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CCCC moves office to Center For Siouxland

Angela Chacon is Center For Siouxland's new 2-1-1 Director. Chacon joins the agency following her work at Consumer Credit Counseling as a Certified Financial Counselor/Education & Marketing Manager. Besides working at Center For Siouxland, she is a traditional reservist at Offutt AFB, NE. Her previous jobs were Technical Director for a company in Omaha, and Middle School Teacher in Bloomington, Indiana.



Chacon

She is the daughter of an Air Force Master Sergeant and joined the service the year her father retired. Her Air Force career has spanned over 17 years. She is now a Master Sergeant in the Air force Reserves and is the Education and Training Manager for a medical unit consisting of nearly 200 individuals. Her father's and her military careers have given Chacon many opportunities to visit other countries including Europe, Central and South America, and the Orient. Having grown up in Latin America, she speaks Spanish fluently.

Prior to her positions in Sioux City, Chacon worked as an Air Force Air Reserve Technician—Health Services Manager at Offutt AFB, NE. Her hobbies include traveling, skiing, fishing, hiking, reading, singing, and gardening. She is engaged to Brad Bernhardt, a native of Sioux City. Of her travels, Chacon enjoys the Midwestern people along with their love for family and their land.

Chacon's other responsibilities at her present position includes community service coordination along with researching and writing various grants.

Brenda Noll is the new Emergency Assistance/Family Shelter Coordinator at Center For Siouxland. Her responsi-

bilities include shelter placement and emergency assistance including utility, prescription & food assistance.

Noll is a native of Sioux City. Prior to joining Center For Siouxland her work has focused on early childhood development while working directly with children and their families. Not only has she worked for various non-profit agencies, Noll has also worked as a college instructor and has prepares taxes during tax season.

Noll always enjoys going home after a busy day at the office to her energetic 4 legged child named Riley B (often times confused for a black lab) .

Kari Hildring, Center for Siouxland's new Community Housing Case Manager, is a 2004 cum laude graduate of Briar Cliff University (BCU) who also received a Distinguished Senior Continuing Education Award. Along with single-parenthood, academics, and employment, Hildring coordinated the BCU Food Supplemental Program and completed a volunteer component at CSADV.



Hildring

One of the most valuable lessons learned from faculty and students of Western Iowa Tech Community College and BCU is that citizens can change circumstances surrounding their lives. Such realization led to legislative adventures at the Iowa State Capitol, lobbying national representatives in Washington D. C., and returning to D.C. to complete an honor society internship at the Dept. of Education.

Music has been a key component of Hildring's journey and inspired the development of a first time honor society event at the community college: Streams of Consciousness. Performed by student and faculty this event demonstrated how water has influenced a variety of arts over the centuries.

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The "Giving Season" is upon us.....

2nd Annual Diaper Drop brings much needed supplies for babies/toddlers



Nearly 80 packages of diapers were collected at this year's Annual Diaper Drop. "This item is one that few people think about when it comes to the basic needs provided through our programs," says Fran Rochester, Emergency Services V.P., "With a package of diapers averaging anywhere from \$6-\$8, they represent a big percentage of an already sparse grocery budget." When the idea arose with regard to coordinating a specific drive for diapers, Center For Siouxland thought it was a wonderful idea. This year's event was Dec. 10 at the HyVee-Southern Hills Mall and was sponsored by KSUX Radio who broadcasted live from the event for



Disc Jockey Ryan Reed stands among grocery carts full of donated diapers.

News Director, Cowboy Bob goes on air with Center For Siouxland's, Brenda Noll.



Young and old, shared with the less fortunate of Siouxland.

the entire day. The giving, as well as heartwarming stories, were an inspiration.

Schools collect 6 mo. food supply



East Middle & East High School joined forces once again for Siouxland's needy.



In collecting 15,000+ food items, Center For Siouxland's Food Pantry will be able to continue helping the

More than a dozen students helped fill a van with boxes of much needed grocery items. Faculty members also assisted.

more than 250 individuals who seek assistance

on a monthly basis. According to David Somsy, Middle School Guidance Counselor and Food Drive Coordinator, "Students look forward to ways in which they can make a difference in this world. Couple this with some fun competition among their peers and the results speak for themselves." Although Center For Siouxland's storage shelves are stacked to the ceiling, it's amazing how quickly the supply dwindles. Jan Klimiades, Center for Siouxland CEO, challenges other organizations,

churches, schools and businesses to do their part in aiding the less fortunate in this area. For more information on organizing a food drive, contact Sharla Gradert at 252-1861 x25.

Help "bridge" the gap through one of ten Center For Siouxland programs...join the Bridge Club



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