

Community Action Honors Pathway Planning Clients

The Garrett County Community Action Committee held its first Pathway Planning Recognition dinner earlier this month at the Mary Browning Center in Oakland. The nonprofit agency honored 22 individuals who reached "significant" goals toward self-sufficiency for their families.

Twelve of those who reached their goals were in attendance and were awarded certificates and gift cards celebrating their successes.

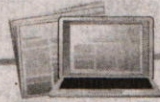
In addition to the honorees, the event was attended by coordinators who had partnered with the clients in reaching their goals, GCCAC staff, and several board members.

Speakers for the evening included GCCAC president Duane Yoder, vice president Pam Nelson, and Julie Yoder, Garrett College's dean of continuing education. Thomas Dolan, family engagement coordinator, served as the master of ceremonies

lies toward greater success," said Ryan Miller, Community Action's family self-sufficiency manager.

He said each of these families, and their coordinators, partnered toward a variety of targets, including home ownership, stable employment, obtaining driver's licenses, completing certificate-level courses at Garrett College, starting a small business, completing a master's degree, and learning /activating budgeting practices that led to greater financial security, now and in the future.

"This is what Community Action is about, you," President Yoder told the clients attending the Pathway Recognition dinner.



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"SELF-SUFFICIENT" FAMILIES HONORED – Garrett County Community Action held its first Pathway Recognition dinner earlier this month, honoring 22 individuals who reached "significant" goals toward self-sufficiency for their families. Pictured, from left, are GCCA president Duane Yoder, service coordinator Ginger Clark, and honoree Tami Hintz. Pathway planning is a personalized client-directed process whereby participants partner with a coach to set and pursue goals that lead to "stronger families and greater self-sufficiency." See story.