

THE COMMUNITY CONNECT

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(919) 735-4226 x 1135

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1608 E. Holly St.

(919) 750-6957

Jobs Plus

1009 Slaughter St.

(919) 750-6847

ROSS

1906 Edgerton St.

(919) 735-4226 x 1301

Resident Services

1906 Edgerton St.

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Fairview Apartments

1729 Edgerton St.

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1009 Slaughter St.

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409 Hinson St.

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701 West Oak St.

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FROM THE CEO

At HACG, we are committed to making our community a better place to live because this is our home, too. As you read through this newsletter, you will note the various ways HACG goes above and beyond to find the best way to assist those in need and increase opportunities for affordable housing.

Be sure to pay special attention to our recently awarded Choice Neighborhoods planning grant, which will help transform our West Haven community. Revisit the SERC MLK Weekend in which we hosted approximately 300 youth participants from housing authorities across the Southeast region of the US. Learn about our multiple self-sufficiency programs to assist residents with employment, education, financial literacy, and more.

You will also see how we continue to partner with local schools, our fantastic Spring Break week with our youth, and how we're opening new doors to deserving students.

This newsletter also contains information about community resources and local events. You'll also find pages highlighting some of our amazing residents and their recent achievements.

If you want to be the first to get updates on news and community resources, connect with us on social media and subscribe to receive these updates by email or text message on our website at hacg.org or through your RENTCafe portal.

As always, we are proud to serve you and look forward to all this Summer holds. Stay safe!

ANTHONY GOODSON, JR.
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



HUD AWARDS \$500,000 CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS PLANNING GRANT

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awarded a \$500,000 planning grant to the Housing Authority of the City of Goldsboro (HACG) and the City of Goldsboro. This community award is designed to stimulate high-quality, affordable housing and economic development in the West Haven community.

HUD received 31 applications for the FY 2022 Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants competition from across the nation. This grant is one of 9 awards totaling \$4,409,000 funded through HUD's Choice Neighborhoods Initiative, which helps local leaders craft comprehensive, homegrown plans to revitalize and transform neighborhoods across the country.

HUD's Choice Neighborhoods Initiative promotes a comprehensive approach to transforming neighborhoods struggling to address the interconnected challenges of distressed housing, inadequate schools, poor health, high crime, and lack of capital. "The Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant is a game changer for the residents of West Haven and the surrounding community; this proves that when we as a community work together, we can accomplish great things," said HACG Chief Executive Officer Anthony Goodson Jr.

Choice Neighborhoods is focused on three core goals:

- **Housing:** Replace distressed public and assisted housing with high-quality mixed-income housing that is well-managed and responsive to the needs of the surrounding neighborhood.
- **People:** Improve educational outcomes and intergenerational mobility for youth with services and supports delivered directly to youth and their families.
- **Neighborhood:** Create the conditions necessary for public and private reinvestment in distressed neighborhoods to offer the kinds of amenities and assets, including safety, good schools, and commercial activity, that are important to families' choices about their community.

HACG will partner with the City of Goldsboro, local nonprofits, businesses, and community stakeholders to create a plan to revitalize housing and address challenges in reconnecting the surrounding neighborhood. This Transformation plan is intended to become the guiding document for the revitalization of the public and/or assisted housing units while simultaneously directing the transformation of the surrounding neighborhood and outlining the steps necessary to create positive outcomes for families within the West Haven community.



Commissioner Hulse presented with Cornerstone Award!

Geoff Hulse was recognized for his outstanding service to Wayne County and its residents with the Wayne County Chamber of Commerce's Cornerstone Award.

Fair Housing Panel Discussion



The Commission on Community Relations and Development hosted a panel discussion about fair housing recently at the Wayne County Public Library. Our CEO, Anthony Goodson Jr., was one of the guest panelists who discussed the various protections in place to minimize barriers to housing.

Tracey Pate, Bison Business Blocks

Recently, our very own Human Capital Manager, Tracey Pate, was the guest speaker for the Wayne Community College Bison Business Blocks. Tracey provided tips and tricks for landing a job! If you're interested in learning be sure to check out the Facebook Live Stream from the Bison Business Blocks - April 2023 session.



