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Community Action Bids Farewell  
to 5 Outgoing Board Members

At its monthly meeting on August 21 the Garrett County Community Action Committee (GCCAC) Board of Directors recognized five board members with terms expiring in October.

Outgoing board members and their affiliations include: Mayor Jim Browning, Kitzmiller; Mary Frantz, Friendsville; Roger Kifer, Food Resources Board; Mayor Asa McCain, Economic Development Corporation; and Kendra Todd, Garrett County Health Department.

Lowell Bender, chairman of the GCCAC board said that each of these persons has served GCCAC and the community in this role for the past five years and has contributed greatly to Community Action's efforts to improve the quality of life for low- and moderate-income residents in the county. These individuals served as volunteer directors without any compensation and assumed substantial responsibility for governing an important community organization, Bender stated.

Duane Yoder, GCCAC President, said letters were mailed last week inviting new and existing organizations and communities to name a person to represent them on the GCCAC board. New groups are the Grantsville (to replace Friendsville), and the Homeless Roundtable (to replace the Food Resources Board). Kitzmiller, the Garrett County Development Corporation, the Department of Social Services and the Health Department will retain seats on the board. Yoder said that the communities of Grantsville and Kitzmiller will hold a public meeting to select a representative.

Mr. Yoder thanked the outgoing board members for their years of service and dedication to their communities; he is looking forward to working with the new board members, who will be announced at the October 16 board meeting. He said that Community Action's board meetings, which generally fall on the third Thursday of the month, are open to the public and he encourages county citizens to become involved.