



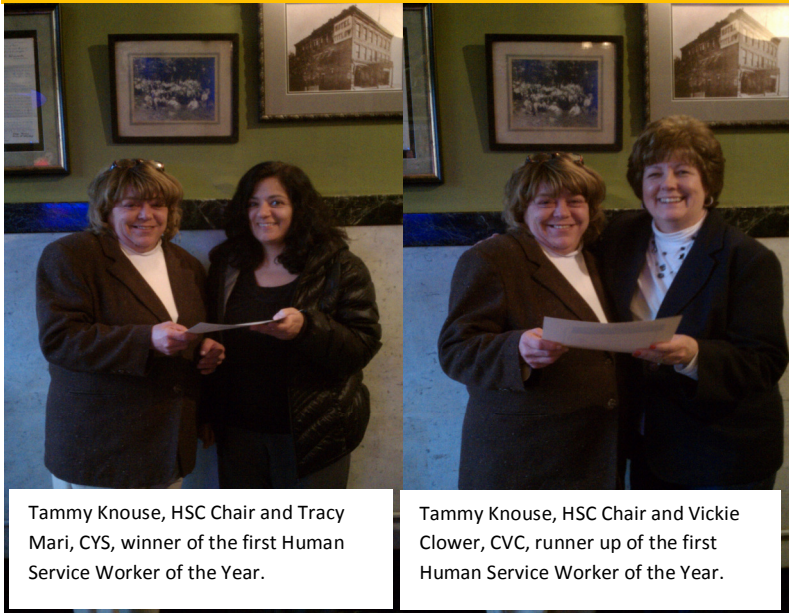
## The Fayette Front Line – January 2012

The official newsletter of the Fayette County Human Service Council

"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover." Mark Twain

*...Now back to your regularly scheduled newsletter...*

### Congratulations to the first Human Service Worker of the Year!



Tammy Knouse, HSC Chair and Tracy Mari, CYS, winner of the first Human Service Worker of the Year.

Tammy Knouse, HSC Chair and Vickie Clower, CVC, runner up of the first Human Service Worker of the Year.

The Fayette County Human Service Council (HSC) recently announced the winners of the First Annual Human Service Worker of the Year Award for 2011. The winner was Tracy Mari, Caseworker II at Children and Youth Services, and the runner-up was Vickie Clower, Counselor/Educator at the Crime Victims Center. The mission of the Fayette County Human Service Council, Inc. is to improve the quality and delivery of health, human and education service. The purpose of the award is to recognize and honor Fayette County

### Want to promote something in a FCHSC e-blast?\*

Just e-mail the event info to Cheryl DeCarlo at:

[fayettehsc@gmail.com](mailto:fayettehsc@gmail.com)

or call 724-425-1818 x10!

(HSC Members Only)

### Contact FCHSC

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**Fayette County Human Service Council**

P.O. Box 1112

Uniontown, PA 15401

**General Membership Meeting**

Wed., February 15 @ 1pm

Meadow Heights, 144 North Beeson Blvd.,

Uniontown, PA

*All FCHSC members are welcome to attend!*

*Bring a friend*

### Committee Meetings

**(Meeting schedules subject to change)**

**Special Activities Committee**

TBA

PSU Fayette Extension Office, 34 W. Peter

St., Federal Building, Uniontown, PA

Chair: Sr. Annette Frey

[afrey58@yahoo.com](mailto:afrey58@yahoo.com)

*Plans Family Fun Fest and other HSC events.*

*Ask about volunteer opportunities!*

human service professionals who exemplify excellence and outstanding and consistent service that goes beyond regularly assigned job duties and promotes goodwill in the community for their organizations and for their profession. Ms. Mari and Ms. Clower were honored at the HSC December Membership meeting. The winner was presented with an annual membership to the HSC and both honorees received gift certificates for the Uniontown Mall.

Mari has been at Children and Youth Services (CYS) for 25 years, during which she has gone above and beyond on behalf of the families she comes in contact with. She is empathetic to the needs and circumstances of families and is always respectful and understanding. She is able to assist families in recognizing their strengths in order to better meet the needs of their families. She willingly offers assistance and support to her co-workers, and volunteers several community organizations. As a seasoned child welfare professional she assists in training her colleagues and mentors new workers in the principles and practices of child welfare. In addition to her work through CYC she has actively supported the work of other community agencies. She spearheads Agency involvement in several activities including, The Child Abuse Prevention Rally, the Heart Walk, and the Turkey Trot.