2023 SERC MLK BASKETBALL & CHEER TOURNAMENT HOSTED BY HACG



Housing Authorities throughout the Southeastern Region of the United States traveled during the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday with their youth, families, coaches, and staff to an incredible weekend of thrilling competitive sports, exciting educational opportunities, and positive cultural experiences. The celebration did not disappoint this year as the multi-site event in which HACG staff brought out all the bells and whistles for over 300 youth attendees.

Highlights from the event include:

- The weekend's keynote speaker, Harlem Globetrotters legend Dexter "Loveboat" Williams, wowed the crowd by proving why he was named one of the "World's Best Basketball handlers" and offering words of motivation and inspiration for all ages.
- Wayne County's first Majorette Dance ensemble Triple D Studios showed up and showed out with their award-winning Dancing Divas of Destruction, taking the court with confidence, poise, and grace.
- National Platinum Recording Artist DJ Luke Nasty ended the night with a live performance and photos.
- Surprise giveaways such as iPads, laptops, Beats headphones, books, gift cards, and more.
- Participants looking to explore their academic endeavors found impactful information during the floating Go-To-High School, Go-To-College-College Fair & Greek Row events, which consisted of numerous colleges and universities from our home state.
- A major weekend highlight was the Sneaker Ball, a red-carpet affair complete with well-thought-out photo opportunities, giveaways, a dance floor, an expansive buffet meal, and a Jordan-themed shoe box candy bar!

HACG sends its sincerest gratitude to the following for helping make this event a success: HACG Board of Commissioners, Resident Services and Employees, SERC-NAHRO, Brooks Jeffrey Marketing Inc, Carolina Overhead Doors, Kinetic Minds, Mt. Olive Pickles, Jarran Reed, Stanley Aughtry, the John Wall Family Foundation, Greensboro Swarm, the Colleges and Universities participating in our Go-To-High School, Go-To-College - College Fair, the Gold-Wayne National Panhellenic Council, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc Theta Omicron Lambda Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.- Epsilon Phi Omega Chapter, Ms. Kim McGuire (Triple D Studios), Eastern Wayne High School Drum Line, Coach James Saunders, Coach Joseph Hayes, Danny King (ADLA, Inc), Mayor Ham, Communities Supporting Schools of Wayne County, Visit Goldsboro, Carver Heights Elementary, Dillard Middle School, the WA Foster Center.

"This has been amazing! This is an event they should have in every state across the whole country. - Dexter Williams

To learn more about this event or to view footage, visit @SERCMLKWeekend on Facebook.





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HACG Calendar!



Mobile Access!



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Contact the Occupancy Department!



Review and update your information!



Rent Café is your online connection to the Housing Authority of the City of Goldsboro!

FSS Funding Renewal

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has renewed HACG's Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) Program for \$100,699. These funds will be used to assist families in increasing their assets and improving their financial stability.

The FSS program is an entirely voluntary program offered to families in HUD-assisted housing who are provided coaching, referred to services, and establish a family escrow savings account. FSS Program Coordinators provide coaching and develop local strategies to connect participating families to public and private resources to increase their earned income and financial empowerment, reduce or eliminate the need for welfare assistance, and make progress toward economic independence and self-sufficiency.

New regulations published in May removed potential barriers to the program by allowing any adult household member to apply (not just the Head of Household) and eliminating a cap on savings for higher earners.

If you're interested in learning more about this program for residents in Elmwood, Little Washington, Woodcrest, and Section 8 participants, connect with FSS Coordinator Mack Murray at 919.583.2493.

ROSS

The purpose of the Resident Opportunities for Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) Service Program is to provide opportunities for families living in public housing to identify and work towards life goals and be connected to services in their community. These services will enable participating families to increase earned income, reduce or eliminate the need for welfare assistance, make progress toward achieving economic independence and housing self-sufficiency, or, in the case of elderly or disabled residents, help improve living conditions and enable residents to age in place.

Some of the service connections provided to families include child care, transportation necessary to receive services, remedial education, CRC certification, financial management, soft skill training, and any other services and resources appropriate to assist eligible families in achieving economic independence and self-sufficiency.

Whether you need supportive services to live independently, want to further your education, or increase your employability skills, the ROSS program is here to help make your transition from public assistance to economic independence as smooth as possible.

Get started today by contacting Mrs. Jedidah Hayes at 919.735.4226 ext. 1301.



