



The Oklahoma Department of Human Services

The Ice Storm of 2000

It was never about just doing their jobs. When crippling ice storms struck parts of Oklahoma in December, employees from the Department of Human Services turned out to do what they do best — help others who are in need.

Even before the storms subsided . . . when ice-covered trees gave up and crashed to the ground . . . when the warmth and brightness provided by electricity failed . . . DHS workers were beginning to serve.

They slipped and slid and sloshed to their county offices to be ready to do whatever was needed. Where their offices were without power, they found power and set up emergency offices. They called to check on the elderly and the frail. And if they could not contact them, they took to the roads to knock on their doors and assure their needs were met. They coordinated with community resources to find and provide shelter and food.

The ghost of a would-be disaster — a 3-inch-thick, three-ring binder labeled Y2K Contingency Plan — became the guidelines for recovering from a very real disaster.

Thirty-nine counties were designated as disaster areas by the federal government. More than 56,000 households were eligible for and received disaster food stamps. More than 165,000 Oklahomans benefited — 80 percent of whom had not received services from DHS prior to the storms.

In the days and weeks that followed the

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Oklahoma ‘Best’ in Support of Older Americans Act

Oklahoma has received national recognition as best in the nation for advocacy efforts in support of the Older Americans Act renewed by Congress last fall.

The National Institute of Senior Centers, a part of the National Council on Aging, Washington, D.C., presented its Gavel of Excellence Award to Oklahoma for heroic collaboration contributing to the reauthorization of the Older Americans Act.

Oklahoma was cited for its statewide, coordinated advocacy campaign highlighted by a GI Joe and Rosie the Riveter poster, which was adopted throughout the nation to support the reauthorization.

Rick Teal, chairman of the Oklahoma Nutrition Association, accepted the award at the combined annual conferences of NCOA and the American Society on Aging held in New Orleans in March. In his acceptance, Teal introduced Judy Leitner, DHS Aging Services Division, who developed the GI Joe and Rosie poster concept and the public awareness campaign. Cecilia Monjaras, of the DHS Publications Section, designed the poster.

Kay Carter, who headed the Oklahoma

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storms, workers put in long hours processing the forms needed to provide emergency food stamps and assisting in bringing communities back to an even keel.

On March 13, those workers from county offices, area offices and state offices were recognized and honored by DHS Director Howard H. Hendrick for their contributions in helping

fellow Oklahomans through a very tough period.

It took 1,300 dedicated DHS workers. And, they weren't just doing their jobs.

Following are the names of those so honored.

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Association of Area Agencies on Aging when the campaign began, said in a letter to DHS Director Howard Hendrick that Roy Keen, Administrator of the Aging Service Division, was to be commended for his support of the advocacy effort.

Carter said the GI Joe and Rosie poster tugged at the heart-strings of people across the nation. The Aging Services Division provided the poster on computer disk to all 50 states. Reports are that 30 states printed their own posters using the Oklahoma model.

Carter, executive director of Grand Gateway Area Agency of Aging, said more than 3,000 posters were distributed in every office on Capitol Hill during fall legislative briefings conducted by the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging. Copies of the poster were presented at that time to President Bill Clinton; Donna Shalala, Secretary of Health and Human



Awaiting presentation of the award for excellence at the National Council on Aging conference are, from left, Nicki Carlsten, president of Oklahoma Association of Area Agencies on Aging; Rick Teal, Oklahoma Nutrition Association; and Judy Leitner, DHS Aging Services Division.

Services; and Jeannette Takamura, Assistant Secretary on Aging, who headed the Administration on Aging. Oklahoma's statewide effort included work by DHS, O4A,

Oklahoma Nutrition Association, AARP, the Oklahoma Indian Council on Aging and many state aging advocacy organizations.

Joan Clay Named Adair County Director

Joan Clay, a 17-year veteran of the Oklahoma Department of Human Services, has been named Director of the DS office in Adair County.

Joan is an experienced and enthusiastic leader with a great history of serving the community, said Judy Ann Wyatt, Area V Director. She has experience in all DHS programs and will be an asset to the Area V team.

Clay began her career as a LIHEAP worker at the DHS office in Choctaw County. She has served in Rogers County as a Social Worker and a Family Support Supervisor and in Tulsa County as a Senior Social Services Supervisor and a County Director.

I'm really looking forward to becoming a part of the community, said Clay. Adair County is a beautiful part of the state with some great people, and I plan on working hard to give them the best possible service.

Clay graduated from high school in Danbury, Texas. She earned her bachelor's degree in Education and Art from Houston Baptist University, Texas.

Clay has two children, Rodney, 19, and Jamie, 22. Her husband, Sam, who is a telecommunications engineer, also has two children, Teresa, 25, and Cindy, 32. Joan and Sam together have seven grandchildren.

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