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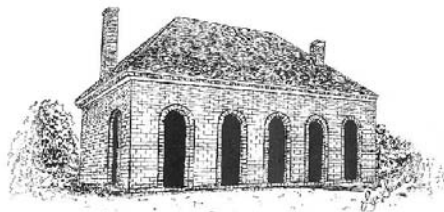
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**HANOVER COUNTY'S DONNA DOUGLAS RECEIVES
AWARD FROM VIRGINIA EXTENSION SERVICE**

Donna Douglas, Director of Hanover County's Department of Social Services, received the "Friend of Family Nutrition Program (FNP)" Award from Virginia Cooperative Extension last week. Douglas was recognized for her efforts in promoting and utilizing the Smart Choices Nutritional Education Program (SCNEP).

SCNEP offers a series of research-based nutrition classes free to anyone receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance (formerly known as Food Stamps) or who has a below-average income level. Class topics include Food Safety, Stretching Food Dollars, Menu Planning and Understanding Nutritional Food Labels, among others.

Douglas was recognized for recommending that Hanover Department of Social Services clients take advantage of the resources SNAP-ED offers their clients. She is believed to be the first Hanover County person to receive the "Friend of FNP" Award.

Judy Midkiff, MS, Project Associate for Operations and Marketing for the Virginia Cooperative Extension, Southeast District, presented the award to Douglas at the Nov. 10 Hanover Board of Supervisors meeting.

"Donna and her staff have also recommended our program to several outreach programs in Hanover, including the Health Department, Community Resources and church groups," said Sharyn Moore, who coordinates the Nutritional Education Program in Hanover. "Donna has proven to many she deserves this award because of her dedication and constant efforts to provide the education her clients and others need to survive in today's hard economic times."

"Although my name is on the award, the real recognition goes to members of my staff and our community partners who are dedicated to providing our citizens with better nutritional opportunities," Douglas said.

Douglas has been Hanover's Director of Social Services since 1993.

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