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Thanksgiving Day Calls for a Turkey Giveaway

Hartsville, S.C.--November 16,2015, Judge Cody Mitchell and Darlington County First Steps (DCFS) gave 30 free turkeys to children and families for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Mitchell graciously provided DCFS with the opportunity to give 15 families from Darlington County Community Action Agency Head Start and 15 families who participate in any DCFS program, a free turkey for Thanksgiving.



Mitchell currently resides in Hartsville and is a native of Bethune, SC. He is a Judge for the city of Bethune, Trial Lawyer at Lucas Warr and White, LLC., a Captain at Judge Advocate General's Corps, United States Army and Captain for the United States Army Reserve. To add to his prestigious list, he worked as a Law Clerk for Setzler and Scott and the S.C. House of Representatives.

“With the holidays coming up, it’s supposed to be about making memories for families and especially with kids. Some of the most memorable moments are centered on a good meal” stated Mitchell. “Turkeys are the center piece for Thanksgiving, so I thought it would be a nice way to help families who are trying to help themselves and be able to have a nice meal for their family and for their children.”

“I chose to do the turkey giveaway through Darlington County First Steps and Darlington County Community Action Agency Head Start because I am very good friends with Darnell McPherson, and I know she knows exactly where the needs are and who a better person to go to, than the source who knows exactly where the help is needed” said Mitchell.

Darnell McPherson is the executive director of Darlington County First Steps. “I told her my idea and she loved it! She said if I took care of the turkeys then she would take care of the people” Mitchell said with a smile.



The Turkey Giveaway began at 3:30PM and ended at 4:30PM. Distribution took place at the Dad-Cave located on St. Joseph Head Start's campus, on 307 W. Washington Street, Hartsville.

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The Dad-Cave is a project operated by DCFS which is open to fathers in the Darlington County area. “As people come for their free gifts, we get a chance to talk with them about the services offered here at the Dad-Cave. We want fathers to know there is a place for them” said Parents Are First project director, Brenda Ayers.



The Dad-Cave’s services include: peer counseling, educational guidance, job readiness training, parenting group sessions, and other support services.

Darlington County First Steps is a county partnership of South Carolina First Steps that serves children and families in Darlington, Society Hill, Lamar, and Hartsville. DCFS works to ensure the most efficient resources are readily available so children will be ready for school success. For more information about the organization find them on Facebook or visit www.darlingtoncountyfirststeps.org.