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Citizen Receives Awards for Exemplifying Community Action

ROCKFORD, Ill. – This week, the Illinois Community Action Family of Distinction Award and Community Action Agency of Winnebago and Boone Counties Certificate were presented to Rockford resident **Shelese Meadows**. These annual awards are given to one family who exemplifies what community action is about – achieving self-sufficiency.

For years, Shelese, a single mother, relied on the PIPP (Percentage of Income Payment Plan) Program to help make ends meet. This program allows eligible clients to pay a percentage of their income, receive a monthly benefit towards their utility bill, and a reduction in overdue payments for every on-time payment they make by the bill due date. Shelese believes the PIPP Program allowed her to attend school and put her on a path to success. With her completed education and new job, she now earns too much to be eligible for the program.

This award highlights the work of the Community Action Agency of Winnebago and Boone Counties. The public is invited to learn more about the agency's work during an Open House on Friday, May 31, from 1 to 4 p.m. at 612 Church Street.

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