

June 4, 2015

Darnell extends Congratulations to Fulton County Youth Commission

"You are great because you are good," Commissioner Emma I. Darnell said to the Fulton County Youth Commission Closing Luncheon held on May 28 at the Government Center. A program of the Youth Division, Department of Aging and Youth, Melinda Pruitt, director and Reginald Crossley, program director, Youth Commission members provide eligible youth with a voice to identify and address the most serious concerns of their communities such as homelessness, hunger, truancy and bullying.

Darryl Terry II, a District 6 Youth Commissioner is a graduate of Frederick Douglass High School who will begin study at Georgia Tech in the Fall. Darryl says the Youth Commission has given him an opportunity to talk about "real-life experiences" from a youth's perspective which otherwise "might not be heard."

Each year, approximately 25 Fulton County students in grades 8 to 11 are invited to join the Youth Commission. The selection process includes essay submissions relating to public service and community revitalization.

"I believe these young people are the best generation we have produced," said Darnell. "You have young people here who are committed not only to developing their own talents, and supporting their families, they are also taking the time to help others. This is what makes you great."

BOC approves \$3.6 million in Human Services Grants

The Board of Commissioners recently approved the Fiscal Year 2015 Human Services Grants Program to support the delivery of services in the following areas: aging, disabilities, employment, HIV/AIDS, homeless and housing, and youth and families. The total contract amount for projects is estimated at \$3,603,000.

The Human Services Grants Program bridges the gap in direct government services by supporting community-based groups throughout Fulton County that support the mission of the County's Department of Human Services. Applicants seeking Human Services Grants must demonstrate the capacity to provide programming, activities and services that utilize evidence-based and/or best practices within at least one of the subject matter areas.

"Except for the nonprofit community, we could not begin to meet our responsibility to protect the health and safety of people," said Darnell. "We look forward to our continued work together in the days ahead."



Commissioner Emma I. Darnell shares a Mighty Moment with District 6 Youth Commissioner Darryl Terry II at the Youth Commission Closing Luncheon May 28.

F.R.E.S.H. Grants to benefit District 6 Youth

The Board of Commissioners has awarded funds in the amount of \$308,333 to support evidence-based District 6 programs for children and youth. The Fulton County Roundtable Expanded Services Headquarters (F.R.E.S.H.) Grant Program is administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development, Grants Division. Grant funds are earmarked for programming and activities to address at least one District-specific issue, e.g. truancy.

After a technical review of the application by County staff the District Citizen Advisory Board submits recommendations for grant awards to the District Commissioner. Upon approval, the District Commissioner submits the recommendations to the Board of Commissioners for final action. Members of the District 6 F.R.E.S.H. Citizen Advisory Board are LeConte Isom, Lakisia Jones and Taffi Vincent.

"We cannot overstate our appreciation for those who are working so hard to protect the children," said Commissioner Emma I. Darnell. "We have some 'difficult days ahead' however, together we will GET IT DONE!"

District 6 F.R.E.S.H. Grant funding for 2015 totals \$308,333 for 14 qualifying organizations.

[Click here to review the list of 2015 recipients in the Mighty 6 District.](#)

Commissioner Darnell shares Mighty Moments with District 6 seniors

"Emails are good, but person-to-person is better," said Commissioner Emma I. Darnell, when she recently shared with Mighty 6 Senior Center communities.

On Thursday, May 28, Commissioner Darnell met with senior adults and friends at the Hapeville Neighborhood Senior Center, Shirley Gomez, Center Manager. On Friday, May 29, Commissioner Darnell joined participants and visitors at the New Beginnings Neighborhood Senior Center in Fairburn, Ga., Minnie Jenkins, Center Manager. Joining in a moving tribute to the community's veterans in the Annual Memorial Day Program, Commissioner Darnell expressed appreciation to the honored veterans for exemplary service to the nation and within their communities.



AT RIGHT: Commissioner Emma I. Darnell shares a Mighty Moment with seniors at Hapeville Neighborhood Senior Center. From left: Carolyn Rutherford, executive director of South Fulton Senior Services; Gloria Holder, participant; Darnell; and Johnnie Stephens, an original participant who served on the Citizens Advisory Committee during the planning phase of the Hapeville Senior Center.

Upcoming Events in the Mighty 6

LIBRARY EVENTS

Woodwind Concert: Escape the Ordinary Concert Series
Saturday, June 6, 2 p.m.

Enjoy a free concert featuring the Peachtree Wind Ensemble.
Palmetto Branch, 9111 Cascade Palmetto Hwy., Palmetto, GA 30268
More info: (404) 613-4075

Foreclosure Prevention Workshop
Monday, June 8, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Certified housing counselors will provide one-on-one assistance.
Southwest Branch, 3665 Cascade Rd., Atlanta, GA 30331
More info: (404) 699-6363

ARTS AND CULTURE EVENTS

Youth Summer Arts Camp Performances & Exhibitions
Saturdays, June 6, 13, 20, 27 at 4 p.m.

South Fulton Arts Center, 4645 Butner Rd., College Park, GA 30349
More info: (404) 612-3087

AGING EVENTS

Mental Health Seminar:
Mental Health Among African-American Men
Wednesday, June 10, 9 a.m.
H. J. C. Bowden Senior Multipurpose Facility
2885 Church Street East Point, GA 30344
More info: (404) 762-4821

The logo for Mighty6, featuring the word "Mighty" in a blue serif font and "6" in a large, bold, red sans-serif font, with a blue swoosh underneath.

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