

Community Involvement

- Build a partnership
- Identify community concerns
- Identify potential solutions
- Improve health holistically
- Become self-sustaining

CARE PARTNERS

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Dougherty County School System

Evergreen Neighborhood

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Alice Coachman Elementary School

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**Empowering
Neighborhoods and
Communities—**



**Community Action for a Renewed
Environment**

CARE and the Community

CARE a community-based commitment to empower citizens, families, neighbors of the Country Club Estate, Evergreen and surrounding neighborhoods, with a special focus on Alice Coachman Elementary School, to work together with partners and other stakeholders. This is a project supported by an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grant and sponsored by Albany, Georgia Tools for Change Inc.(AGTFC), a nonprofit organization. AGTFC is part of a four-city collaboration which includes Albany, Augusta, Fort Valley and Savannah. The goals of this project are to:

- Improve understanding of potential sources of exposure to toxic pollutants
- Reduce exposures to pollutants
- Set priorities for risk reduction
- Create self-sustaining partnerships with the communities and community organizations.

A broad range of community partners will work together on this **CARE** project to generate a composite list of sources that may be releasing toxic pollutants into the environment that could affect the quality of health in the community.

Community Partnership

The **CARE** grant will facilitate bringing together all stakeholders that are invested in the local community and Alice Coachman Elementary School to develop a “**CARE Community**” that is concerned about potential

environmental exposures in the area.

Residents, community organizations, neighborhood businesses, churches, health agencies, city governmental agencies and Albany State University will work together through partnership to identify potential sources of environmental exposures and set priorities for risk reduction activities.

Raising Awareness

The **CARE** project can help with the development of a more comprehensive understanding of all sources of risk from toxics chemicals as the community sets priorities for effective action. The principle issues to consider in the process are the prioritization of environmental and health concerns.

Environmental

- Air Adult / Children Health
- Water Respiratory/ Allergies
- Soil Contamination and Dumps Reproductive/ Developmental Health
- Drinking Water Cancers and rare diseases

Health

Project Benefits

Albany, Georgia Tools for Change (AGTFC) and local volunteers will track the level of participation in the partnership and evaluate the success of the partnership in the achievement of milestones leading to the intended results.

The community will benefit from this collaborative project as a result of the following:

- Strong broad-based community effort
- Identification of suspected toxic sources
- Research of existing environmental and health data collected in respective neighborhoods
- Development of actions/solutions that will reduce the prioritized risks to toxics
- Community forums, dialogue sessions, Health Fairs, surveys and newsletters
- Education and literature to help the community understand and assess toxic risks from all sources
- Improvement in the quality of life through a cleaner and healthier environment
- Future protection for the health of community residents
- Environmental Justice
- Become self-sustaining

The ultimate mission of the **CARE** project is to allow neighborhood residents to envision their communities as healthy and thriving.

