

# MT. CALVARY CENTER FOR LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT



## OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mt. Calvary Center for Leadership Development works earnestly in advocacy, outreach and pioneering development to ensure community needs are addressed and residents are equipped with the tools essential for success. Our administrative team continuously seeks opportunities for program expansion opportunities designed to address the holistic wellbeing of all communities to include fair and equitable access to healthcare, personal and professional development training, lowered recidivism rates, community awareness,

It is the unwavering goal of MCCLD to provide quality resources, inspiration and guidance.

In recent months, the organization has experience tremendous growth fostering the platform for a positive and effective impact on the communities we serve. Our dedication to service derives positive, economic and life-changing results.

-Dr. Lisa Robinson  
*Executive Director*

## 2022 Presidential Celebratory Festivities

Mt. Calvary Center for Leadership Development continues to experience exponential growth. To commemorate the various levels of success experienced during this fiscal year, MCCLD is set to host its Annual Presidential Soiree Gala in July 2022. The celebration will span throughout the entire weekend. Celebratory festivities will include a Presidential Welcome Social, Celebration on the Water, and Formal Presidential Gala.

Events include fine dining, energetic entertainment, and socializing quarters. The Presidential Welcome Social warrants the gathering of MCCLD supporters, esteemed colleagues and donors. Celebration on the Water: River Ride includes the onboarding of guest to a motorized boat filled with amenities. The river crusade will allow guests to witness the beauty of the Carolina Cape Fear River.

Festivities will conclude with the 2022 MCCLD Presidential Soiree Gala. The Gala will include delectable fine dining consisting of three courses, live entertainment, organizational updates, sponsorship recognitions and enriching socialization.

Additional information, to include logistics and ticket purchase options, will be forthcoming.

“ALONE we can  
do so LITTLE;  
TOGETHER we can  
do SO MUCH”.

~Helen Keller

# MCCLD Newsletter

## MCCLD Welcomes New Employees to Meet Service and Expansion Demands

As MCCLD continues to experience growth, the Center is rooted in its service commitment to southeastern North Carolina. As the mission of MCCLD continues to experience tremendous progression, it is imperative to have highly skilled employees strategically positioned to best serve communities and to address their needs.

A warm and hearty welcome is extended to the following new personnel in their service roles.

Ms. Rachel Millard, February 8  
*Community Health Worker  
New Hanover County*

Ms. Edith Patino, February 8  
*Community Health Worker  
New Hanover County*

Ms. Yikimya McLaughlin, February 8  
*Community Health Worker  
Scotland County*

Mr. Spencer Demery, March 1  
*Community Health Worker  
Bladen County*

Ms. Arika Miller, March 1  
*Community Health Worker  
Sampson County*

Mr. Reddgo Long, March 1  
*Dean of Community Engagement and  
Special Programs/VIC Coach*

Mr. Justin May, March 1 (New Appointment)  
*Human Resources Director  
Associate Director of Administrative Affairs*

advanced post-secondary exposure and career training to sixth, seventh and eighth grade students who reside in historically marginalized and underserved communities throughout Bladen, Duplin, New Hanover, Pender and Sampson Counties.

The VIC Academy provides vigorous training, enhanced life-styles and career exploration in various high-demand and high-skill areas to include Aviation, Construction Management, Culinary Arts, Engineering, IT Coding, Machining, Marine Biology, Mechanics, Mechatronics, Medical and Health Sciences, and Welding. The academy will provide students with the skills and accelerated knowledge to develop a sound-career interest portfolio.

Applications may be obtained by contacting Mr. Reddgo Long at \_\_\_\_\_ or visiting [www.mcleadership.org](http://www.mcleadership.org).



## Early Detection Helps to Save Lives in the Battle Against BREAST CANCER

On Saturday, February 26, Mt. Calvary Center for Leadership Development hosted a Mammography Testing Clinic at its Burgaw Campus. The event was co-sponsored by New Hanover Regional Medical Center; Novant Health. The two entities worked collectively to ensure women at high risk of developing breast cancer received preventive screening at no direct cost to the patient, medical referrals for specialized care and no insurance requirements.

Registration was open to the public with limited appointment availability. The event provided mammography screenings for 14 patients. All screening

Appointments were filled necessitating a waiting list and need for future events.

