

MT. CALVARY CENTER FOR LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

A DONOR SHOUTOUT!

A HUGE MT. CALVARY SHOUTOUT GOES TO THE WILSON CENTER FOR DONATING TICKETS FOR OUR VOCATIONAL, INDUSTRIAL AND COLLEGE PREPARATION (VIC) ACADEMY STUDENTS TO ATTEND THE NEW BROADWAY MUSICAL ANASTASIA. WITHOUT DONORS AND LOCAL BUSINESS SUPPORT, IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY CHALLENGING TO PROVIDE OUR STUDENTS WITH ACCESS AND AVAILABILITY TO PROGRAMS THAT RESIDE IN HISTORICALLY MARGINALIZED AND UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES. VIC AIMS TO PROVIDE ADVANCED POST-SECONDARY EXPOSURE AND CAREER TRAINING TO MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS. THE NIGHT ENDED WITH THE YOUTH EXCLAIMING, "WE HAD SO MUCH FUN, I CAN'T WAIT FOR THE NEXT ONE!"

HEALTHY OPPORTUNITIES PILOT

The program continues to experience tremendous levels of success. The program has received numerous Housing Navigation Referrals with requests to assist clients with securing safe housing, understanding tenant and landlord responsibilities, review of contractual lease/rental agreements and budget development for the purpose of housing sustainability. The program will soon unveil additional services designed to best accommodate the emerging needs of clients. Such services will include Evidence Based Parenting Classes, Transportation Services, and Interpersonal Violence Prevention Classes. For additional information and qualifying criteria, you may contact a HOP staff member at 910.300.6322.

HOLIDAY CHARITY BALL PROGRAM

DECEMBER 10, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.
RIVER LANDING CLUBHOUSE

Event Registration

Vera Simpson, Guest Pianist

Cocktail Reception

Benny Hill, Saxophonist, Wilmington, NC

Introduction to Program

Richard Craney, Presiding Master of Ceremonies

Special Greetings & Sponsorship Recognition

Representative David Rouser, NC 7th Congressional District

Speaker Presentation: "Hope, Determination, Challenges, and Joy"

Richard Wilkins, Carolina Beach, NC

Prayer Invocation

The Honorable Judge James H. Faison, 5th Judicial District

Dinner with Musical Entertainment

Christa Faison, Violinist, Wilmington, NC

Leadership Awards Recognition

Robert Turner, MCCLD Senior Director of Communications

Live Auction and Call to the Heart

Bid at: [bidpal.net/mcclholidayball](https://one.bidpal.net/mcclholidayball)

Evening Entertainment featuring

Carl Newton and The Review Band

During this Week

On, November 14, 2022, Cynthia Demery, Diane Brown and Dr. Lisa Robinson attended Novant's Train the Trainer Diabetes Empowerment Education Program (DEEP) offered through the University of Illinois, Chicago. DEEP is an evidence-based diabetes self-management education program designed especially for people with prediabetes, diabetes, and their family members. It consists of a six-week education session that provides participants with the knowledge and skills necessary to reduce complications resulting from diabetes, such as kidney failure, amputation, vision loss, and heart failure.



The organization's three members completed the training and are now Certified Peer Educators with a total of five Certified Peer Educators. They are all excited to share their newly obtained knowledge with the communities they serve. The first free six-week DEEP seminar will be offered in our Burgaw location on Thursday, January 19, 2023 from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Reserve your ticket at:

<https://one.bidpal.net/mcclholidayball>

or by calling 910.665.1352

COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER PROGRAM

Since its inception, the MCCLD Community Health Worker Program has developed an essential framework to deliver services to residents of Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, Duplin, Hoke, New Hanover, Pender, Robeson, Sampson and Scotland Counties. The program has been instrumental in addressing the needs and social determinants of health as identified in historically marginalized, low-income communities.

Despite monumental levels of success as the COVID-19 Pandemic has transitioned to a manageable health alert, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services is unable to continue the operation of the Community Health Worker Program in its current operational capacity. The Community Health Program will conclude operation on December 31.

The CHW Program conclusion is expected to have devastating effects on many communities as MCCLD has developed many partnerships and has become a trusted agency amongst residents. While other funding models are currently being explored, MCCLD will continue to assess community needs. The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services is actively pursuing partnerships and funding opportunities for possible program development mirroring the CHW Scope of Service. Additional information regarding such opportunities will be forthcoming as development is shared.

December Events

- Dec 1 at 5:30 p.m. AIDS Awareness Event at Scotland Health Department
- Dec 2 at 5:30 p.m. Hometown Christmas at Downtown Raeford
- Dec 12 at 5:00 p.m. Community Equity Advisory Meeting at Scotland County Health Department
- Dec 15 at 3:00 p.m. Christmas Character Day at Scotland County Health Department
- Dec 17 at 10:00 a.m. Holiday Cheer Luncheon (Food Giveaway) at Scotland Youth Development Center
- Dec 17 at 5:00 p.m. Christmas Bag Distribution at Bladen Healthcare & Rehabilitation
- Dec 19 at 6:00 p.m. Live Nativity at Bolton Community Park
- Dec 20 at 6:00 p.m. Barbershop Talk, "Focus on Men's Health"

In response to the growing housing crisis to include homelessness and safe housing insecurities, MCCLD hosted a Community Resource Fair designed to link resources for members of the homeless community. The Community Resource Fair included several vendors including Healthy Blue, Eastpointe, UNC-Pembroke, NC Navigator Consortium, NC Harm Reduction Coalition and Community Care of North Carolina.

SUCCESS STORY

Participants were able to select free clothing items, coats, blankets, personal hygiene items, and receive free glucose and hypertension screenings. Hot meals, mental health and substance abuse resources were provided. Additionally, participants were allowed to take showers and wash their personal garments. More than 200 attendees were present for the event. Referrals and direction for resources for employment opportunities and housing were also shared.



OPPORTUNITY TO LEAD PROGRAM

The Program provides intensive support for individuals to reduce recidivism and expand individual leadership capacity. With a strong focus on college preparatory skills, the eight-week program provides personalized instruction to participants. The first session ended on Sat, November 19th with a celebration for participants, who were extremely proud of their achievements in the program. It was a very special occasion as demonstrated by the attendance of Dr. Jimmy Tate (President), Dr. Lisa Robinson (Executive Director) and the family and friends of participants. There was a certificate ceremony and a great meal was served. Dr. Tate and Dr. Robinson each delivered an inspiring speech. The youth shared their accomplishments with everyone, as well. The participants revealed in their speeches that all had discovered leadership qualities in themselves while attending the OLP Program. The Career and College Readiness segment of this session was the resounding favorite because participants were challenged to evaluate personal experiences from a different perspective and create impressive resumes. Facilitator, Ms. Danyiel New and Program Coordinator, James Baylor were instrumental in helping the youth identify aptitudes suitable for various career paths. The next session is scheduled to begin on Dec. 3rd

