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Citizens Employees Concerned about Safety

Floyd, VA - Associated Citizens Employees (ACE) recently conducted a Bike Safety Rodeo at the Citizens Complex on Webbs Mill Road. The event was sponsored by the non-profit employee group who applied and was awarded a Bike Smart Virginia Bicycle Helmet/Rodeo Mini-Grant. This grant enabled the group to invite elementary school aged children (ages 5 – 13; grades K-7) to participate in *“It’s Cool to be a Hard Head – Wear a Helmet”* Bike Safety Rodeo.

ACE partnered with local businesses to provide five safety stations: Bike Inspection, Helmet Fitting, Hand Signals, Helmet Decorating and Finger Printing. An obstacle course was designed by Citizens Engineering team giving participants the opportunity to use their bike riding skills and hand signals taught during the educational session by Human Resource Manager, Rita Turpin.

Each participant received a bike safety inspection from Dave Abraham of Hokie Spokes, a blinking reflector from Dirk Davis of Dirk Davis Insurance, a water bottle from David Blevins of State Farm Insurance, a pair of sunglasses from Citizens, and helmet decorations were funded by the Farm Bureau Women’s Committee. Each participant also received a hot dog lunch compliments of ACE.

“We appreciate everyone who attended and look forward to expanding the obstacle course and adding relay games for our bike participants next year” stated Greg Sapp, Citizens General Manager. “This was a fun event and a good opportunity to incorporate some of the youth of our community to assist. It was

nice to have the assistance of Vincent Osborne, Gabriel and Gretchen Whitlock, and Michaela Worrell. Giving back to the community is what ACE is all about” stated Rita Turpin.

ACE (Associated Citizens Employees) Community Solutions is a non-profit organization committed to corporate citizenship. ACE supports communities through generous financial contributions, in-kind donations, and employee volunteerism. ACE volunteers involved in organizing the Bike Safety Rodeo were: Penny Bower, Eddie Bower, Judy Dickerson, Tina Osborne, Louise Thompson, Greg Sapp, Rita Turpin, Dennis Whitlock, Kerri Williams, and Lori Worrell.

The sole purpose of ACE is to support our members and to invest in the future of area citizens through contributions, programs, and projects that encourage individual prosperity and build communities through charitable, educational, recreational, and technological partnerships.

For more information about ACE, contact Citizens at 745-2111 or visit <http://citizens.coop/customerservice/community>