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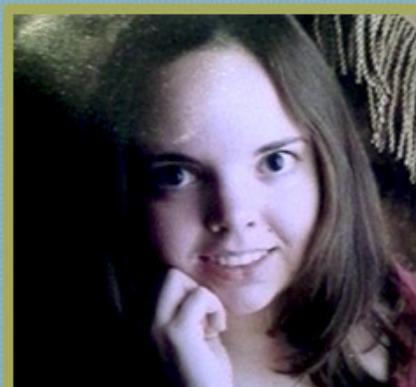
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March Teacher of the Month Called a “Ray of Sunshine”

Kristy Jarrell is one of our Head Start teachers at Floyd Early Childhood Development Center. She was nominated as Teachstone: CLASS March teacher of the Month. Kristy was interviewed to discuss what inspires her to teach and more. Her nominator shared that Kristy is a “ray of sunshine” and after one conversation with her, it's clear that Kristy loves what she does. Kristy shared that when she started college she didn't know what she wanted to do. She had worked as a camp counselor for a few years and loved working with the kids, especially the younger children, so she decided to study early childhood education. After school, she worked as an assistant teacher for two years and is now going on her third year as a lead teacher. Ms. Kristy Jarrell's full interview is available on www.teachstone.com.

“I alone cannot change the world but I can cast a stone across the water to create many ripples.”

- Mother Teresa



Kristy Jarrell



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Early Head Start Serves Area's Youngest Learners

Tallatoona CAP, Inc. has opened six Early Head Start Child Care Partnership classrooms. Children ages birth through three are currently being served through the following child care partners: Brightview Academy in Cartersville, Bee Kids Academy in Calhoun, Brighter Tomorrows in Calhoun and Rockmart Children Academy in Rockmart.

The goal of the Early Head Start Child Care Partnership is to increase the opportunity for more infants and toddlers to have access to high quality, comprehensive services.

The Early Head Start Child Care Partnership will serve 96 children in 12 classrooms across our service area and is a full year, full day program. Additional classrooms will be opening in Paulding and Haralson counties. Tallatoona was one of 234 agencies across the nation awarded the grant. For more information on the program please call Central office at 770-382-5388 to speak with a care specialist.



The Aytch's of Douglas County Have a Brighter Future

In 2015, Donald Aytch came to Tallatoona and stated that he was down on his luck again, "borrowing from Peter to pay Paul" and that his savings had been depleted. Donald was employed for six years and thought he had seniority at his company, but he found himself laid off. His wife, Tuneshia is disabled and cannot work outside the home, and they share a home with their adult daughter, Tejonie Hall, who also is disabled.

Donald and Tuneshia met with Victoria Thomas, Services Coordinator, in September 2015 at the Douglas County Human Resource Development office. Ms. Thomas introduced them to Tallatoona's Pathways to Empowerment program which provides services and supports to low-income individuals and their families who are committed to changing their lives.

Donald enrolled in a welding program at West Georgia Technical College through the WIA Program prior to meeting with Ms. Thomas. He is excited to obtain certifications and earn a higher income with long-term career potential. Tallatoona was able to assist the Aytch family with energy expenses, transportation expenses, and clothing/supplies needed for the welding program. These services and supports provided them with tools to succeed in life and achieve economic independence and security.

Donald obtained full-time employment in November 2015 in the welding industry. He currently works full-time and attends school for several hours after work. Donald is pleased that Tallatoona was able to assist his family in their time of need. He stated that Tallatoona "really came through when I needed you to help me" and that the assistance "took some pressure off" his shoulders so that "he was finally able to sleep."

Tallatoona staff is so proud of Donald and the Aytch family for working hard to achieve their goals. They are looking forward to a brighter future.