



*Denise Holt*

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## 2021 Adult Honoree Cocke County

Denise is the Webster's Dictionary definition of serving others and getting things done for America! She always tells her peers that she helps, that she is blessed to be able to be a part of National Service, but in all reality, we are hands down the lucky ones. Denise is now enrolled in her second year through our Community Cares AmeriCorps program; which allows her to provide direct independent living services to the frail, disabled and elderly resident at Newport Housing Authority. Denise is always willing to give and go the extra mile for anyone, she will stop in her tracks and give a hand up before even thinking. She will take her residents to the grocery store and help them shop or goes as far as calling them when she's at a store to see if they need anything. Denise is extremely patient and has the most empathy of any human. She will listen to the same story a resident tells her for three hours a day, if that is what she needs to do. She is dedicated to making her residents still feel like they matter even if they are aging in place or telling the same story over and over again.



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