



WHITACRE NAMED GCCA VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR – Garrett County Community Action recently honored Alysia Whitacre as its Volunteer of the Year at the GCCA 23rd annual Volunteer Banquet. Whitacre is shown above middle, with Child & Family Development director Tracy Bowman and Garrett County Community Action president Duane Yoder. Whitacre and her husband Brandon have been involved with Early Head Start and Head Start for almost nine years, along with their three children, Zander, Weslee and Saige. Alysia has volunteered in classrooms, and in 2014 became a parent representative on the Policy Council. In 2015, she was elected as the Policy Council chairperson, and is always willing and available to help with staff interviews, special meetings, and planning activities/events. Whitacre has attended the Maryland Head Start Association conferences and

served as the 2014 state representative. In addition, she attends family activities offered through E/HS and the Judy Center. In October of 2015, Alysia was hired as a substitute for Child and Family Development. According to a GCCA spokesperson, "Alysia has taken on many challenging assignments as a substitute and shows a lot of potential working with children and families. Her engagement in the program has been instrumental in creating a positive and upbeat group attitude with our Policy Council."