

# MONTHLY IMPACT REPORT

## DECEMBER 2018



**50 YEARS**  
Western Piedmont  
Council of Governments

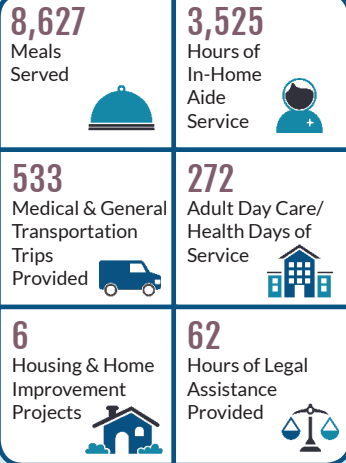
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### AREA AGENCY ON AGING

**Tina Miller**  
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Mary Mitchell  
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Anita Roberts  
Sarah Stamey

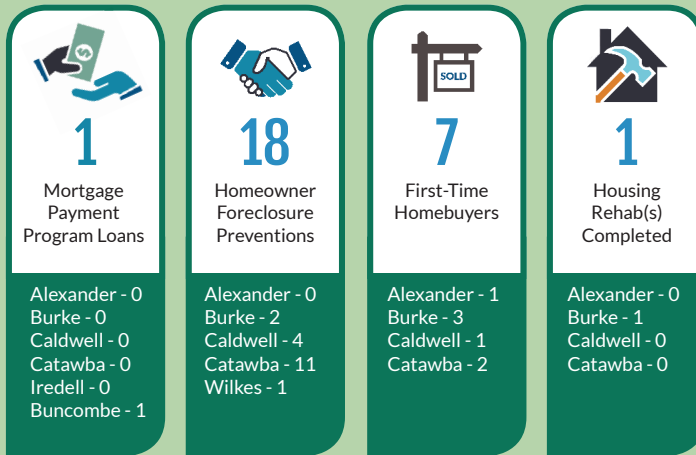


- 2 community presentations
- 199 In-Home Respite hours provided through Family Caregiver Support Program
- Family Caregiver Support Program issued 3 Caregiver Directed Respite Vouchers
- Local Contact Agency program had 3 new referrals initiated from the Raleigh call center; 1 LCA follow-up visit; 3 in-reach visits with facility social workers
- 34 Information and Options Counseling contacts
- Assisted 12 individuals with Medicare Open Enrollment Part D.
- 1 Reverse Mortgage Counseling session provided
- Ombudsman program made visits to 20 facilities; received 4 new investigations; closed 5 cases; provided technical assistance to 30 individuals; and provided 1 training to a facility
- Project CARE completed 8 assessments, 1 reassessment, 8 home visits and granted 8 vouchers during the month of December (total of 98 vouchers issued out of 107 for the territory). Completed 6 outreach visits to referral agencies. Presented training sessions, attended conferences, meetings, and informational calls to reach more than 90 people with Project CARE information.

The Family Caregiver Support Program provides respite support for caregivers and now offers an additional respite option for caregivers. Respite for a caregiver means taking a break from caregiving responsibilities. Taking a break from caregiving can help reduce stress, and protect the health and well-being of a caregiver. The FCSP Caregiver Directed Voucher Program provides caregivers the option to choose the caregiver they will hire to help them take a much-needed break. The Family Caregiver Support Program provides the funding for the respite voucher. This respite often helps the caregiver come back to their responsibilities refreshed and better able to carry out their caregiving. Caregivers who use their respite time to do the things they enjoy doing, often feel less burden and are more confident as a caregiver. To inquire about the Caregiver Directed Voucher Program, contact Mary Mitchell, Family Caregiver Support Specialist, at (828) 485-4256.

### COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**Sherry Long**  
Jennifer Cannon  
Lisa Helton  
Rick Oxford  
Laurie Powell  
Erin Schotte  
Paul Teague  
Helen Whisnant



### GRANTS/ACTIVITIES



- 12 Participants Attend Homebuyer Workshop in December.
- James River Companies - \$60k NC Rural Economic Development Division Building Reuse Grant
- PTI - Division of HSM - awarded \$187k Building Reuse Grant
- Valdese was funded with a \$350,600 grant for a Housing Rehab Program from the Neighborhood Revitalization Scattered-Site Housing Project

