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**ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO ASSIST
HOMELESS AND OTHERS IN NEED WITH PROJECT TAKE CARE**

A supply drive will be held at select ACCUG offices to fill at least 365 hygiene kits.

ATHENS, Ga. --- County employees participating in the Management Skills Training class hosted by Athens-Clarke County Unified Government's (ACCUG) Organizational Development Department have implemented Project TAKE Care.

The class has discussed the community and its needs, and decided to reach out to the homeless, elderly, and children who are in need of basic assistance. Often times those in the public safety field come across someone with a need while out on patrol. These kits will be assembled and given to public safety officers to distribute to the needy at their discretion. Some of the kits will also be given to The ARCH Village, a homeless shelter in Athens.

Members of the class would like to encourage the community to participate by donating to their cause. Project TAKE Care's supply drive will be held from July 7, 2017 until August 7, 2017. Toothbrushes, toothpaste, moist towelettes, sealable storage bags, deodorant, hand sanitizers, bar soaps, shampoo, tissue packets, Band-Aids, etc. in travel sizes are needed. Class members will also add a list of places where people can get a free meal and other basic needs to each kit. Donations may be dropped off in the front lobbies of the Athens-Clarke County Police Department at 3035 Lexington Road, Human Resources Department at 375 Satula Avenue, and Landscape/Facilities Management at 2555 Lexington Road. The kits will be assembled by class members and police officers on August 9, 2017.

"The Athens-Clarke County employees take pride in serving this community in every way possible. This project will further enable public safety to go above and beyond in serving those in need, in hopes of empowering them to thrive," states Kendra Houghton, Project TAKE Care's Administrator.

The Management Skills Training class consists of fifteen ACCUG supervisory level employees from around the county. It is a twelve-week course focusing on leadership skills and project management. Participants are required to plan and implement a community service learning project as a group. Graduation will be on August 23, 2017 at 12:30 PM at the Bobby Snipes Water Resource Center.

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