ROSS Participant Spotlights

HACG Resident Services Cohort Alumna, **Ms. Sabrina Noland**, received the distinct honor of Wayne County Public Schools 2022-2023 Volunteer of the Year award for her extraordinary volunteer service at Wayne Middle/High Academy.

Ms. Noland, an Office Administration Major at Wayne Community, wanted to intern and put her skills to good use, as well as “pour into the youth.” Through coordination efforts with the ROSS Program and our Partner In Education, Wayne Middle/High Academy, Ms. Noland was able to do just that.

We are extremely proud of her, and we are looking forward to what she will accomplish next. She is truly a success story. Congratulations!



Ms. Jessica Faison recently completed the NC Notary Public Certification Course at Wayne Community College and was excited to receive her official Notary Stamp to begin servicing her community. We are super proud of her many accomplishments.

Stellar resident and ROSS Program Participant **Shawn Locus** attended the 2022 Wayne County Chamber of Commerce W.I.S.E. Women Inspiring Success & Empowerment Fireside Chat at the Walnut Creek Country Club.

Ms. Locus is a business owner and entrepreneur in the investment industry. She was thrilled to “be in a room full of confident, successful, inspiring women.”





Homeownership Workshop

We had the distinct pleasure of hosting one of many Homeownership Workshops. Our incredible partners from First Citizens Bank and Literacy Connections of Wayne County collaborated with us to bring financial education and home-buying resources to all in attendance. Be on the lookout for our next workshop in August.

If you're interested in learning more or beginning your self-sufficiency journey, contact Jedidiah Hayes at 919-735-4226 ext. 1301 or jhayes@hacg.org.



Staff Training

HACG stays on top of training and learning opportunities for our staff members. Recently, ROSS Coordinator Jedidiah Hayes and Job Developer Thaddeus Washington attended a Resident Services Coordinators and Property Managers Retreat in Wilmington, NC.

They brought back a wealth of information to utilize throughout our communities!



Resident Retreat

Sierra Carmichael and Debi Broohm attended the Carolinas Council of Housing Redevelopment & Codes Officials 2023 Resident Retreat in Concord, NC. The retreat focused on community engagement, mental health, and overcoming poverty. These ladies learned a lot and enjoyed connecting with other residents investing in their communities.



Divine Nine Partnerships

Our recent Divine Nine Luncheon was a huge success! We're looking forward to the programs and events this partnership will bring to our residents! Stay tuned for additional information.

Jobs Plus

Jobs Plus is a self-sufficiency program for residents living in Lincoln Homes who are between the ages of 14 and 64. Jobs Plus is in its second year and currently has 155 residents enrolled. Of those residents, 12 residents are receiving daycare assistance, 7 residents are enrolled in continuing education or certification programs, 27 residents are receiving transportation assistance, with 24 residents receiving the rent incentive, where their rent did not go up because of employment.

The program helps individuals with job searching, financial literacy/education, continuing education classes, updating resumes, certificate programs, daycare assistance, transportation assistance that includes gas vouchers, bus passes, and third-party transportation within the surrounding areas, a rent incentive, and connection to community partners for other services and resources.

The Jobs Plus case managers are here to help residents set short and long-term goals to overcome barriers to becoming self-sufficient and hopefully move out of public housing.





Meet the Team:

- **Cassandra Hinnant** is our Youth Coordinator and works with Jobs Plus Teens, scholarships, academic success, and all things involving our teens and can be reached at 919-750-3046.
- **Joi Peacock** is our financial specialist and can provide educational resources on best practices for saving, making wise money decisions, and investing; and can be reached at 919-750-5429.
- **Nate Dupree** is the president of the Re-Entry Council for Wayne County and works with the justice-involved residents to help them with job searching and connects them to other community resources. He can be reached at 919-750-5477.
- **Thad Washington** is our Job Developer and the Section 3 Coordinator and works with all communities, not just Jobs Plus. He can be reached for job search assistance at 919-750-9026.

The Jobs Plus Case Managers are available Monday through Thursday to help the residents in Lincoln Homes reach their goals. Jobs Plus will continue to offer onsite hiring events with local companies and Staffing Agencies, as well as offering Financial Freedom classes and job search assistance. For more information about the Jobs Plus program, please reach out to one of the case managers, or contact the Jobs Plus Director, **Ayisha Razzak-Ellis**, at aellis@hacg.org or 919-750-6847.

