



Laura Lamon of the United Way presented awards to County Departments for their efforts during the 2014 United Way Campaign. Lexington County employees contributed \$23,897 to United Way of the Midlands. Community Development, Fire Service & Public Works received the Trailblazer award for campaigns that have a 10 percent increase of at least \$500. Emergency Medical Service received the Bronze Award for an employee per capita contribution of \$50 - \$99. Planning & GIS received the Silver Award for an employee per capita contribution of \$100 - \$149.



Lexington County Fire Service raised \$25,618.50 during the 2015 Boot Drive campaign. The funds will benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Firefighter Antoine Kelly presented a check at the May 12, 2015 Council meeting.



During National Public Works Week this year, Lexington County Public Works Department recognized Chris Stone and Kelly Williams with the Public Works Achievement Award. They each made significant contributions to the Department during the past year in the areas of outstanding customer service either through helping citizens or their fellow employees through new initiatives, teamwork, positive attitude, can do approach or by their dependable, dutiful service. They also demonstrated unselfish actions and positive attitude toward improving the services the Public Works Department provides to the citizens of Lexington County.

Pictured:
Kelly Williams, Wrenn Barrett, Chris Stone

Lexington County Council presented a resolution to Public Works proclaiming the week of May 17-23, 2015 as **NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK** and called upon all citizens and civic organizations to acquaint themselves with the funding and resource challenges involved in providing our public works projects and services and to recognize the contributions which Public Works officials make every day to our health, safety, and comfort.



Lexington County Council recognized May 15, 2015 by resolution as Peace Officers' Memorial Day in memory of those law enforcement officers, who through their courageous deeds, have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community or have become disabled in the performance of their duty, and to honor those law enforcement officers presently serving the community.

Employee of the 1st Quarter Nominees



Adam Bacon
Fire Service



Andrew Anderson
Communications



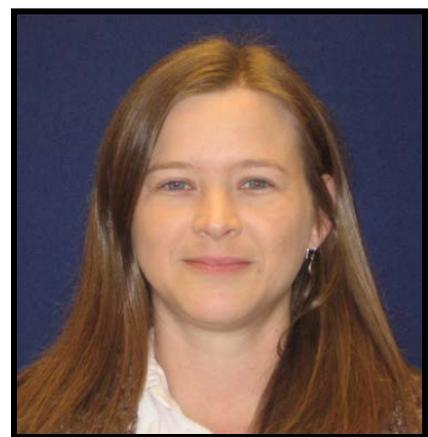
Kim Nix
Library



Ryant Johnson
Human Resources



Angie McInchok
Treasurer



Kelly McMullen
Treasurer

Employee of the 1st Quarter 2015



Kim Nix
Library

Kim Nix was nominated by the Library's Staff Recognition Committee. They said Kim has always put her heart into her work and is a huge asset to the Youth Services Department of the Lexington County Public Library. The committee said she reaches out to teens with her library programs and offers them opportunities to serve their community.

Every year, Kim has planned a "Not Just Us" program for the teens that involves them in a "giving" project. Past programs include making blankets to donate to the Linus Project and making chew toys for the local animal shelter. This year, Kim came up with the idea to put a Little Free Library in the community. A Little Free Library is a freestanding weatherproof box that holds a collection of books that can be borrowed on the honor system. The hope is that the community will help maintain the collection by adding and exchanging books. Kim and Teen Advisory Board member Ella Thomas presented their proposal to West Columbia City Council and received permission for the Little Free Library to be installed at Douglas Reeves Park. The teens then began construction with the sponsorship of Anastasia Manos and the help of local builder, Jason Gilcrest. When completed the Little Free Library was installed with a special ceremony on January 31, 2015, at the park. The project expanded and a second Little Free Library will be installed soon at Granby Gardens Park in Cayce. Library staff and teens will continue to maintain the libraries to make sure they are stocked. The project not only benefited the area communities, but also afforded the teens the opportunity to be involved in the local government process, to learn new skills such as public speaking, carpentry and painting skills, and to share their love of reading with others. Without Kim's initiative and eagerness, this project would not have become a reality.

In addition to the "Not Just Us" program, Kim plans and conducts all the teen programming at the Cayce-West Columbia Branch, which includes their participation in a statewide video production contest to market Teen Summer Reading and the Teen Advisory Board. Kim serves as a role model to the teens in the library, offering them new experiences, encouraging literacy, listening to their needs and involving them in serving not only the library, but their community.

