

# C.E.F.S. Economic Opportunity Corporation



## 2010 FAMILY OF DISTINCTION The Kelly Bulmann-Nelin Family

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As a part of the 2010 National Community Action Month, C.E.F.S. Economic Opportunity Corporation recently honored a very distinct family for their personal achievements. The Kelly Bulmann-Nelin family of Sullivan was recognized at the May C.E.F.S. board of directors meeting for overcoming great personal obstacles in their pursuit of self-sufficiency. The Bulmann-Nelin family efforts were made in order to become more independent and to improve the quality of life for their family. The Bulmann-Nelin's have been enrolled in the C.E.F.S. intensive case management family community development program that has been leading to life-changing results for the family. The Bulmann-Nelin family was nominated for the award by the C.E.F.S. case management staff for the significant strides the family made in their pursuit of self-sufficiency since first seeking help from the agency.



The Kelly Bulmann-Nelin Family are the recipients of the 2010 Family of Distinction Award.

Pictured Left to Right: First Vice-Chairperson Jean Finley, Kelly Bulmann-Nelin, and Austin and Corey Nelin

The Bulmann-Nelin family will also be recognized in May by the Illinois Association of Community Action Agencies in Springfield as one of the outstanding Illinois families overcoming obstacles to achieve self-sufficiency. On May 16, 2010, many families from across Illinois will be honored for their personal achievements to improve their lives.

Kelly Bulmann-Nelin of Sullivan is a middle-age mother of two boys, Austin and Corey. Bulmann-Nelin sought assistance from the agency to better her family life. The Bulmann-Nelin family sought assistance through the transitional housing program, the food pantry, and intensive case management services. During the intensive case management Bulmann set personal goals to become more self-sufficient. Kelly Bulmann-Nelin said that, "The local office staff have answered my questions, been my personal advocate and given me the strength to remain positively motivated in the right direction". Kelly Bulmann-Nelin stated that, "Being able to utilize the C.E.F.S. services available to our family has been a great benefit to our family and truly prepared us to achieve self-sufficiency and personal success."

According to Bri Griffith, C.E.F.S. Outreach Housing Programs Manager, "Kelly stands out to me because she is one of the most hard-working and determined people I have ever met."

The Bulmann-Nelin family has experienced many personal obstacles and with sheer determination she has overcome these obstacles by being determined and hard-working. Kelly has been participating in the Community Service Block Grant Program transitional housing program funded by federal stimulus funding, under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Bulmann-Nelin is planning to complete the transitional housing program in September.

Kelly Bulmann-Nelin is currently employed at Arrows Bar and Grill. Her future plans are would like to finish her real estate license and begin a new career.

According to C.E.F.S. Moultrie County Coordinator, Barbara Waymire, "The Kelly Bulmann-Nelin family was very hardworking and appreciative of the services from C.E.F.S. which truly helped give them the chance to live a better life while at the same time working towards self-sufficiency." Waymire went on to say that, "we are truly proud of Bulmann-Nelin family and successes achieved with her family and in her community."

C.E.F.S. Economic Opportunity Corporation is a not for profit, community action agency providing comprehensive human service programs for the people in Clay, Effingham, Fayette, Shelby, Moultrie, Christian, and Montgomery counties. The agency mission is to provide opportunities for people through education and support to achieve and maintain self-sufficiency.

C.E.F.S. Economic Opportunity Corporation has been providing effective social services for over forty-five years for people within the seven county service area. C.E.F.S. is a comprehensive human service provider providing direct services, referrals, and linkages to address the issues facing limited-income residents and providing local community solutions to meet those needs.

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