, Greenville Sessions Court Judge Kenneth Bailey, Jr.

The Honorable Judge Kenneth Bailey, Jr. and guests celebrated the achievements of two graduates of Greene County Drug Court on January 19, 2012 at The Greene County Courthouse. Tennessee Supreme Court Chief Justice Cornelia A. Clark was the keynote speaker at the ceremony.

Chief Justice Clark praised drug courts as a better option than incarceration for drug and alcohol offenders. "Incarceration just doesn't work. Unless we can help them with their underlying problem, they're not going to get better," Clark said.

The Greene County Drug Court was established in 2004 under The Honorable Judge Tom Wright. A drug court incorporates intensive judicial supervision and treatment services that address the needs of the addicted offender. The offender works with a drug court team, including the judge, prosecutor, defense attorney, drug court coordinator, probation officer and treatment providers. Greene County Drug Court has had 54 offenders graduate from the program since its inception.

Safe Passage Supports Mandatory Jail Sentence for Repeat Offenders

Governor Haslam, in his State of the State address, announced his priorities for the 2012 Legislative session including mandatory jail time for people convicted of repeated domestic violence crimes.

According to the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control 4.8 million women are assaulted or raped by their partner or ex-partner every year. The numbers show a staggering trend: one in four women are victims of violence in their lifetime. Men account for 15 percent of violence victim cases. That's according to the bureau of justice statistics crime data.



FTHRA's Safe Passage Domestic Violence Shelter provides shelter and outreach services to victims of domestic violence. Program Director Lynn Armstrong sees those victims daily and she thinks that mandatory jail time could help the bottom line of state and county budgets.

"The actual cost of domestic violence manifest(s) themselves in so many other areas... that I honestly believe that in the long run... holding offenders accountable will actually save the state money," said Armstrong.

Armstrong said that giving repeat offenders 45 to 120 days in jail will allow victims of domestic violence the time to get the help they need. - WJHL's Chris McIntoch

A 24 hour hotline is available for domestic violence victims in need of crisis intervention. Please call 423-926-7233 (SAFE).

Serving people in Carter, Greene, Johnson, Hancock, Hawkins, Sullivan, Unicoi and Washington Counties

Adult Day Services
Foster Grandparent Program
Generations On Line
Meals on Wheels/Nutrition Program
Personal Support Services
Young at Heart Respite



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Senior Community Service
Employment Program
Safe Passage Domestic Violence Shelter
Misdemeanor Probation Services
Felony Probation Services



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Adult Day Services Program Seeks Advisory Board Member Referrals



The Advisory Board of Adult Day Services is seeking referrals for qualified individu-

als to serve on the Fundraising Committee. Those referred should live and/or work in the ADS service area (Carter, Greene, Sullivan, Unicoi and Washington Counties) and be enthusiastic about being an advocate for seniors. Previous non-profit board experience is a plus. To make a referral, please contact Pam Gardner at 423-928-8855 or pgardner@fthra.org.

Adult Day Services provides personalized care for adults who need supervised care during the day. We offer daily exercise, transportation, meals and entertainment in a social setting. To learn more, please visit www.fthra.org/adult-day-services.

FTHRA Settles into New Home

We have settled into our new home at 704 Rolling Hills Drive. Construction is on going as we prepare for the kitchen and Nutrition staff to move in the spring.

Please know that our services have not halted in any manner during the transition. All of our phone number have remained the same. Please call our main office number at 423-461-8200 with any questions.

2011 Annual Report Now Available

To see how FTHRA has performed, please call Samantha at 423-461-8200 to request a copy of our 2011 Annual Report mailed to you. Or you can download it from our website on the home page at www.fthra.org.



Meals on Wheels Needs You

Volunteers are needed on Wednesdays and Thursdays to deliver meals from the Johnson City Senior Center.

Volunteers are also needed in the Kingsport area. Meals can be picked up from the Kingsport Renaissance Center.

FTHRA Meals on Wheels provides a noon time meals Monday through Friday. Meals are ready for pick up between 9:00 am - 10:30 am. Most routes take approximately one hour to complete.

We know that our meal recipients need the nutritious meal that is provided each weekday, but the smiling volunteer saying "Hello, how are you" is just as important. Please volunteer if you have an hour to spare once a week, once a month or even once a quarter. Please call Dawn at 423-975-5022 for more information.

First Tennessee Human Resource Agency provides much needed social services in Carter, Johnson, Greene, Hancock, Hawkins, Sullivan, Unicoi and Washington Counties. FTHRA administers 18 vital programs to assist the people of Northeast Tennessee. We rely on support from local governments, United Ways, grants, foundations, fundraisers and private donors.

If you would like to contribute to the agency or a specific program, please visit our website at www.fthra.org to donate online with a credit card, via PayPal or by calling our Finance Director, Jason Cody, at 423.461.8283. All donations are tax deductible.

To volunteer or learn more about our programs, call Stephanie Walker at 423.461.7769 or email at swalker@fthra.org.