

## A Time to Give: UCCA WIA YOUTH

Union County Community Action, Inc. WIA Youth program began collecting canned foods and used clothes in November 2011 as a group community service project.

**Children's Clothing Drive**

WIA Youth program will collect gently used children's clothes to serve Union County residences in need. These items will serve individuals through the Christmas Bureau. Please aid us in making this a successful experience for all!



GENTLY used  
Coats,  
Shirts,  
Pants,  
Shoes.

Donations Collected from NOW until December 15, 2011

**Please put donated clothes in BOX !**

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Leadership Development Center  
Employment & Training Programs  
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Monroe, NC 28310  
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**CAN FOOD DRIVE**



WHAT ONE CAN DO?



No act of kindness, however small, is ever wasted."  
-Aesop

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Flyers announcing Can Food and Clothing Drive

WIA Youth participants distributed items collected on December 8<sup>th</sup> to several local community agencies.



Natalie and Jeanette loading up items as we prepare to deliver.

Canned food items were taken to the Union County Christmas Bureau to be distributed to the families in need. Dajour's current worksite is at the UC Christmas Bureau which is operated by the Department of Social Services. He provided a tour to his peers showing how items are collected and sorted.

Dajour pointing out the various stations for processing donated items at the Christmas Bureau.



Several of the parenting youth participants donated clothing their children no longer needed. We took the donated children's clothes to Crisis Pregnancy Center. Youth were provided a tour of their facility that included how they organize and process all donations and provide them to the parents in need.



Our last destination was at Union County Homeless Shelter. Youth participants donated adult size clothes to this agency. A tour concluded our visit which highlighted the living quarters of the residents and the meals provided to the community.



UC Homeless Shelter

The following quotes are thoughts from WIA youth participants about their community service project.

"I thought the trip was a good experience because I was able to see new things and it made me more thankful for what I have." Dajour

"This experience really opened my eyes and showed me how hard some people have it; I appreciate everything I have a little more." Natalie

"This experience made me grateful for what I got and appreciate the freedom I have. I really enjoyed giving back to the community today." Jeanette

"It made me feel good to give to the ones that need it." Raven

"This experience made me realize that no matter how bad things get in my life, people are worse off than me and I need to appreciate things. Overall, this was a good experience." Erin

"This experience pinpointed how other people are really struggling, about homelessness in Union County, and the need of toys and clothes for children. I really think we did a good deed as a group." Lidia