April: Helping Others Succeed

April, like so many young parents, is juggling a lot on the weekend with her three children and so arrives late to share her story. And although her first interaction with GCCAC was through the energy assistance program, it was the Head Start program she focuses on.

“Any parent wants their child to excel,” April says. She explains that although Head Start helped all three of her children, she was particularly grateful for the change in her daughter who went from being non-verbal to saying, “How was your day, Mom?” She credits this transition to the important social skills the children learn in Head Start as well as the early “letters and numbers.”

April became involved with the Head Start governance program and in her activities learned about hiring, attendance, and budgeting. Through her volunteer work, her confidence grew. She earned two associates degrees and went from a stay-at-home mom to working full-time for Head Start.

Through the Pathway Program, she also learned about budget management, and her family has set goals based on their dreams for the future. Their next goal is home ownership and through the First Time Homebuyer workshop, they learned about the Habitat for Humanity program and are working with Habitat toward home ownership.

Community Action also made her aware of the Dual Generation Program to help the parent and the children succeed together. “I’ve learned a lot about Community Action,” she says. “Now, I want to help others learn what is possible here.”

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