*"I got a mammogram ten years ago and it was fine so I never thought about getting another one until someone from MCCLD talked to me about the importance of getting a mammogram every year and I did not have a doctor but MCCLD helped me find a doctor to follow up with".*

*~Patient*

## SUCCESS STORY: Reaching Beyond the Break

Community Health Workers from Brunswick and Columbus Counties worked collaboratively to assist a family with limited English capabilities. MCCLD received an alarming call from a concerned citizen requesting urgent assistance for a family in need of rental assistance, medical service coordination and counseling services.

Ms. Lizeth Mendoza provided translation services for the family and worked diligently along with Mr. Albert Smith to address the needs of the family and to best assist with overcoming barriers.

As a result of Ms. Mendoza's and Mr. Smith's timely response the family received much needed resources such as food and clothing. Additionally, the family was referred to Cape Fear Network to address their medical needs. Cape Fear Network is committed to provide individual with free medication, medical treatment based on income, affordable urgent treatment and medical referrals for specialized treatment to address chronic illnesses.

*"My job grants me the opportunity to change lives and build bridges".*

*~Lizeth Mendoza  
Brunswick County CHW*

*"Service as a Community Health Worker is more than a profession, IT'S MINISTRY".*

*~Albert Smith, Jr.  
Columbus County CHW*



## VIC Academy Vocational, Industrial and College Preparatory Academy

The Mt. Calvary Center for Leadership Development is pleased to announce it's now accepting applications for the Vocational, Industrial, and College Preparation (VIC) Academy. The VIC Academy aims to provide

## PURPLE DAY: Bringing Awareness to Epilepsy

An estimated 50 million people worldwide have epilepsy. In the past famous people such as Joan of Arc, Alexander the Great and Harriet Tubman battled epilepsy.

Seizures cause a change in functions or behavior and may take many different forms to include a blank stare, muscle spasms, uncontrollable movements, odd sensations and convulsion.

Epileptic seizures are triggered by flickering lights, lack of sleep, missing meals and illicit drug use.

PURPLE DAY is an international grassroots effort dedicated to increasing awareness and comfort to those who battle epilepsy. Since its infancy in 2012, event participation and awareness has grown tremendously. Last year, 85 countries wore purple in honor of epilepsy awareness.

MCCLD invites you to participate in "Purple Day" on March 26 by wearing purple to assist in the global campaign designed to provide comfort to those battling epilepsy and gain awareness.

## MCCLD Participates in Malpass Corner Elementary Career Day



Dr. Tate and Dr. Robinson met with students to discuss the functional purpose of nonprofit organizations, the services we provide and the area we provide services. Several students were excited to learn about the MCCLD scope of service as the students expressed their interest in helping others. A young man said "I wanted to be an engineer but after talking with you, I want to open a nonprofit and help people". Dr. Tate also participated in Read Across America at Malpass Corner Elementary.

**EPILEPSIE**  
**CHANGES LIVES**  
**BUT**  
**HOPE & FAITH**  
**CREATE**  
**STRENGTH**

### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### MARCH 11

VACCINATION CLINIC; 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM  
Sunoco Winnabow & Cheetah Mart  
6341 Ocean Highway East  
Winnabow, North Carolina

#### MARCH 15

Access for Latino & Minority Communities to Programs  
& Services in Columbus County; 10:00 AM– 11:00 AM  
Meeting ID: 838.3272.4232  
Passcode: 591344

#### MARCH 26

VACCINATION CLINIC; 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM  
Los Portales  
912 South Kerr Avenue  
Wilmington, North Carolina

#### MARCH 29

MCCLD QUARTER BOARD MEETING 6:00 PM  
MCCLD Burgaw Office  
405 Highway 117 South  
Burgaw, North Carolina



**SATURDAY**

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**MARCH 26**

**10:00 AM – 1:00 PM**  
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**COLLEGE  
PREPARATION  
DAY**



**PREPARING FOR LIFE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL!**

**Serving Duplin, Pender and New Hanover Counties**

This event will assist students that are applying for trade school, community college and universities. Experts will assist students in identifying scholarships, grants, financial assistance and create FAFSA login credentials. Space is limited to 10 students.

**REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED!**

**MT. CALVARY CENTER FOR LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

**Burgaw Campus  
405 Hwy 117 South  
Burgaw, North Carolina**

**Call 910.665.1352 to reserve  
your spot today!**



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

**TUNE IN**

**Every Wednesday at 9:30 am**

**WVOE 1590 AM**