Welcome!
The CASEWV family is proud to have a quarterly newsletter to keep you up-to-date with the many things that are happening within the agency. With an average of 300 employees, 12 great programs and an annual budget of $15,000,000.00, we are dedicated to our communities growing stronger and achieving stability.

“Spring” Into New Beginnings!
It is obvious the transformation that Spring brings to our surroundings and our attitudes. Life just feels lighter and we tend to sprout more energetic ideas in hopes that they will take root, grow and be productive. Like the many beautiful, fragrant blossoms that signal a new beginning in nature, may your new beginnings this spring season be filled with lots of great and inspiring moments.

How amazing that a young group of 20 students from the University of Georgia would choose to spend their spring break right here in Bluefield volunteering on a community cleanup project through CASEWV! On March 10th our Housing and Economic Development program welcomed the smiling faces at right who participate in the nationwide IMPACT project. Throughout the week their work at Highland Avenue and Cherry Street drew lots of attention from residents as they geared up in hard hats, masks and gloves to swing sledgehammers and carry out debris which was a first for many of them. These gifted students also spent time with the Bluefield Senior Friends at our center on Stadium Drive. The seniors and students took an active interest in each other and many great stories were exchanged. We wish to thank every single person for embracing our agency and making a big difference in our community during their working vacation. Your generous spirit of giving will be recognized for a long time to come.

For more information about all our programs please visit our website at www.casewv.org.
Executive Director’s Message: I would like to thank everyone who participated in our very “first” economic development conference in January. Your recognition of the work we do, and have done here in our community, was a pleasure to share. We take great pride in being recognized as a good example of community economic development and having projects that could be replicated in other places. With each agency having different needs to meet in their area it is imperative that we continue building stronger partnerships and exchanging new ideas to make us better. Gathering information from sources/resources that have already blazed the way gives us an advantage that we can all put on the table. Looking forward to next time. Oraetta Hubbard, Executive Director

The Promise of Community Action

Community Action changes people’s lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities and makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire community and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.

Important Upcoming Dates
April 16 - Bluefield Senior Center Birthday Party & Pot Luck
April 29-30 - WVCAP Conference - Charleston
May 14 - Staff Meeting
May 15 - Board Meeting
May 27 - Memorial Day - Agency Closed
June 7 - Newsletter - Staff Meeting
June 18 & 19 - Board Retreat - Pipestem
June 20 - West Virginia Day - Agency Closed
July 4th - CASEWV Staff & Friends Party & Bowen Field

We have been getting lots of press coverage lately. In March, Oraetta Hubbard, executive director of CASEWV along with Rachel McCarty (pictured at left) did a great radio interview with Dan Heyman, WV Public News Service Producer. This show reaches into Pennsylvania and Ohio. We were very complimented on how well our programs work and that “our secret” was building good foundations for the people we service. Full interview is online: http://www.publicnewsservice.org/index.php?content/article/31353-1

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