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More than 40 years ago, President Lyndon B. Johnson declared an unconditional war on poverty. It was a hot sultry summer's day when our nation's thirty-sixth president signed the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 that created nonprofit organizations called Community Action Agencies.

Community Action Agencies were created to be the vehicles that would offer human services that were needed to give low-income individuals hope and the skills and services that were necessary to lead them to a better quality of life.

Decade after decade, community action agencies across North Carolina and the country have continued to be the foot soldiers for a war that was declared more than four decades ago to give hope to the hopeless. However, in spite of all of our successes—poverty still exists from the bountiful mountains of North Carolina to her beautiful sandy beaches and across our mighty nation.

Here at the North Carolina Community Action Association we salute the brave soldiers who have fought a good fight in our effort and those who continue to give tirelessly to make a difference in their communities by working to empower low-income individuals through an array of programs and services from affordable housing to Head Start to Senior Services to Weatherization Assistance.

On November 10, 2005, the North Carolina Community Action Association (NCCAA) inducted 24 outstanding individuals into its Inaugural Hall of Fame during an Induction Ceremony at its Fall Conference that was held at the Westin Hotel in Charlotte, North Carolina.

NCCAA Hall Inductees must be nominated to the Hall of Fame by its local board of directors. Nominations are then presented to the Association's Council of Executive Directors for consideration and then to the NCCAA Board of Directors.

Inductees are recognized in the following categories:

Champions – An individual outside of the community action network who has made an impact and contribution to the community action movement.

Board of Directors – A board member whose leadership and community involvement is recognized within the community the agency serves.

Executive Directors – An executive director whose dedication, guidance, work ethic and loyalty has brought about positive change in the agency and the community served.

Staff – A staff person whose good work ethic, loyalty, longevity and dedication has delivered a positive change in the agency and community.

Please join NCCAA in saluting our heroes-- the soldiers who have worked in the trenches to make North Carolina a better place to live work and play – welcome to NCCAA's Virtual Hall of Fame.