



Debbie Dever, Director of MEC-CBP-Business Incubation Center Retires

Community Business Partnership Staff celebrated Debbie Dever's 4 years of service to CBP's Business Incubation Center with a surprise retirement party on May 28th, at CBP's facility in Springfield, VA. The theme was "Life's a Beach, When You're Retired."

Community Business Partnership (CBP) and George Mason Enterprise Center Staff, CBP Board of Directors, and former and current clients honored Debbie for her service, leadership, promotion of economic development and dedication to provide extraordinary support to small businesses within Fairfax County and beyond.

Debbie joined CBP in March 2014 and has been responsible for fostering regional economic development by supporting entrepreneurs and small/disadvantaged businesses by providing the resources needed to assist them. She has heavily contributed to the success of many full-time clients who are now mentors and key role players within the small business community. Debbie has dedicated every second with the BIC to help clients execute their vision and enriching their businesses.

Debbie started her career with the State of Virginia as a Water Quality Field Tech in 1979. She then taught 8 years in Prince William County before she decided to jump into entrepreneurship herself and open her own Money Mailer franchise which she ran for 23 years! She has been an instrumental part in growing the Business Incubation Center (BIC) at CBP from only a handful of virtual clients to housing 20 plus full time and co-working clients, and over 100 virtual clients.

Her vision for the BIC has increased impact for both new and growing businesses by providing economic growth and stability. She also played a critical part in the latest expansion and move of CBP's facilities. Debbie has worn many hats while working with the BIC, but none better than her yellow hard hat.



After retiring, Debbie's plans include spending lots of time with her grandchildren, catching plenty of sun rays by The Rivahh, and of course volunteering again with Junior Achievement of Greater Washington. She has an exciting trip planned to Germany later this summer to visit her daughter and the newest addition to her grandchildren! Thank you for your service and dedication, Debbie!