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## Denise Thompson Named Share Health Southeast Georgia Scholarship Recipient

### *Scholarships Awarded to Multiple Southeast Health District Employees*

**REIDSVILLE, GA** – Denise Thompson, Public Health Nutritionist serving the Tattnall, Toombs and Wayne County Health Departments, was one of six students awarded a scholarship from Share Health Southeast Georgia. The scholarships awarded were offered to traditional and non-traditional students within the region who are pursuing degrees in healthcare. Since 2016, Share Health Southeast Georgia has been able to support twenty-seven healthcare students in their educational pursuits in eleven southeast Georgia counties.

A life-long resident of Reidsville, Denise has been employed with the Southeast Health District for the last six years. She attended Georgia Southern University for her Bachelor of Science in Nutrition and Food Science, and she finalized her Master in Public Health at Southern New Hampshire University in May of 2021. Within her current role in public health, she provides nutrition assessments and education and counseling to WIC participants, recommends nutrition care plans, documents plans in progress and records and serves as a resource on nutrition and dietetics to public health program staff. She and her husband, Jacob, have been married for eleven years, and she enjoys hiking in the north Georgia mountains when she is able. In her spare time, Denise can be found participating in outreach ministries and volunteering as a teacher in the children's program at her church. Receiving this scholarship award enabled Denise to graduate in May of 2021 with her degree as planned.

Share Health Southeast Georgia was established in September of 2015 to build the region's capacity to address the unmet healthcare needs of Southeast Georgia residents. Share Health Southeast Georgia is dedicated to improving the health of all generations in our sixteen-county community by cultivating partnerships and providing philanthropic and advocacy support to the Southeast Health District. Share Health's Board Chair Dr. Josh McCarthy states, "The Share Health Scholarship program is used as a mechanism to further our mission and as a strategy to recruit and retain the public health workforce in Appling, Atkinson, Bacon, Brantley, Bulloch, Candler, Charlton, Clinch, Coffee, Evans, Jeff Davis, Pierce, Tattnall, Toombs, Ware, and Wayne counties."

To learn more about Share Health Southeast Georgia, visit <https://www.sharehealthsega.org/>. To contact Share Health Southeast Georgia, email [info@sharehealthsega.org](mailto:info@sharehealthsega.org) or call 912-816-5317.

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