Jobs Plus Spotlights

Wayne County Reentry Council was honored to be a nominee for the Reentry Warrior Award in the Local Government Program category during the Our Journey Award Celebration. Reentry Coordinator Brandi Matthews, Executive Director Renita Dawson, and **Reentry Council President Nathaniel Dupree** were present to receive the recognition.

Congratulations to all the nominees, award winners, returning citizens, and those making a difference in the lives of those who deserve a second chance.



Congratulations to one of our Jobs Plus participants, **Ms. Lewis**, for completing the Medical Billing and Coding program at Wayne Community College.

Congratulations to Jobs Plus Participant **Patricia Whitfield** for recently receiving her Bachelor of Science (Behavioral and Social Sciences) degree from North Carolina Central University.

She is proof that it is never too late to pursue your dreams.



Jobs Plus Collaboration



To continue providing the best services and resources and increase resident engagement, the Jobs Plus staff collaborates with Durham and Wilmington's Jobs Plus programs every six months to discuss best practices for engagement, activities, and resources for our participants. Getting together to share successes, challenges, and needs helps staff to learn how other programs are reaching out to their residents, what events and activities they offer, and sharing information on what works and what can be improved.

These collaborations and training allow staff to share their ideas and learn from others dealing with the same issues and concerns. The next collaboration and training is scheduled for October 2023 in Goldsboro, NC.



Aging in Place

Aging in Place focuses on helping residents aged 62 and over stay active, live healthier lives, and live safely at home instead of in a nursing home or assisted living facility.



Senior Pantries

Pantries are available at each management office with supplies for senior residents ages 62 and older who need items such as toilet paper, adult diapers, soap, dish detergent, and laundry soap.

These pantries are to be used as needed, not as a monthly resource. Senior residents who have a need can reach out to the property managers on Wednesday mornings between 8 am and 12 pm for assistance!

To learn more about our Aging in Place program or to suggest ideas, please contact Ayisha Razzak-Ellis at 919-750-6847 or aellis@hacg.org.



Senior Grocery Rides

HACG Seniors 55+ needing transportation to the grocery store can now use our ride service! You must contact Thad Washington at 919-750-9026 to let them know if you need a ride a week prior.



Senior Food Boxes

Food boxes will continue to be delivered on the 2nd Tuesday of each month to residents 60+ who meet the income requirements.



Senior Computer Classes

Seniors looking to become more technology savvy are invited to participate in our Digital Skills Ready@50+ classes and workshops hosted monthly.

Computer Class Highlights

Ms. Estella and Ms. Patricia completed the five-week Senior Planet of AARP computer program and Ms. Patricia won an iPad.



Ms. Mary Suggs recently attended our Senior Planet Computer classes and won a free laptop.

Ms. Doris Boykin recently attended all of our senior computer classes and won a laptop!



If you are 50 or older and want to attend a class, contact Ayisha Razzak-Ellis at 919-750-6847.

Mental Health Tools

via Ayisha Razzak-Ellis

Unfortunately, when we think of health, we think of physical health, which can include diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and kidney disease, but mental health is also a condition that needs to be addressed and treated. To break the negative stigma of mental health, as a society, we need to talk about what is considered a mental health issue and offer support and resources on where a person can receive help. Some of the most common mental health issues are depression, anxiety, mood disorders, and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Depending on the severity of the condition, some of them can be treated using therapy, but if they are more severe, therapy and medication might be needed. Everyone feels sad or down at some point in life; however, if symptoms occur daily for weeks at a time, it could be a serious issue. Not everyone has the same symptoms or experiences with depression, but here are some signs of depression:

- Feelings of sadness, tearfulness, emptiness, or hopelessness
- Angry outbursts, irritability, or frustration, even over small matters
- Loss of interest or pleasure in most or all normal activities, such as sex, hobbies, or sports
- Sleep disturbances, including insomnia or sleeping too much
- Tiredness and lack of energy, so even small tasks take extra effort
- Reduced appetite and weight loss or increased cravings for food and weight gain
- Anxiety, agitation, or restlessness
- Feelings of worthlessness or guilt, fixating on past failures or self-blame
- Trouble thinking, concentrating, making decisions, and remembering things
- Frequent or recurrent thoughts of death, suicidal thoughts, suicide attempts, or suicide

