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CATAWBA COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES EMPLOYEE RECEIVES STATEWIDE AWARD

HICKORY -- Chandra Henson, an adult services social worker at Catawba County Social Services, received the Member of the Year Award from the N.C. Adult Foster Care Association at the group's annual meeting.

Henson's primary duty is monitoring and licensing adult care homes (assisted living facilities) in Catawba County. She also assists those who are seeking placement in adult care homes. She was nominated for the award by Rodney Franklin, her supervisor.

The award is given annually to an outstanding member of the N.C. Adult Foster Care Association. The mission of this organization is to advocate for the needs and rights of residents in long term care and participants in adult day settings through consistent interpretation and application of stated laws, policies and regulations.

In the nomination form, Franklin wrote: "Chandra has a passion for ensuring quality care for residents of adult care homes and excels at providing guidance for facility owners and operators. She strives to be as knowledgeable as possible in all areas of policy and procedure and is respected in the field as a 'go to' person when others need assistance."



Margaret Kirkman (left), president of the N.C. Adult Foster Care Association, presents the Member of the Year award to Chandra Henson of Catawba County Social Services for her dedication and outstanding performance as an adult services social worker

The award is known to those in the field as the Beverley Wheeler Award. It was first given to Wheeler, who was an adult home specialist in Pitt County for 30 years.

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