

# MT. CALVARY CENTER FOR LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

## CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Mt. Calvary Center for Leadership Development is committed to protecting the safety and preserving the wellness of communities. Sadly, child abuse is linked to delayed academic performance, defiant behavior patterns, self-esteem challenges, relationship instability, and mental health issues such as depression. While studies have shown positive childhood experiences and caring connections are used to growth and strength communities.

While we are currently witnessing a transition in the COVID-19 Pandemic, many children and families continue to face a series of challenges and insecurities.

“April is a time for North Carolina to step up and help build caring connections, supportive environments and positive experiences for all children and families” said NCDHHS Sec Kody Kinsley.

MCCLD challenges you to purposely protect children by implementing measures to increase child abuse awareness through social media posts, educational segments, and sharing information.

**VIC ACADEMY**  
VOCATIONAL • INDUSTRIAL • COLLEGE PREP

The VIC Academy is currently accepting applications for its New Hanover County Spring Cohort. The Academy introduces sixth, seventh, and eight grade students to post-secondary education training environments, the world-of-work, and occupational skills training. Students will participate in stimulating hands-on activities, interactions with skilled professionals and engaging instruction.

High-demand career explorations including nursing, marine biology, culinary arts and construction, just to name a few.

For more information, please contact Mr. Reddgo Long at 910.256.4828 or visit [www.mcleadership.org](http://www.mcleadership.org).

**EASTER**  
is a symbol of  
**HOPE, RENEWAL,**  
**& NEW LIFE!**

~Janine de Giovanni

# MCCLD Newsletter

## Reducing the FINANCIAL BURDEN OF COLLEGE

MCCLD hosted its First Annual COLLEGE DAY on Saturday, March 26. The event included a segment hosted by University of North Carolina – Wilmington Financial Aid Director, Fred Holding. Mr. Holding provided students and parents with instrumental information to assist their pursuit of financial resources and scholarships designed to provide assistance with payment of college tuition, purchase of books, housing and other related postsecondary educational expenses.

Students and parents were assisted in the completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The early and successful completion of the FAFSA is essential in identifying eligible grants and scholarships for categorized by specific college and universities, financial need, academic performance, etc.

The COLLEGE DAY allowed students and families to reduce the financial burden of higher education while making their dream of college, a reality.



## Uniting Communities to Celebrate Easter and Spread COVID-19 Awareness

Saturday, April 2, families throughout Sampson County gathered at the MCCLD Easter Festival hosted at the Royal Lane Park in Clinton. Approximately 300 people attended and festivities included several Easter Egg Hunts, funnel cakes, community resources, funnel cakes, chili fries.

To combat the spread of COVID-19, attendees were provided COVID vaccination education materials and were extended the option to complete both COVID testing and vaccination at no cost.

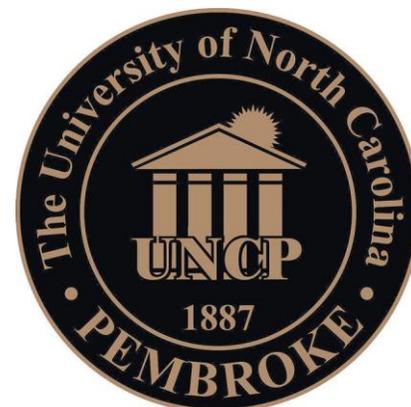
## Columbus County Job Fair & Vaccination Clinic

COVID-19 continues to cause devastation including financial hardships, loss of employment and insecurities to include food and housing. On Wednesday, March 27, MCCLD partnered with the Men of Women United, a Columbus County based non-profit organization to host a Community Job Fair. The event was held at the Ransom Community Center in Riegelwood and included six of the county's major employers. Respected employers such as West Frazier

interviewed employment candidates and extended employment offers during the job fair. Many employers recruited prospective employees through competitive wages averaging more than \$16 per hour.

Days later, April 1, the team hosted a COVID-19 vaccination clinic at the Bolton Town Hall. During this event, more than 30 residents who were recipients of federal aid programs were provided a free electronic tablet with three years of internet service.

## WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT SUMMIT



In honor of Women's History Month, MCCLD staff attend the University of North Carolina at Pembroke Women's Empowerment Summit.

The Summit, hosted by the Office for Regional Initiatives, included a series of highly esteemed professionals to include Dr. Shelly Lowery, Dr. Calvina Ellerbe and Jasmine Coleman. The keynote address was delivered by Lindsey Knapp.

Ms. Knapp, Executive Director of Combat Sexual Assault shed light on sexual assault, equal pay for women and bravery.

## MCCLD WELCOMES NEW EMPLOYEE

The Mt. Calvary Center for Leadership Development takes tremendous pride in our recruiting and training practices. Each employee completes a minimum of 40 hours of customized training to best serve communities.

MCCLD welcomes the following personnel to the Community Health Worker Division:

Mr. Ishmael Meachum, March 8  
Community Health Worker  
Hoke County

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**APRIL 9**

RESURRECTION CELEBRATION AND VACCINATION CLINIC  
805 W. BROAD STREET  
ELIZABETHTOWN, NORTH CAROLINA  
1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

**APRIL 11**

Stroke and Post-Stroke Depression  
Virtual Training Session  
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

**APRIL 18**

CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS VIRTUAL TOWN HALL  
6:00 PM

**APRIL 20**

COVID-19 FROM A PHARMACIST'S PERSPECTIVE  
VIRTUAL TOWN HALL



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**Community Health Workers  
Hit the Airway to Spread  
COVID Awareness**

**TUNE IN**

Every Wednesday at 9:30 am

**WVOE 1590 AM**



**RESURRECTION**  
*Celebration*

**SATURDAY, APRIL 9**  
1:00PM - 5:00PM

**EASTER EGG HUNT & KICKBALL TOURNAMENT**

**ELIZABETHTOWN SOCCER PARK**  
405 W. BROAD STREET, ELIZABETHTOWN, NORTH CAROLINA

MUSIC/GAMES | VENDORS | GIVEAWAYS | FACIAL PAINTING  
COMMUNITY RESOURCES | FAMILY FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES  
BIBLE TRIVIA TOURNAMENT | PIE-IN-THE-FACE

FREE COVID-19 TESTING AND VACCINATIONS