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September 10, 1996

SUBJECT: Brenda Joyner, AmeriCorp Member FY 1996
TO: AmeriCorp Coordinator, 28-00

This letter is in support of Ms. Brenda Joyner for the services she performed in Madison County as an AmeriCorp member during the past fiscal year.

Her willingness to devote two years of her life to service for her community is commendable. She has touched the lives of both the young and old through her tutoring of elementary age students at Nichols Elementary School, Canton MS and special projects such as assisting in the renovation of the Charles W. Bannerman Community Center in Flora, MS.

Day to day service at the local Rural Development Office resulted in a increased awareness of the programs offered by this Agency and an increase in productivity. Credit counseling and money management sessions on a one-on-one basis has helped to lower RH single family delinquencies and help those applicants whose loans were approved to become successful homeowners. There are no first year delinquent borrowers in this county.

The first goal of AmeriCorps is "getting things done", a challenge which Ms. Joyner has met well. We appreciate the opportunity to have served as her site supervisor.

Charlie M. Melton
CHARLIE M. MELTON
Rural Development Manager, 28-45

468 N. Liberty Street
Canton, Mississippi 39046
September 10, 1996

Brenda Joyner, Ameri-Corps Member, has been a great asset in helping my daughter Kyla Meeks, who was having trouble in reading. Mrs. Joyner was very instrumental in improving Kyla's reading skills, and in doing so improved her self-esteem.

I personally feel that this reading program is needed in all schools. Phasing out this program would deprive children of much needed help.

Respectfully Yours,
Julen G. Johnson



Queen Johnson and daughter
Kyla Meeks (student McNeal School)

119 Cleo Clark Road
Canton, MS 39046
September 9, 1996

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter to share how Mrs. Brenda Joyner, Americorp Member, helped me save my home from foreclosure. She telephoned me and made a personal visit to my home and informed me of the fact that the loan on my home was about to be foreclosed. After informing me of the situation, Mrs. Joyner directed me to a person who would be able to assist me in stopping the foreclosure of my home of seven years. During this time, I had had several tragedies in my life. My oldest son had been killed in an automobile accident and I had gone through an ugly divorce and had been left with four children.

Mrs. Joyner referred me to Mrs. Linda Stovall, the County Supervisor at that time. Mrs. Stovall talked to me and eventually I was granted a moratorium (suspension of payments for a given time period). This gave me a chance to catch up on my other bills and prepare myself for future house payments. If not for Mrs. Joyner, I would not have known about the services available for me. Because of her personal interest and concern for my family's well being, she helped me to keep the home that I probably would have lost otherwise. Thanks to her I am still a homeowner.

Sincerely,



Shirley Weatherspoon



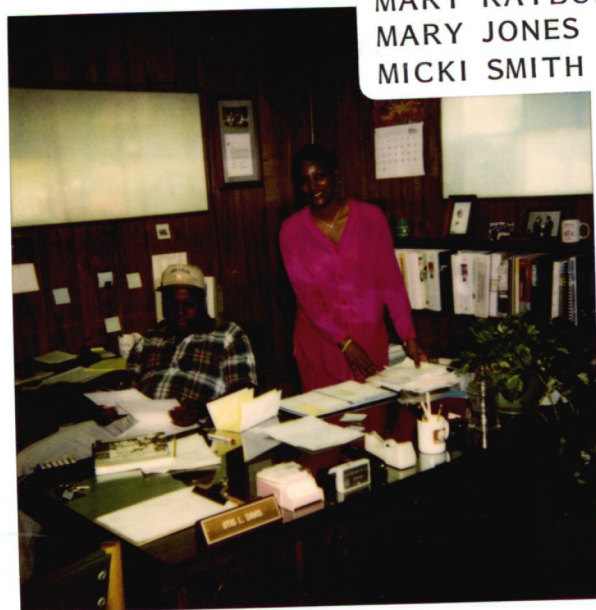
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EVELYN OSCAR (SECRETARY)