Symptoms of generalized anxiety or GAD include:

- Pounding or racing heart
- Sweating
- Trembling or tingling
- Chest pain
- Feelings of impending doom
- Feelings of being out of control

Again, not everyone experiences the same symptoms with anxiety and depression and will need different forms of treatment. If you or someone you know is dealing with these symptoms, please seek help. Some of the local agencies that can help are Client First: (919) 330-4367, Waynesboro: (919) 734-6676, Pride in NC: (984) 520-6080, One-to-One with Youth: (919) 731-2119, and Eastpointe Mental Health: (800) 913-6109.

If you are feeling suicidal, call 911 or go to your local emergency room.





Yard of the Month Congratulations to our Yard of the Month winners! Thank you all for showing creativity and taking pride in your yard.

Winners: Peggy Bryant, Aljoe Moody, Sandra McKnight, and Marie Hill

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

- More than 1300 job openings with the State of North Carolina. Which one is right for you? Make your next career move at nc.gov/jobs
- 197 positions available through Wayne County Public Schools; visit waynecountyschools.org to view job openings!
- View positions currently available within Wayne County Government at waynegov.com/Jobs.aspx

ALSO HIRING:

WAYNE UNC HEALTH CARE
WAYNE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
JOHNSTON HEALTH
MT. OLIVE PICKLES
BUTTERBALL
MEGAFORCE
JMA PLACEMENT

**Find more opportunities at indeed.com.
Contact resident services for assistance
at (919) 735-4226 x 1301.**

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Basic Driving Class

Our Basic Driving Class hosted by A+ Driving School provides Adults (18+) the education needed to drive skillfully and safely—to protect themselves and other drivers on the road.

This class is offered for FREE twice a month at the Fairview Community Center.
To learn more or to register contact Resident Services at 919.735.4226 ext. 1301.



Food Assistance

Three-In-One Family Center:
Mondays at 700 Stevens Mill Rd.
Starting at 10 am.

Goldsboro Family YMCA Mobile Markets:
May 2, 16, and 30
Goldsboro Public Library
from 10 am - 11 am

Lets Talk Women's Support Group

Ladies, if you need a support group that encourages you and pushes you to that next level, Then be sure to join us!

Our group meets monthly at the Fairview Community Center. Visit our website calendar for upcoming dates.



Interested in Starting a Business?

We're looking for individuals that are interested in learning how to solve problems creatively, get business ideas off the ground, and that are seeking assistance with developing a profitable business model!

Contact Resident Services for assistance.



Sharpen your Money Management Skills!

Join us for our Financial Freedom sessions held monthly to learn how to budget, open a bank account, or repair your credit.

Visit our website calendar for upcoming event dates, or reach out to a self-sufficiency program for assistance.



Fairview Computer Lab is Open!

Need to complete applications? Need to job search? Need to type a document? Visit the Fairview Community Center's Computer lab during regular business hours. Please call 919.735.4226 ext. 1301 if you have any questions or need assistance.



PARTNERS IN EDUCATION - COUGAR DEN



Celebrating excellence in the Cougar Den!

Our agency has been working with the staff at Goldsboro High School and identified numerous students from our communities who are excelling in their studies.

We are proud of their hard work and celebrated them with monetary gift cards, certificates, and boxed lunches from Chick-fil-A.

Principals List:

Antonio Hollman
JaQuan Hardee

A Honor Roll:

Trayana Howard
Ariyana Jackson
Ne'Vayah Smith
Alicia Benetez
Seth Brown

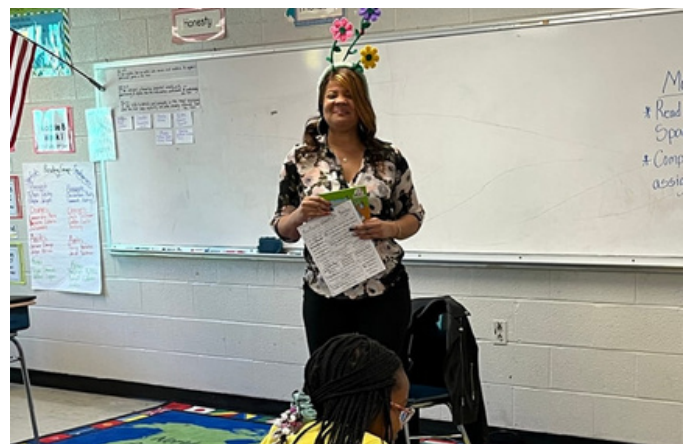
B Honor Roll:

