



Annual Report Caldwell County 2011

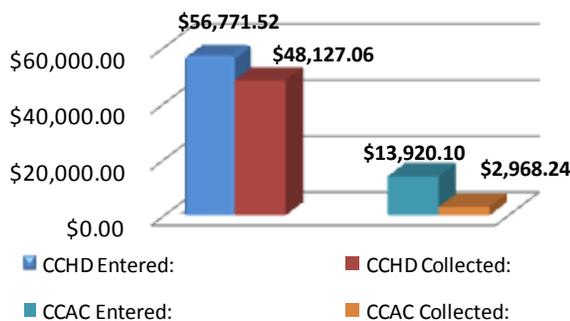


Animal Shelter Open House

On Saturday October 8th, the Caldwell County Animal Shelter and the Caldwell County Humane Society hosted an open house. During the event, the Shelter showcased facility upgrades such as fresh paint, floor resurfacing and more. CCAC used this open house as an opportunity to offer free rabies vaccinations and other shots for a nominal fee. The Caldwell County Humane Society provided \$20 vouchers to dog and cat owners to be used for spaying or neutering their pets.

Shelter renovations were made possible by the Caldwell County Board of Commissioners and generous donations received by the Caldwell County Humane Society after the Mason Creek Kennel incident, where more than 275 dogs were seized from the suspected puppy mill. With assistance from the Humane Society of the United States and numerous volunteers, all of the animals rescued were placed in foster homes or were adopted.

NC Dept Setoff Program Totals 2011



Caldwell County Health Department and Caldwell County Animal Control participate in the North Carolina Debt Setoff Program. This program assists North Carolina's local governments with the recovery of any delinquent debts by offsetting debtors' North Carolina state tax refunds and Education lottery winnings.

Women's Health

2011 brought many changes to Women's Health: Maternity Care Coordination, or The Baby Love Program, was eliminated and the Division of Medical Assistance developed a Pregnancy Medical Home Project. This project allows private OB providers as well as Public Health agencies to become a Pregnancy Medical Home (PMH). Caldwell County Health Department enrolled as a PMH provider. The goal is to provide evidence-based, high quality prenatal care to Medicaid recipients, thereby improving birth outcomes and reducing Medicaid costs. High-risk pregnant women in a PMH receive case management services. The level of service provided is in proportion to the individual's identified needs. Case managers, who are members of the Women's Health Team, closely monitor the pregnancy through regular contact with the patient and physician to promote a healthy birth outcome. Care management services are provided until two months postpartum. For more information about this program, contact Women's Health at 426-8488.

Susan G. Koman

Pink was the color of choice at the Caldwell County Human Services building in September. Employees from the Health Department and the Department of Social Services participated in numerous fund raising activities to support the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure.

A total of \$750.00 was raised by these two county agencies.

Members of the Susan G. Komen Fund Raising Committee were Kristy Money, Libby Clark, Jami Bentley, Brooke Winebarger and Betsy Pierce.

Health Education

In 2011, The Blue Cross and Blue Shield Foundation selected Caldwell County as a "Sparkplug Community" and awarded \$33,000 in funding to generate short-term, high impact programs focusing on healthy eating and physical activity. The Caldwell County Health Department was a recipient of a \$3,000 Sparkplug Mini-Grant for the development of an additional Farmer's Market in the southern end of the county. With the support of the Town of Sawmills, NC Cooperative Extension, Health Department Staff and local farmers, the Sawmills Farmer's Market opened June 7, 2011 with over 30 vendors and more than 800 visitors. The excitement of a new farmer's market, live music, and home grown vegetables kept visitors coming long after the vendors ran out of fresh produce. The market opened every Tuesday and saw an average of 600 customers each week. Mayor Bob Gibbs has been quoted as saying "This Farmer's Market is the best thing that could have happened in Sawmills.' Opening day for next season is scheduled for early May 2012.



Breast and Cervical Control Program

Clinic exceeded target numbers for the "Breast and Cervical Control Program" and diagnosed four breast cancers and one cervical cancer for FY 2011-2012. Without this program, these cancers may not have been detected until much later and these women may not have received treatment.

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