### IT/GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS

**Scott Miller**  
Tom Bell  
Daniel Ezell  
Trey Schweitzer  
Todd Stroupe



Greenway Transit Passenger Sampling Trips

**18**

**260**

Sawmills Water and Sewer features collected and added to GIS

#### General Mapping

- Glen Alpine, Rutherford College, Hudson, WPCOG Community & Economic Development

#### WPCOG Code Enforcement GIS

- Created mobile GIS for use by WPCOG Code Enforcement Officer in Cedar Rock, Drexel, Hildebran, Maiden and Rhodhiss

#### Valdese/Rutherford College Utility GIS

- Upgraded Valdese & Rutherford College GIS to allow persons updating data to see full-feature information, rather than abbreviated data

#### Ongoing Projects

- Burke County Quality of Life Mapping Project
- Catawba County Early Head Start Assessment
- Sawmills Water and Wastewater GIS Field Collection

COMMUNITY & REGIONAL PLANNING

**Alison Adams**  
Taylor Dellinger  
Brian Horton  
Duncan Cavanaugh  
Averi Ritchie  
Johnny Wear  
Teresa Kinney  
Hunter Nestor  
Billy Rickles

**Planning**

- Attended 16 Commission, Council, and Planning Board meetings
- Appointed members to the Bike and Pedestrian Steering Committee for Hudson
- Continued working with developer for potential mixed use planned development in Hudson
- Assisted Town Council on review of a new town hall for Gamewell
- Adopted the Comprehensive Plan for Rutherford College
- Held annexation and rezoning hearing for Catawba
- Began working on PARTF Grant for Drexel
- Attended the Carolina Thread Trail Annual Forum
- Attended the Town of Valdese Library dedication ceremony
- Worked with the Valdese Planning Board creating a "Light Industry" use
- Continued working with the Sawmills Planning Board on the Comprehensive Plan
- Staff facilitated the Caldwell County Comprehensive Plan Meeting
- Staff facilitated the Bethlehem Community Plan Meeting

- Attended Board of Directors meeting at Greenway Public Transportation
- Presented to Caldwell County Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee
- Participated in scoping meeting for NC 127 project (U-6135) in Hickory (Viewmont)
- Approved four new Local Administered Project Program (LAPP) applications totaling \$7M in STBG-DA funds

**Data**

- Answered 42 requests for data during month of December
- Completed Census Tract projection updates for the region
- Completed updating Morganton Community Profile for the Morganton fair housing plan
- November 2018 passenger sampling narrative completed for Greenway.
- Data collected and tabulated from 31 Fixed Routes sampled during December (Burke and Catawba County fixed routes)
- Attended December Transportation Conformity State Interagency Call Meeting (SICM)

**Environmental**

- Completed 2 Environmental Assessments for the City of Morganton

**Transportation**

- Completed an employer and resident survey for the Burke County flex bus routes
- Presented at Bethlehem Small Area Plan public input meeting
- Completed passenger sampling surveys on twelve trips of the four flex bus routes in Burke County

REGIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY

**Stephanie Harvey**  
Vicky Abernethy  
Ashley Dale  
Kim Duncan  
Kala Guido  
By Khang  
Elizabeth Moncrief  
JoAnn Parlier



**1,124**

Units Leased



**110**

In Office Client Meetings



**70**

Inspections Completed



**16**

Vouchers Issued



**1,876**

Waiting List



**116**

Total Vouchers Pending



**0**

Congratulation Letters



**\$423,374**

Paid on Tenant's Behalf



**\$376.67**

Average Housing Assistance Payment

RHA Special Programs - By the Numbers

**28**

Project Based Vouchers (PBV)

**21**

Family Unification Program Vouchers (FUP)

**35**

Mainstream Assistance Vouchers (MS)

**6**

Homeownership Participants

**53**

Family Self-Sufficiency Participants (FSS)

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

**Wendy Johnson**  
Leslie Farris  
Donna Gilbert  
Elizabeth Hilliard  
April Lail  
Matthew Xiong

JOBSEEKER SERVICES



**7**

Scholarships Issued

Job seekers currently receiving training scholarships



**6**

Trainings

On-the-Job-Training (OJT) & Work Experience



**79**

New Register Unemployed

People not working that newly registered in NCWorks.gov



**97**

1x NCWorks Registrants

People that registered in NCWorks.gov for the first time

EMPLOYER SERVICES



**220**

Employers served at NCWorks Career Centers



**9**

Staff assisted Recruitment Events at a Career Center or Employer Site



**5,759**

Job openings in Alexander, Burke, Caldwell & Catawba Counties

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