Joshua Briggs
Taneisha Johnson
Brandon Louis
Samir Parrott
Geonnah Evans
Zarae-Majoli Geser
Breonna James
Destiny King
Jamiaha Nealy
Kaili Thomas
Sanai Thomas
Samarria Warren
A'Ziya Atkinson
LaCrislyn Floyd

B Honor Roll:

Genesis Hendrix
Shaurice Soard
Saria Weeks
Angel Anderson
Jy'ontae Ingram
Jeremiah Leftdwrig
Ramiya Raiford
Perfect Attendance:
Kailem Bethune
Kieon Bethune
Maleek Beatty
Seth Brown
Nyhaze Graham
Antonio Hollman
Jaemion Mitchell





Lunch Buddies

We had the pleasure of celebrating Read Across America at Carver Heights Elementary School.

Spring Break Events



This year the Resident Services team of HACG planned an extra special week of events and activities for residents ages 5-17 to participate in during spring break week, April 10-13. On Monday, each community held an Easter Egg Hunt and painting activity; they made tie-dye t-shirts and ate Pizza. On Tuesday, 41 residents were taken to the Imagination Museum in Wilson, NC, to explore and learn, and Chic-fil-a provided lunch. Wednesday was the farthest trip; 41 residents were taken 2.5 hours to the Zoo in Asheboro, NC, where they visited Africa, rode on the carousel, and had lunch at Golden Corral. The final event was a trip to Sawyers fun park in Winterville, NC, where 44 residents jumped on trampolines, played dodgeball, climbed a rock wall, played laser tag, played arcade games, completed a ropes course, and finished the day eating delicious ice cream from the local creamery in Ayden, NC. The Residents Services team wanted to ensure that the children living in Goldsboro Housing Authority communities had unique experiences, learned a few things, and, most importantly, had fun. Be on the lookout for upcoming summer festivities!







Teen Advisory Board

Teen Advisory Board members recently met, created vision boards, and discussed their futures.

Interested in joining the board? Reach out to Mrs. Cassandra at 919- 750-3046.

Scholarships

The HACG Resident & Community Scholarship programs are Accepting Applications!

Scholarships are available to graduating seniors who plan on pursuing their education at a trade school, community college, or four-year university. The deadline is June 2nd.

Visit our website at www.hacg.org for more information about these and other available scholarships!



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DEADLINES & CRITERIA**

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HACG Scholar Highlights

Thank you so much, HACG, for believing in me and being an outlet when my dreams seemed so far away. You gave me the necessary supplies, i.e., an HP laptop, bedding, a printer, school supplies, etc. I will forever be grateful for your contributions!

Now I have successfully graduated from UNCC with my Bachelor's in Public Health, and I am also a travel CNA as well as a home health agent. Working towards my goal of becoming a Travel Public Health Nurse and then transitioning into a Health Communication Specialist for the CDC. HACG was the true catalyst; thank you for the jump start 5 years ago. Now I am able to continue on my journey into the health field.

- **Nauttii Council, BSPH**



Congratulations to HACG Scholar and former scholarship recipient **Damon Brown** on landing an internship with Medtronic this summer through a Thurgood Marshall College Fund (TMCFF) program! He will be traveling to Connecticut this upcoming June to build his strengths and resume through these two great organizations

Congratulations to HACG Scholar and HAI Group scholarship recipient **Shateanu' Bryant** on graduating from UNC Greensboro with a Bachelor of Science in Biology with a Minor in Chemistry and American Sign Language- PRE-MED.

Congratulations, Ms. Bryant, and best wishes on all your future endeavors!





