



HENRICO COUNTY VIRGINIA

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Henrico County has received 13 awards - more than any other Virginia county - from the National Association of Counties (NACo) Achievement Award Program. The awards were presented at the 2003 NACo annual conference, held July 11-15 in Milwaukee.

The NACo Achievement Award Program recognizes innovative, successful county government programs annually in a broad range of service areas, including arts and historic preservation, parks and recreation, county administration, human services, health and education. The program started in 1970 as part of a nationwide campaign to modernize county government and improve its level of service.

The awards honored 13 Henrico programs developed and implemented in 2002 by six county agencies. Topping the list of honors for the county was the "Best in Category" award received by Henrico County Public Schools for its new program "K-12 Planet: The On-Line, Anytime Academic Performance Information Tool." The program gives parents and students around-the-clock access, via the Internet, to student academic performance and homework assignments, enhancing parental involvement in student academic development and providing an additional way for parents and teachers to communicate and share information. Other award-winning Henrico programs were:

- ◆ "Open Arms? Open Eyes! Power, Control and Abuse in Teen Relationships," Commonwealth's Attorney's Office;
- ◆ "A Non-Traditional Approach to Recruitment," Department of Human Resources;
- ◆ "Planning for Continued Excellence - Henrico County's Critical Issues Process," Department of Human Resources and County Manager's Office;
- ◆ "Wellness: An Employee Education Program," Department of Human Resources;
- ◆ "SAM: The Smart Solution for Public Library Computers," Public Library;
- ◆ "Urban Mixed Use Development Guidelines," Planning Office;
- ◆ "Commercial Assistance Team," Planning Office;
- ◆ "Proffer Web Page," Planning Office;
- ◆ "Henrico County Public Schools Communication Committee," Schools;
- ◆ "In-House On-Line Professional Development," Schools;
- ◆ "On-Line Essentials of the Curriculum Cards," Schools;
- ◆ "Teacher Recruitment Program CD," Schools.

For more information, go to www.co.henrico.va.us/manager/naco03.htm or call 501-4276.

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The Henrico County Department of Social Services has been chosen by leading hair care company Hair Cuttery to join the 2003 Share-A-Haircut campaign Aug. 1-15 to help provide free back-to-school haircuts for underprivileged children in the area.

Young people in Henrico and throughout the Richmond metropolitan area can participate in the campaign by getting a haircut at a local Hair Cuttery salon from Aug. 1-15. For each haircut purchased by a young person up to age 18, Hair Cuttery will donate a free haircut to children served by Henrico's Department of Social Services. Qualifying children will receive a certificate for a free haircut before the new school year. The 2003 Share-A-Haircut campaign hopes to donate 500 haircuts to area children.

"Henrico Social Services is proud to have been selected by Hair Cuttery as a beneficiary agency for this outstanding program," said Community Resource Developer Terry Willie-Surratt. "We encourage local residents to participate and help meet the campaign's goals."

A nationwide program, the annual Share-A-Haircut campaign is designed to boost the self-esteem of underprivileged young people by helping them feel confident about their appearance before they return to school in the fall. The campaign hopes to provide 50,000 free haircuts nationwide this year. Call 501-4091 for more information.

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The Henrico County Extension Office will offer the management update "How to Make Your Money Go Further" on Thursday, July 24, from

The Henrico County Extension Office will offer the money-management workshop "How to Make Your Money Go Further" on Thursday, July 24, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Human Services Building Board Room, 8600 Dixon Powers Drive. Workshop participants will learn basic money-management tips as well as ways to help stretch their income.

Other topics include setting financial goals, creating budgets, keeping financial records and understanding credit. Participants will receive a workbook and additional materials. The workshop is free and open to the public. The deadline to register is Tuesday, July 22. Call 501-5160 for more information

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