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Monroe resident recognized at MCA Volunteer Awards

Local difference-maker Jessica Hensley of Monroe was recognized for making positive changes in both her life and the lives of people in Monroe County at the Michigan Community Action Volunteer Awards Ceremony at the state Capitol in Lansing on April 30.

Hensley is among 10 individuals or organizations honored from across the state.

When she was told about the Bridges Out of Poverty class at MCOP, Hensley saw an opportunity to learn to become self-sufficient. She took advantage of the resources and information she obtained from the class in order to accomplish her goal of becoming a homeowner, and eventually gained a job with MCOP in the Weatherization Department. After increasing her credit score by 200 points, she and her husband were able to purchase a home where they now live with their three daughters.

Michigan Community Action (MCA) awards are given annually to clients who overcame economic and social challenges, and volunteers who go above and beyond to improve a community's welfare.

Founded in 1975, Michigan Community Action serves its 29 member agencies throughout Michigan by strengthening their capacity to alleviate the causes and circumstances of poverty in all 83 counties.