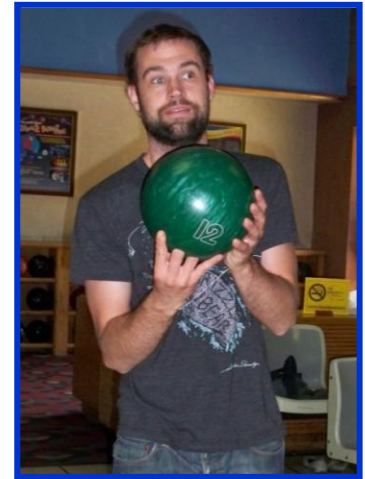


## The Partnership to End Homelessness Celebrates National AmeriCorps Week: A Combination of Service to the Community and Appreciation of the Members



The members of the Partnership to End Homelessness celebrated National AmeriCorps week with both Service to the Community and Appreciation of the Members. For Service to the Community, they helped with NC National Guard Yellow Ribbon event for returning Guard members. Members



watched the children of the Guard members, playing games and doing crafts with them, watching movies with them, and feeding them so that their parents could focus on learning about how to rebuild the family unit, take advantage of schooling options, and find meaningful employment.



For Appreciation of the Members, the members planned two events: an afternoon bowling, and a day at Lake Mackintosh. The bowling took place on May 10. The members paired up into head-to-head face offs and while some improved as the day went on, others became tired. Artenas Steverson won with a high score of 162, but then had to deal with a sore wrist and arm for the next 24 hours. On May 11, the members went out to

Lake

Mackintosh for an afternoon of

fishing and game playing. Only one fish, big enough to keep, was caught and they fishermen complained that all they were doing was feeding the fish as their bait was stolen off the hook time after time. Other members

engaged in games of

Uno<sup>®</sup>,  
Jenga<sup>®</sup>,



Clue<sup>®</sup>, and Pit<sup>®</sup>. Although it took some convincing for the members to try the game of Pit<sup>®</sup> (which they were not familiar with), once they got into the rowdy card-trading action, they kept playing until each member had won at least once. Their loud fun even attracted a small child who decided that joining AmeriCorps was definitely more interesting than anything his Mom was doing!