Book Rich Environments

HACG proudly enters its second year with the National Book Foundation's Book Rich Environments (BRE) program. In its inaugural year, this beneficial partnership exceeded expectations by continuing the HACG mission of providing resources for the enrichment of its residents and creating an environment that promotes self-sufficiency and personal development. As one of only two agencies in the state of North Carolina participating in the BRE program, HACG has taken on the responsibility of addressing the issue of limited access to books and libraries head-on. Last year over 1500 books were distributed within the community via several literacy-based events, including the Books, Bikes & BBQ kick-off event, as well as Back to School Bashes in each community, Halloween, and Christmas literacy-fueled celebrations.

The National Book Foundation is made possible with the help of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the U.S. Department of Education, the Urban Libraries Council, and the National Center for Families Learning, serving as its primary contributors. The following three key components of the initiative are implemented by more than 50 HUD-supported communities across the country:

- Book Distribution - free, high-quality, diverse books provided to children and families living in HUD-assisted housing.
- Library Engagement - young people and families engaged in the love of reading and connected with the ongoing literacy activities offered by the local public library.
- Partnership Building - strategic partnerships on the local level are established between the local public housing authority, the local library, and local literacy partners to develop and deliver ongoing community and educational programming.

As a leading housing authority in eastern North Carolina, HACG is excited to continue its efforts with a calendar of additional organized events for 2023 that provide the opportunity to place books directly in the hands of the children and families that need them the most.

If you need new books in your home, be sure to contact Resident Services at 919.735.4226 ext. 1301. We have some titles we're sure you will enjoy!

SUMMER CAMPS

2023 SUMMER CAMP

\$25/week/member
 *MUST have 2023 membership
 *discounts available for families
 *financial assistance available

Weekly schedule to come soon!

FIRST WEEK BEGINS JUNE 19TH

Members will receive camp fun as well as help in Math and Reading. Daily lunch provided.

REGISTER ONLINE TODAY TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT!

GOLDSBORO & MT. OLIVE CLUBS
 7:30am - 6:00pm

WWW.BGCWAYNE.ORG/SUMMER-CAMPS

2023 SUMMER CAMPS

CAMP W.A. FULL - DAY CAMP	KINDERCAMP HALF - DAY CAMP	SPORTS CAMP HALF - DAY CAMP
W.A. FOSTER CENTER JUNE 12 TH - AUGUST 11 TH , 2023 AGES 7 - 12 \$65 PER CAMPER, WEEKLY STRUCTURED ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED DAILY 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM	W.A. FOSTER CENTER JUNE 12 TH - AUGUST 11 TH , 2023 AGES 5 - 6 \$40 PER CAMPER, WEEKLY STRUCTURED ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED DAILY 7:30 AM - 12:00 PM	GREENWOOD MIDDLE GYM JUNE 12 TH - AUGUST 11 TH , 2023 AGES 7 - 13 \$45 PER CAMPER, WEEKLY SPORTS INSTRUCTION + PLAY DAILY 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
ACTIVITIES INCLUDE: SWIMMING, SKATING, FISHING, SPORTS, FIELD TRIPS, UNLIMITED FUN, & MORE!	ACTIVITIES INCLUDE: SWIMMING, ARTS & CRAFTS, PLAY, SPORTS, FIELD TRIPS & TONS OF FUN!	SPORTS OFFERED INCLUDE: FRESHWATER FISHING, VOLLEYBALL, BASEBALL/SOFTBALL, GOLF & TENNIS, BASKETBALL, ALL SPORTS & SALTWATER FISHING!

ALL FIELD TRIPS ARE INCLUDED IN WEEKLY FEE | LUNCH PROVIDED DAILY FOR CAMPERS AT W.A. FOSTER CENTER | NO CAMPS JULY 4TH WEEK
 W.A. FOSTER CENTER, 3012 S. JOHN STREET, GOLDSBORO, NC 27530 | GREENWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL, 3209 E. ASH STREET, GOLDSBORO, NC 27534

FIND ALL THE DETAILS & MORE → WWW.GOLDSBOROPARKSANDREC.COM/REGISTER

WCC Junior Bisons Summer Camp

The summer camp schedule is now online! Do your middle and high school students have plans for the summer yet?

Check out all the camps we're offering this year...

- Allied Health Career Exploration
- Business Career Exploration
- Let's Go LEGO® Leadership
- Truck Driver Training Career Exploration
- Beekeepers Camp
- Public Safety Career Exploration
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