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MAYOR SALLY HUTTON MAKES FIRST 2-1-1 CALL

On December 1st, the local 211 Call Center became a reality.

Mayor Sally Hutton is shown making the first official 211 call asking for information. She called the 211 service to ask for information on becoming a foster parent. "I received lots of good information on who to contact to actually begin the process of becoming a foster parent," stated the Mayor, "including information on child adoption. The 211 service is not only a way to ask for local services and help, but is also a way to receive information about volunteer opportunities and ways to help out in the community. The professionally managed and up-to-date data base on local human services and other places to receive help and to give help twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week will free up 911 from receiving non-emergency calls and better service the citizens in our communities in Wayne County." The Mayor thanked the 211 Advisory Board, including Rachel Hughes of the Wayne County Foundation who is the Board Chair, for working so hard to bring 211 to this area.

Mayor Hutton was chosen to make the first call as a result of her initiative taken over two years ago to conduct a fact finding meeting with the other two mayors in Connersville and Rushville and the county government commissioners representing Fayette, Rush, Union and Wayne Counties. Tony Shepherd, Executive Director of the Area 9 In-Home and Community Services Agency which sponsors and manages the local 211 Call Center, said "Mayor Hutton has truly been the 'Godmother' of this 211 service in bringing it to this area of Indiana."

We are still testing a few of the telephone exchanges in the area. If you call 211 and cannot get through, please call 765-966-3999 and report it.