**Aging Together Director Report**

**January, 2014**

**CRS and Live Well Coordinator**

January 6th two new people joined the Aging Together team. Dianna Banks, formerly with SAFE, is our new County Resource Specialist. Through her work at SAFE Dianna is familiar with the entire region and she has served on several Aging Together County teams. You may be familiar with her outreach work if you saw any of the silhouettes in the five county area during Domestic Violence Awareness month. Dianna is responsible for those being and was able to get them built by students from Madison High School. Dianna is very excited to be working at Aging Together and looks forward to working on building community supports for older adults (now and in the future).

Kristin Stobo of Warrenton has been hired to take the contractual Live Well Coordinator position. Kristin has had her own massage practice for the past decade and still teaches yoga on a regular basis. She has been very active in Fauquier Schools PTO and helped to start the Unitarian Church in Rappahannock County. She knows the Fauquier and Rappahannock communities very well but will need to learn more about Culpeper, Madison and Orange. She is extremely interested in good health, is creative and outgoing. In just her first week she has made contact with a number of local and state contacts related to the program. Next month I will provide the Board with a detailed overview of the CDSMP program.

**CNE Survey Course**

Dianna and I will be attending a six session training series provide by the Center for Non-Profit Excellence (CNE) on developing surveys and evaluations. Only four teams will be in the series which is being led by a Charlottesville based consultant who recently worked with the CNE on updating their evaluation tools. During the sessions we will look at our existing event evaluation and also at our stakeholder survey from 2010. We will learn by actively working on matching those tools to Aging Together’s mission and strategic plan, developing good questions that will assess if we are meeting our mission and goals and begin using the new tools. One session is a work session in which the consultant will provide direct feedback and direction. Two months after the last session, the consultant will meet with each team individually to provide up to two hours of consultation on how the evaluation tools are working. I will provide Board members with ongoing updates about what we are learning and developing in this class.