



MT. CALVARY CENTER For Leadership Development

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BREAST CANCER EVENTS HUGE SUCCESS

Mt. Calvary held multiple events in observance of Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October. We were pleased to host our Annual Tea in Burgaw which featured wonderful testimonies and stories of survival. We also held an event in Bladen County and an awareness event in our Wilmington Office as part of our newly established Lunch and Learn series.

We also hosted a new event in our Wallace Office which was a Sip and Pink event and allowed attendees to create a customized piece of art focused on Breast Cancer Awareness. Proceeds from this event helped provide support for our newly established Mary J. Tate Blanket Project for cancer patients.

We are very grateful for everyone's support of these events and look forward to expanding our outreach even more in 2024.



ANNUAL COLLEGE DAY SUPPORTS STUDENTS

Our Annual College Day provided area students with valuable information on post-secondary educational opportunities. Cape Fear Community College, James Sprunt Community College, and the University of North Carolina Wilmington were among the participating schools. Financial aid staff from UNC Wilmington provided a hands-on workshop that provided participants with valuable information on applying for financial aid and scholarships.

We have already begun planning next year's event and look forward to having even more schools participate and expanding our workshops and planning sessions.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DR. JIMMY T. TATE

As we close out a very successful year, we are very grateful to our valued supporters, Board members, employees, volunteers, and community members who have made our work and programs possible. We continue to work tirelessly to help the citizens of Southeastern Carolina and beyond with outreach, educational programs, referral and supportive services, and many more programs to help people improve their daily lives.

Looking forward to 2024, we will continue our Lunch and Learn programs in Wilmington, provide a diabetes education series, offer multiple free mobile dental clinics, increase our partnerships with other area agencies and community partners, and increase our educational programs for both youth and adults.

Our entire staff is dedicated to helping our communities and citizens have the information and resources they need to be healthy and successful. Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to share so many programs and services with you and please reach out to us if we can help you in any way.

Best wishes for a wonderful holiday and a Happy and Healthy 2024!

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MT. CALVARY RECOGNIZES EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR

Mt. Calvary Center for Leadership Development recently recognized two employees who were selected by their peers as Employees of the Year at the Annual Employee Recognition Dinner in December. This year there was a tie vote and Mt. Calvary honored Mr. James Baylor and Ms. Annette Lewis for their outstanding work. Ms. Lewis currently serves as Senior Administrative Associate and Mr. Baylor works with the Healthy Opportunities Pilot Program as Budget Officer.

We appreciate their valuable service and dedication to Mt. Calvary. Their work impacts so many people and allows us to make a tremendous difference.



We are grateful for our valued supporters, partners, Board members, employees, and volunteers for an amazing 2023. We look forward to an outstanding 2024.

In observance of the Christmas and New Year's Holidays our offices will be closed December 25 and 26, 2023 and January 1, 2024.

We wish you and your family a happy and safe holiday.



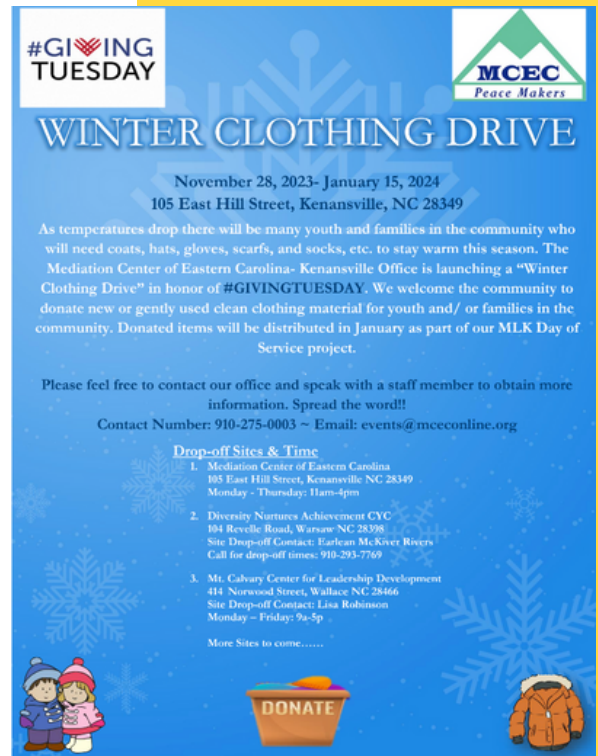
BROADWAY FOR A BETTER WORLD

Mt. Calvary is pleased to participate in Broadway for a Better World at Cape Fear Community College's Wilson Center. Through the generosity of private donors and a grant program administered by the Arts Council of Wilmington and New Hanover County, students who may not otherwise have the opportunity get to enjoy the magic of attending a Broadway-caliber show. Students in our Opportunity to Lead Program recently attended a production of Harper Lee's classic *To Kill a Mockingbird*. We are grateful for the opportunity to participate in this program.

WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

Mt. Calvary is proud to partner with the Mediation Center of Eastern Carolina-Kenansville Office in a Winter Clothing Drive. We welcome donations of new and gently used clean clothing for both youth and adults. Donations may be dropped off at our Wallace Office Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Clothing will be distributed in January 2024 as part of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service.



The poster features a blue background with white snowflakes. At the top left is the #GIVING TUESDAY logo, and at the top right is the MCEC Peace Makers logo. The title 'WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE' is prominently displayed in the center. Below the title, the dates 'November 28, 2023- January 15, 2024' and the address '105 East Hill Street, Kenansville, NC 28349' are listed. A paragraph explains the drive's purpose: 'As temperatures drop there will be many youth and families in the community who will need coats, hats, gloves, scarfs, and socks, etc. to stay warm this season. The Mediation Center of Eastern Carolina- Kenansville Office is launching a "Winter Clothing Drive" in honor of #GIVINGTUESDAY. We welcome the community to donate new or gently used clean clothing material for youth and/ or families in the community. Donated items will be distributed in January as part of our MLK Day of Service project.' Contact information is provided: 'Please feel free to contact our office and speak with a staff member to obtain more information. Spread the word!! Contact Number: 910-275-0003 ~ Email: events@mceconline.org'. A 'Drop-off Sites & Time' section lists three locations: 1. Mediation Center of Eastern Carolina (105 East Hill Street, Kenansville, NC 28349, Monday-Thursday 11am-4pm), 2. Diversity Nurtures Achievement CYC (104 Reville Road, Warsaw, NC 28398, Site Drop-off Contact: Earlean McRiver Rivers, Call for drop-off times: 910-293-7769), and 3. Mt. Calvary Center for Leadership Development (414 Norwood Street, Wallace, NC 28466, Site Drop-off Contact: Lisa Robinson, Monday-Friday 9a-5p). It also mentions 'More Sites to come.....'. At the bottom, there are illustrations of two children in winter gear, a 'DONATE' bin, and a winter jacket.



HOLIDAY FOOD GIVEAWAY SUCCESS

Mt. Calvary Center for Leadership Development was pleased to host a Holiday Food Giveaway on Saturday, December 2nd and also accept applications from eligible Food and Farmworkers to receive a special payment. We thank our many donors and supporters that help make these valuable programs possible. We enjoyed having our Opportunity to Lead Youth Program participants assist with the food giveaway.



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