

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH: Linda Studivant



Environmental Services Office Manager Linda Studivant has worked for New Community Corporation for more than 35 years.

Linda Studivant is a fixture in the New Community Environmental Services Department. She will celebrate 36 years working in the department this August. She sees New Community as a family and enjoys helping people, which is why she has stayed with the organization.

Studivant came to work at New Community in 1983 after graduating from Essex County College with an associate's degree. She had an interview with then Director of Human Resources Cecilia Faulks and was offered the position of receptionist in Environmental Services. From there, she was promoted to administrative assistant and then office manager, which is her current role in the department.

The close knit feel of New Community has kept Studivant with the organization.

"I had lots of opportunities to go, even to make more money, but it was like a family. You don't want to leave your family," Studivant said. "And plus I enjoy assisting people.

That's my nature. I get enjoyment out of that."

As the office manager, Studivant is responsible for general office procedures, including payroll for 90 employees. She works closely with the property managers to prepare for various inspections, ensuring any necessary work orders are delivered to the person responsible and completed. She also fields calls, along with Data Entry Manager Jeanette Morales, from NCC residents and employees.

"Linda is part of the glue that keeps our department together. She has been with New Community Corporation for over 35 years," said Environmental Services Project Manager Ronda Lawrence. "She is one of the voices on the other end of all the calls coming into Environmental Services. She's always willing to help people and lend a listening ear."

Studivant was born in Virginia and moved to New Jersey with her parents when she was 6. After graduating from high school, she worked in a factory for a printing company for about two years. She found the work tedious and dirty and realized she didn't want to do that type of work long term. That's when she decided to attend Essex County College.

She's glad that decision led to her career at New Community. Studivant's favorite part of her job is helping people. But helping others isn't limited to her working hours.

Studivant's brother resides in a nursing home. In her spare time, she visits him and brings him and his roommate outside food. Sometimes she throws small parties for her brother and his friends. She also befriends other nursing home residents who may not have family members who come visit and brings them items to brighten their day.

Studivant lives in Linden. She has one daughter and one grandson, who live near her in Rahway. She loves to cook and do interior design work. She helps her girlfriends with interior design and even worked on the space in the Environmental Services office.

Studivant believes New Community is heading in the right direction and looks forward to the completion of the renovation project on NCC properties, which is greatly improving the residential units and grounds.

"Now I think they're having pride in where they live and they're helping to keep the place clean too," she said.