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News Release

Jackie Morgan Honored with NC GlaxoSmithKline Foundation Child Health Recognition Award

October 6, 2014, Monroe, NC – Jackie Morgan, Union County Division of Public Health's Health Promotions Supervisor has received a Public Health Staff Recognition Child Health Recognition Award by the North Carolina GlaxoSmithKline Foundation.

The Public Health Staff Recognition Award is given to full or part-time employees or retirees of a local health department in recognition of their outstanding service in preventive health activities in their local community. Morgan was awarded a NC GlaxoSmithKline Foundation Child Health Recognition Award for her abilities to creatively stretch dollars to help children and families. In her position as health promotions supervisor for the Union County Division of Public Health, Morgan is successful at finding creative ways to make dollars go much further, and starting programs to help children and their families live healthier lives.

Realizing that parents needed healthier food options for their families, Morgan helped create the first farmer's market at the Division of Public Health. This made it easier for mothers to use their vouchers to choose healthy options without the added stress of finding transportation to a local market.

She also led collaborative efforts to recruit local master gardeners to create the first community vegetable garden for almost 200 children enrolled in the Union County Boys and Girls Clubs. She helped implement the "Smiles" program, providing healthy oral hygiene for preschool children. These and many other programs are possible because of Morgan's energy, creativity and commitment to healthier Union County children.