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SAFE REFUGE DURING A STORM

Local Facility Provides Critical Need

Carteret General Hospital has been offering Safe Refuge to Carteret County residents with minimal medical needs during hurricanes since the early 1990's. Residents with a caregiver were invited to come to the hospital to have their medications refrigerated and to operate their medical equipment, etc.

Due to the high demand for this service, a special shelter for Safe Refuge was developed. In a joint venture, funds provided by the Carteret County Health Department, Carteret General Hospital and the Carteret-Craven Electric Foundation were used to purchase an emergency generator for the Leon Mann Senior Center in Morehead City. The facility was then designated a Safe Refuge Shelter.

The Special Needs Shelter will open during a hurricane watch and will close immediately after the threat has passed. There will be a minimal staff on hand to operate the center. Safe Refuge is open to patients requiring a caregiver, as well as those who are able to care for themselves - however, all

patients must have special needs such as power for medical equipment or supplies.

Residents expecting to use the special needs shelter should complete a survey which is available by calling 252-808-6081. Medical professionals then prioritize those who can

utilize other resources such as family and friends, a regular Red Cross County Shelter, the Special Needs Shelter or the Hospital if acute care is required.

Remember, the Special Needs Shelter is for people who are usually cared for at home but have special medical needs during a disaster. It is

preferred that individuals bring a caregiver with them to the shelter. Additionally, individuals must bring all their medications, any special diet foods and all medical equipment such as nebulizers, oxygen, etc.

The Special Needs Shelter is located at the Leon Mann Senior Center, 3820 Galantis Drive, Morehead City. This area is behind the Medical



Former Carteret-Craven Electric Foundation President, John Marriott and Carteret General Hospital Vice President, Beth Beswick meet in front of the Special Needs Shelter.

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Economic Development Benefits Everyone.

Gary Zajac
 Vice President, Marketing & External Affairs

One of the seven principles of cooperatives is "concern for community" which we feel is vital to everyone. The economic success or failure of businesses that serve our area has a tremendous influence on each and every one of us. That's why Carteret-Craven believes in not only being a 'good corporate neighbor' but going the additional mile to assist economic development.

Several years ago, the electric cooperatives of North Carolina developed an economic development loan program to assist businesses. The program involved loaning money to businesses at 0% interest for short periods of time. This provided an economic shot in the arm that helped these businesses develop and grow at a faster pace than would normally be possible. The monies are repaid to this revolving loan fund and are then used for other projects.

Carteret-Craven provided assistance to three area businesses through these funds. The three, Jarrett Bay Industrial Marine Park, Jones Brothers Marine and Parker Boats are doing well and are



true success stories of the program. Jarrett Bay, for instance, recently repaid its loan ahead of schedule.

The program has shown just what an economic boost can mean to a business. In the case of Jarrett Bay, the Park has already added 16 new businesses with more to come in the future. These marine-related businesses provide employment for a number of area residents as well as increase the tax base of the county.

In the case of Jones Brothers and Parker, both businesses have expanded and are ahead of original schedules as far as growth and development. Both have increased their workforce as well as adding new technologies and safety features.

All of these improvements were made possible through a cooperative effort. Carteret-Craven is firmly entrenched as a partner in the economic development of the counties it serves. From power quality issues to demographic analysis, the cooperative practices the cooperative principles each and every day. Our goal is to provide not only reliable and affordable electricity to our members, but to be an integral part of our community.

DON'T FORGET: STANDBY GENERATORS CAN BE DANGEROUS!

If you use or plan to use a standby generator, be sure and use it wisely. If you want to wire the device directly to your house (as opposed to just plugging in various appliances), you need to contact a licensed electrician to insure proper installation. An improperly installed generator could cause harm or even death to a utility worker or a family member and/or damage to your home.

COOPERATIVE HELPS GROUP HELP ITSELF

Grant Writing Workshop Provides Results

Carteret-Craven Electric Cooperative has long been known for its support of area youth. The Bright Ideas Grants program in the local schools has provided hundreds of children the opportunity to explore and learn new things. Scholarships have assisted countless students in their quest for a higher education. And many students have attended leadership camps and tours hosted by the local utility.

Now the Cooperative has begun to help organizations help themselves. In 2001, Carteret-Craven provided grant-writing training for participants of the Carteret County Partnership For Children. The Partnership, part of the state's Smart Start initiative, was looking for ways to raise funds that weren't tied to the state's shaky budget. Paula Bass of Bass Consultants from Greenville presented the workshop. Bass, on retainer from Carteret-Craven, provided the participants with basic training of where and how to seek funding for special programs.

By all accounts, the workshop was a success. To date, over \$300,000 has been obtained for several different programs earmarked for children of the county served by the Partnership.

"This has really been a shot in the arm for us," stated Sherry Peel, Executive Director for the Carteret County Partnership For Children. "We had no idea we'd get the results we did. Carteret-Craven has provided us with the knowledge so we can strive to become self-sufficient or at least not so tied to state funding."

Susan Lynch, a staff member from the partnership who attended the training, received two grants. The first was for \$700 and was used to purchase materials for the resource room situated on the campus of Carteret Community College. The resource room is used by an average of 25 child-care providers a month for information, ideas, and resources to help develop les-

son plans that are developmentally appropriate as well as fun and exciting.

The second grant funds an interactive business development program to help individuals launch and sustain successful family child care businesses. Family Child Care Providers receive semester hour credits toward an Early Childhood Degree by enrolling in classes that address competencies in two core content areas for early childhood professional development. In return, the grant gives in-kind contribution of materials worth \$350 per participant. There are currently 10 Family Child Care Providers in the class for a total of \$3,500 with another 10 scheduled for the next semester providing a total of \$7,000.

Peel applied for and received a grant for the More At Four Program for Carteret County for \$293,092 that will provide services to approximately 66 at-risk four-year-olds at Beaufort Elementary School, Morehead Primary School, Newport Elementary School and My School Child Care Center.

Two other grants are in the works. They total over \$900,000 and notification should take place by September.

"The more self-supporting these programs become, the lower the financial impact is on the taxpayers," stated Gary Zajac, Vice President Marketing & External Affairs for Carteret-Craven. "While one of the reasons we assisted with the grant workshop was to help find alternative money sources, the main reason was they benefit the children."

The goal of Smart Start is to prepare children from birth to five years of age for school, especially to make sure they are both physically and mentally healthy. A volunteer board of directors makes decisions on funding for the local Partnership. The board is made up of a mixture of professionals in the child care field, parents, and business professionals.

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