



# MT. CALVARY CENTER For Leadership Development

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## FREE COMMUNITY DENTAL CLINIC

Mt. Calvary continued its strong outreach in support of dental health by offering a free dental clinic at the Burgaw Center on February 4th. The list of those in need filled quickly and patients received valuable services including general teeth cleanings, fillings, and teeth extractions. Priority was given to individuals with no dental insurance.

In partnership and support from the Delta Dental Foundation, additional clinics will be held later in the year at additional locations in Southeastern North Carolina. Watch for clinic announcements on Mt. Calvary's website and Facebook page as new mobile dental clinics are scheduled.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **Aviation Program Fundraising and Outreach Luncheon**

Friday, May 5, 2023  
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
Pilot House Restaurant  
Wilmington, NC

#### **Annual President's Soiree' and Gala Weekend**

Friday, July 28, 2023 and  
Saturday, July 29, 2023

#### **Holiday Ball**

Saturday, December 9, 2023

*Stay tuned for more details*

# YOU'RE INVITED: REDEDICATION

As part of our tremendous growth, we have undergone extensive renovations to our Wallace Office.

We are inviting our Mt. Calvary team, the greater community, elected officials, and generous supporters to come celebrate as we rededicate our Wallace office. Please mark your calendars and join us for this exciting time.

We are expecting a very large crowd so please RSVP with Ms. Annette Lewis to ensure we have plenty of room to accommodate everyone.

**MT. CALVARY**  
*Forward*

## *You're Invited* to a Rededication of our Wallace Office

414 N Norwood St.  
Wallace, NC 28466

Thursday, April 13, 2023  
2 pm - 3 pm

**Come see our newly renovated Wallace office, hear about our future plans, and meet our team members.**

Refreshments will be provided.  
RSVP to [alewis@mtcalvarycenter.org](mailto:alewis@mtcalvarycenter.org)  
Learn more at: [mcleadership.org/donate](http://mcleadership.org/donate)



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DR. JIMMY T. TATE

Wow, what a year so far. Our Mt. Calvary team has been extremely busy as we try to meet the growing demand for our services in the region. I'm so excited that you are a part of our ambitious goals.

***"YOUR SUPPORT TO MT. CALVARY IS HOW WE CAN HELP THE RURAL AND UNDERSERVED PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITIES."***

I hope you will consider joining us for the Rededication Ceremony and will consider supporting *Mt. Calvary Forward: The Campaign for MCCLD*. We are so close to our fundraising goal, and you can get us to the top!

## SPECIAL HEALTH & WELLNESS STUDENT DAY

Mt. Calvary Center for Leadership Development and WellCare hosted a special Health and Wellness Student Day on Saturday, February 18th from 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at VIDA Church in Wilmington especially for members of the LatinX community.

Participants had an opportunity to receive a variety of free health screenings, along with free snacks, drinks, and entertainment for the kids. Numerous vendors and partners were present and Cape Fear Community College was present and shared information about various course opportunities and funding options available for enrollment.

We are grateful to all of our valued partners who made this event such a success.



## PODCAST FOCUSES ON OUTREACH TO LATINX COMMUNITY

Mt. Calvary Center for Leadership Development has begun a bi-weekly Podcast hosted by Elizza Mendez, LatinX Coordinator for Mt. Calvary. The podcasts are held on Thursdays at 3:00 p.m. and are continuing to grow in popularity and shares. Special guests join in a lively discussion on issues and events of special importance to the LatinX community.

If you are interested in viewing the podcast, it may be accessed by logging into the Latinos De Southeastern Facebook page. The next Podcast is scheduled for Thursday, April 6th at 3:00 p.m.

## DIABETES EDUCATION CLASSES

The rates of diabetes among the residents of Southeastern North Carolina are extremely high and continue to be discussed as a key social determinant of the health and well-being of our fellow citizens. As part of Mt. Calvary's continued focus and dedication to community health and regional outreach, free weekly diabetes education class began in January at Mt. Calvary's Burgaw Office on Highway 117. The series included key information on identifying and responding to the issues associated with diabetes. Novant Health also provided a free health screening.

Several Mt. Calvary employees received training to become Certified Diabetes Outreach Educators and plan on hosting Diabetes Education Classes throughout our service area. The program also provides valuable information for not only those who may already be diabetic or pre-diabetic but also for those who may be caring for those facing diabetic symptoms. Key information is shared on diabetes prevention tips and tips to improve your eating habits and ways to make other healthy lifestyle choices. Stay tuned to our website and Facebook page for announcements of upcoming programs.



## OPPORTUNITY TO LEAD STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT COLLEGE

Students in Mt. Calvary's Opportunity to Lead program that is held in partnership with the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council of Pender County visited Cape Fear Community College's Wilmington campus in December. Some life-changing decisions were made by participating youth during the trip. The youth were given a presentation by an experienced recruiter and enrollment specialist. Afterward, our tour guide escorted the group throughout the sizable campus.

Included in the group were six students, and the facilitator. The students participated in a successful graduation ceremony on Super Bowl Sunday. A meal was served with and enjoyed by family and friends of those completing the program. Dr. Jimmy T. Tate, Mt. Calvary President, presented certificates of completion and Dr. Lisa Robinson, Executive Director, shared inspiring words. A new session began in February and is providing students with wonderful skill-building and career-awareness opportunities.

# NEW AVIATION PROGRAM

Mt. Calvary Center for Leadership Development is presenting a new program to reach our youth grades seventh through tenth. Our aviation program aligns with our current vocational industrial college (VIC) program that focuses on low-income, marginalized, and minority youth with career exploration, industrial trades, and college preparatory skills. The aviation program is designed to inspire children that are interested in exploring aviation-related career fields.

MCCLD has partnered with Lenoir Community College which provides FAA-approved full-motion simulators and we are working with our local experimental aircraft association (EAA) chapter to provide the youth with a flight as the culminating point of the program. Other areas of focus are space, weather, rocket building, military appreciation, and a trip to Seymour Johnson Air Force Base for Wings Over Wayne 2023 air show. Our goal is to present this program quarterly to allow our youth to experience lucrative career fields in a world of flight.



# HOP PROGRAM UPDATE

Mt. Calvary continues to be a part of the Healthy Opportunities Pilot (HOP) program. This program is helping deserving individuals in Bladen, Columbus, New Hanover, Onslow, and Pender Counties. Residents in Brunswick County have also been added to those we can serve. Qualified individuals can receive housing move-in support, assistance with the first month's rent and security deposit, and utility service assistance. Mt. Calvary Community Organizers working in this program collaborate with multiple agencies and organizations to help assigned clients with their needs.

As of March 2023, there are over 175 active cases open. We continue with strong community outreach and awareness activities to make communities aware of the valuable resources available through this program. Stay tuned for important updates as we continue to serve our fellow citizens throughout Southeastern North Carolina.



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