Clower started at the Crime Victims Center in 1999. She works with families in Fayette County as a Educator/Counselor for truancy, parenting and victims of violent crime. She also supervises visitations for the court system and Children & Youth Services. Vicki has an innate ability to help families recognize their strengths and to build on these core strengths to recognize that anything is possible. She does not give up on the families she is working with and refuses to allow the families to give up on themselves. Vicki will leave no stone unturned to make sure that her families are assisted by her and our partner organizations to meet their needs.

The Human Service Council sponsors the Human Service Worker of the Year award to advocate for and tell the story of human service workers in our community. Since 2008, the HSC has done something every year to show its appreciation of human service workers. From 2008 – 2010 the HSC sponsored a Professional Wellness Day for the personal and professional enrichment of human service professionals.

## Welcome our new and renewing members!

**Know someone who should join the ranks of these fine agencies and individuals? Forward this e-mail to them today!**

### Agencies

Child Care Information Services of Fayette County  
Fayette County Office of Human and Community Services  
Fayette County Association for the Blind

### Individuals

Sue Quinn, United Way of Fayette  
Dick Grimm, Community UMC

### Research and Dev. Committee

TBA

FCCAA Building B Conf. Room

Chair: John Rapano

Jvr3@psu.edu

*A working partnership of human service professionals,*

*academics, and the community that focuses and coordinates research efforts to study the causes, consequences and ultimately solutions to the problem of poverty in Fayette County. Current project is the Research Institute.*

### Professional Development Committee

3<sup>rd</sup> Friday @ 3:00

Next Meeting TBA

St. Mary's Convent

Chair: Rita Masi

rmasi@fccaa.org

*Plans training, seminars and conferences for FCHSC members and the community.*

### Membership/Website Committee

As needed by email

Chair: Sandra Morris

sandra.morris100@gmail.com

*Recruits FCHSC members and maintains our website.*

*The HSC website is up and running again and will be undergoing maintenance soon. Due to a change in web hosting, the website address has been changed to:*

[www.fayettecountyhumanservicecouncil.org](http://www.fayettecountyhumanservicecouncil.org)

## Have you renewed yet? Want to join?

It's time to renew your membership for 2012. Don't let your membership expire! Call **Cheryl DeCarlo at 724-425-1818 x10 for your membership form.**

**If you haven't joined yet, here's what you get:**

- Promote your events/activities services via e-blasts and this newsletter (**\*As of March 1, 2011, only members will have the opportunity to share info via the e-blast. All others will still receive the e-blast only**)
- Save money on training, seminars and conferences
- Gain access to County data and statistics for use in your funding requests
- Have access to the Research Institute.

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**The Membership Committee** is working on getting current members to renew their membership through the annual membership drive. In addition, we are searching for new members. If you know of anyone or any agency that we should contact to become a new member, please contact Sandra Morris at [sandra.morris@stepsfayette.org](mailto:sandra.morris@stepsfayette.org).

## We Want You!

To share your story! Is your agency a member of the Fayette HSC? If so we want you to be the first to tell your story this year the calendar is open! Share what you do to support consumers in Fayette County and beyond. Upcoming events? What better way to share with your fellow agencies?

**Whether you've got the time, the money, or just some unwanted Christmas gifts, there's a way for you to help!** Call Cheryl DeCarlo at 724-425-1818 x10 to get involved!

## About FCHSC

The Fayette County Human Service Council is a 501(c)(3) non-profit whose mission is to improve the quality and delivery of health, human and education service. Mobilizing community resources through partnerships with business, government, religious and community organization, the Council plans, researches, analyzes, educates and advocates.

## We still need...

**Re-gifting items** for Fun Fest Auction Baskets

**Volunteers** for the Fun Fest

**NEW MEMBERS!!**

**AGENCY  
CORNER**  
*Please reserve  
your month to let  
your agency  
shine!*

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