PARIE LEE WILLIAMS
ELDERLY APPLICANT
WAITING FOR A CHANCE TO
BECOME A NEW HOMEOWNER



FREDRICA BRENT
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
NEW HOMEOWNER



(L-R) CONNIE BANKS
GAIL WARD, RURAL DEVELOP-
MENT APPLICANT/HEADSTART
EMPLOYEE



(L-R)
ALICE BEALS AND GRACIE GREEN
PARENTING CENTER EMPLOYEES



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Another project of AmeriCorps Member Rebecca Marcotte is her volunteer work at the Adult Readiness Center. Rebecca is shown giving some pointers to Cynthia, a client of the Center. Also shown is Lenny and James getting training for the work force. One special project this quarter was a trip taken to New Iberia Park so that Rebecca could spend some personal time with the clients.



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Taylor House/Sabine Shelter

This historic two story former boarding house has been selected as the future site for the Sabine Shelter, a facility for victims of domestic violence. As an AmeriCorps Volunteer, I have been instrumental in the planning and development of this shelter, which should be open by May, 1996.



Thanksgiving Dinner for the Elderly

Thanksgiving dinner and BINGO games for the elderly were provided by the Council on Aging and the Toledo Lions Club on November 18, 1996. As volunteer coordinator of the Mayor's Youth Council, I provided eight youngsters to assist with this function by serving the dinners and helping with the BINGO games and prizes.



Linda Rigsby - Project Celebration in Many, LA. Linda has several projects her Youth Council she started has completed in the First Quarter.

Mayor's Youth Council Decorates Christmas Tree for Town of Many

Members of the Mayor's Youth Council decorated the Town of Many Christmas Tree in downtown Many for the Christmas season. The decorations were handmade and provided by students from Many Elementary School.



Mayor's Youth Council acts as Grand Marshal of the Christmas Parade

Members of the Mayor's Youth Council acted as Grand Marshal of the Town's annual Christmas Parade dressing as storybook characters such as Snow White, and Mickey and Minnie Mouse. Other members dressed as elves, presents, and toys and rode on the first float leading the parade.



Mayor's Youth Council Helps with Town of Many Moonlight Madness Sale

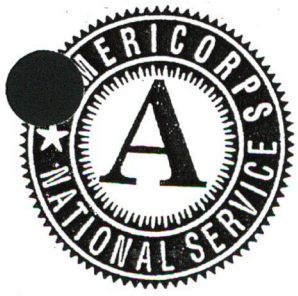
Members of the Mayor's Youth Council assisted with the Town of Many's Moonlight Madness sale by providing babysitting services at the Sabine Theater for a free movie offered by the Town. The sale was an effort by local merchants to promote a "shop at home" atmosphere for Sabine Parish.



Theater Clean-Up Efforts

Mayor's Youth Council member Tonia Rigsby and two young participants take time out after the free movie to clean up the theater from the evenings festivities.





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Morehouse council Members- Mable Watkins- Counsel Director(sitting)
Jesse Brown-Sheriff's Deputy (sitting)
Detention Center Inmates(standing)



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Council members -

Jesse Brown - Sheriff's Deputy

Mable Watkins - Council Director

~~Prison~~ Detention Center Inmates



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This has been a long day! Clarence Watkins (tag along member)



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Our little helper



This has been a long day! Clarence Watkins (tag along member) -

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Morehouse Parish Youth Council- Arts & Crafts Festival, Bastrop Fair grounds. Preparation of food.

Preparing food for a potential customer.



AmeriCorps Member Theresa Smith, along with volunteers from the community, are teaming up to clean up the Town of Cullen. Residents are cutting down rotten trees, picking up old boards, and picking up trash on empty lots. Shown here are several residents hard at work with Theresa. Other residents are burying bricks that can not be burned in a fire or taken off by a garbage truck.



AmeriCorps Member Jessica Dean stationed in the Marksville Local RECD Office is shown here volunteer with local students with the DARE Project. Jessica is helping the students write their Graduation Essays to show what they have learned through the DARE Program.

