

Chatham County Man named TSWDB Outstanding Adult Participant

Winter 2013

Mr. Frederick Wolfe, the Adult Award Recipient, came to Joint Orange Chatham Community Action, Inc. unemployed and completely on the verge of giving-up. At his last job, Mr. Wolfe was badly injured while working as a delivery truck driver for a local gas company when a propane tank fell on him and broke his back in several places. Being out of work for the next few years depleted his resources financially and caused great strain on his home and family life. He was left to raise a teenage son on his own, and decided that he needed to upgrade his CDL training in order to make a better life for his family.

After qualifying for and enrolling in the WIA program, he immediately began training at Future Truckers of America in Asheboro, NC and two weeks later earned a Class A Commercial Driver's License. Immediately after finishing his training, Fred was hired full time by a leading transportation company, and is now driving cross country earning \$45,000 a year.

James Bain, his case manager, stated, "Mr. Wolfe took full advantage of his resources and worked hard to achieve all of his goals and is extremely excited to be earning real money again and being able to provide for his family."

Theresa Starkey, Mr. Wolfe's fiancé, and Cody Wolfe, Mr. Wolfe's son, accepted the award on his behalf. Frederick, was unable to attend, he was driving to California for his new employer.

