

# **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **Over 700 people attended Community Action Fair/Project Connect**

**CENTREVILLE---**The October 7 Community Action Fair/Project Connect event sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society of Glen Oaks Community College and the St. Joseph County Department of Human Services provided 730 people visits with 21 agencies. The event was held on the college Concourse at the Centreville campus.

Visitors received information on legal, health care, education, financial assistance, food/nutrition and housing. Early Childhood Education students at Glen Oaks offered free childcare service for 22 youngsters. Free donated winter coats, clothing, hygiene items and a lunch were given to participants. Fresh Solutions Farms generously donated 1000 lbs. of potatoes to those in need. Glen Oaks Community College students volunteered 146.5 accumulated hours to help make the event a success.

Some alarming numbers which came from the activity, according to event leaders:

- 70% of the participants were unemployed and single
- 36% were age 18 to 25
- 16% were age 52 and over
- 34% of participants sought information on financial assistance
- 32% of participants sought information on education assistance
- 19% of participants sought housing assistance and health care