

August is Child Support Awareness Month!



Pictured L to R—Front row: Cindy Fowler, Barbara Matney, Brenda Phillips, Millicent Maloney, Lindsey Cheslowsky, Anthony Dickerson, and Christina Chandler. **2nd row:** Rayshelle Robinson, Melissa Harris, Lynn Spinner, Marcel Seth, Kelly Allen, and Glenn Anders.

August is Child Support Awareness Month across the United States and Rayshelle Robinson, Assistant Director for Child Support in the Caroline County Department of Social Services (CCDSS) and the Child Support Unit are marking the month with education and outreach for parents, children and the public.

Each year at this time, CCDSS highlights the importance of the financial support parents provide to their children and thank parents who consistently pay child support they owe.

During the month of August, CCDSS staffers are donating school supplies for kids and ties and scarves for parents who receive and pay child support. The OAG Child Support Outreach Team will also educate parents and the public on the importance of child support.

5th Annual Family Fun Fest a Success!

More than 875 people attended the 5th Annual Family Fun Fest held Friday, August 7, in downtown Denton.

The event was hosted by the Caroline County Office of Child Support Enforcement and the Caroline County Department of Social Services Community Outreach Team to celebrate August as Child Support Awareness Month.

In addition to community resources, refreshments, games, crafts, entertainment and other family-related activities, book bags filled with grade-appropriate school supplies were distributed to approximately 703 children. Community Partners and generous Sponsors/Supporters of the event Included: Department of Juvenile Services, Early Head Start, Caroline Co. Health Department, Recreation & Parks, Caroline Public Library, The Bridge Community, Choptank Electric, Delmarva Power, DLLR, Envoy, MD Coalition of Families, MD Legal Aid, Mid-Shore Pro Bono, Mid-Shore WIC, Talbot Co. Health Department/Addictions Program, Acme of Easton, Breezeway Farms, the Caroline County Commissioners, Circuit Court for Caroline County, Bullock's Deli, B&R Auto Parts, Caroline County Human

Services Council, Centreville National Bank/Denton, Delmarva Community Transit, Domino's, James Ransome/Awards Engraving, Denton Wal-Mart, Federalsburg Lions Club, Food Lion of Denton, M&T Bank/Denton, Mental Health Association/Kids on the Block Program, Mid-Shore Council on Family Violence, Moore Funeral Home, PNC Bank of Denton, Target of Easton, Jason's Computers, Caroline County Sheriff's Department/Fraternal Order of Police, Caroline County Women's Club, Board of Child Care, Rex Landscaping/Denton, Safeway of Easton, Salad Star/Denton, Sal's of Denton, Market Street Public House, Giant of Easton, Jimmy Johns, Town of Denton/Public Works, Denton Police Department, United Concerned Christians, Christ Our King Church, Verizon TCC Denton, YMCA of Denton, and Walgreens of Easton.

Media promotion was provided by Star Democrat/Times Record, the Caroline Review, and Shore Home & Garden.

Several local churches including Trinity AME Church/Ridgely, St.



Members of the Child Support Unit and the Community Outreach Team gather at the beginning of Family Fun Fest for the 5th annual kick-off. Larry Porter, President of the Caroline County Commissioners, led the ribbon cutting ceremony. Additional pictures are on page 10.

Benedicts/St. Elizabeth's/Ridgely, St. Luke's UMC/Denton, Trinity UMC, Greater Mt. Olive Full Gospel Baptist Church/Cambridge, Crossroads Community Church, Georgetown, DE, Caroline County MOTA/Union Bethel, and Bethel Wesleyan/Goldsboro along with the North Carolina Clergy Association, partnered with the Department as sponsors or served as collection sites for donated school supplies.

The volunteer efforts of the Cadets from the Ridgely Volunteer Fire Company and 18 children of CCDSS employees also helped make the event a success.

~ by Millicent Maloney, Attorney; Services & Child Support

