

## GMN 45 YEAR EMPLOYEE RECOGNIZED

Guernsey, Monroe, Noble Tri-County Community Action Corporation recently recognized a long-tenured, 45 year staff member, Bonnie Carpenter, for her dedication and service to the underserved of our region.

Carpenter recalls “in 1977, I walked down the steps of the Beatty Avenue Head Start center saying I was looking for work. I was hired as a cook aide/custodian to begin and ending up doing several job positions throughout the years. Once I learned what GMN Head Start was all about and its dedication to serving young children and their families, I knew that is where I wanted to be. GMN HS helped put me through college and I obtained a bachelor’s degree from Ohio University while continuing to work for GMN through the day and going to college in the evenings. In 2012, I stepped into the role of HS/EHS Director. All of my adult life has been dedicated to the goals of the GMN Head Start and Early Head Start Programs, as I was still a teenager when I walked down those steps! I hope GMN Head Start and Early Head Start Programs continue for many more years past my time with the Programs, and continue to provide services to children and their families.”

Director Carpenter was presented a cherry wood, gold leaf plaque, recognizing her dedicated service, and a check for \$500!

GMN CEO, Gary Ricer, offered the highest praise for Bonnie. “She is a dedicated, loyal employee, has exhibited the highest level of commitment to those we serve!”. “Carpenter’s service in the education field continues to give our children a Head Start on a lifetime of learning!”

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Pictured L-R: Gary Ricer, GMN CEO, Bonnie Carpenter, H.S./E.H.S. Program Director

The GMN Tri-County CAC is a private, non-profit, community action agency. The agency strives, in cooperating with business, labor, government, and community organizations, to improve the quality of life for low-income residents of Guernsey, Monroe, and Noble Counties. GMN CAC offers programs in Direct Employment, Head Start, Home Energy Assistance, Senior Services, Senior Companions, Weatherization, Information and Referral, and several other programs. GMN CAC is an Equal Opportunity Employer.