

# the community connect



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# hacg directory

## HACG

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## Resident Services

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## Fairview Apartments

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Fax: 735-1848

## Lincoln Homes

1009 Slaughter Street  
Goldsboro, NC 27530  
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Fax: 587-9520

## Elmwood Terrace

409 Hinson Street  
Goldsboro, NC 27530  
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Fax: 587-9519

## West Haven Development

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Goldsboro, NC 27530  
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## GHA Maintenance

Emergencies  
(919) 735-4080

## Law Enforcement

Non-Emergency  
(919) 705-6572



Youth residents enjoyed a fun, out-of-this-world learning experience this summer when they explored the Morehead Planetarium & Science Center!!




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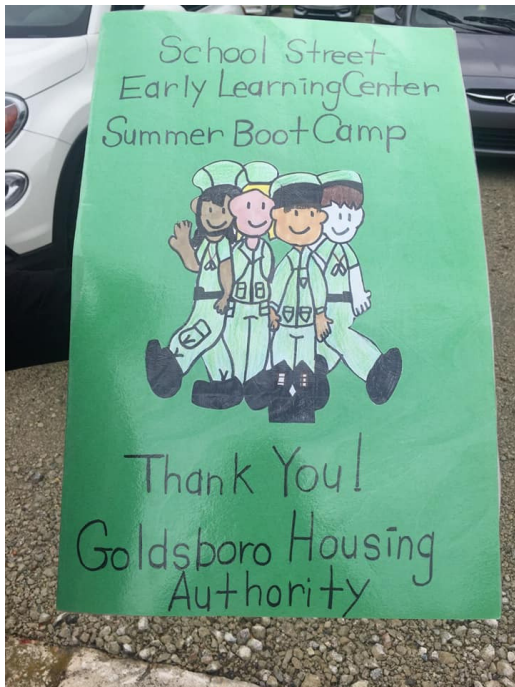
## ▼ We're Social

HACG has gone social. To ensure that you receive all important news, updates, and program information, please be sure that you like and follow us on your favorite social media sites.

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 @hacg\_goldsboro

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## ▼ Hurricane Florence Assistance

The Wayne County Department of Social Services Director Tammy Schrenker announced the United States Department of Agriculture approved a **Hot Food Waiver** for all Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) recipients in North Carolina. The waiver allows any FNS recipients to purchase hot foods and hot foods prepared for immediate consumption if they are purchased in a Food and Nutrition Service Authorized Retail Store in North Carolina. All Authorized Retailers in the State have been notified and are prepared to accept EBT cards for these purchases.

This Waiver is Effective Immediately and will end on October 31, 2018.

**FEMA** Disaster Assistance can help support your recovery from a major disaster. If you're ready to apply now for disaster assistance or would like more information on the types of assistance available please visit [disasterassistance.gov](http://disasterassistance.gov). The FEMA Helpline (1-800-621-3362 / TTY (800) 462-7585) may also be able to provide additional referrals.

Disaster survivor assistance specialists will soon be helping people register for assistance in designated counties.

# Resident Success Stories



Ooh, that's me!! Out here taking random free classes offered by the community because I'm "less fortunate." The opportunity is out there. We have to start utilizing our resources. Especially the FREE ONES!!! There is nothing less fortunate about me. I'm getting educated for free. My circumstances don't define me. -Alana Moore

Congratulations to Tamarra Small for being award the Victor C. Bell Jr. Scholarship! The Victor E. Bell, Jr. Scholarship is awarded to seventh graders to encourage and assist high potential NC students to pursue a college degree. Each recipient of the scholarship has an NC 529 College Savings account established with their name as the beneficiary. Each year that they qualify to renew the scholarship, from seventh grade through college graduation, \$2,000 is added to that account with a maximum contribution of \$20,000. We are so proud of Tamarra and wish her continued success!



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## Wanted: Applicants with documented workplace skills

Employers across the country are overwhelmed with stacks of applications for only a handful of open positions. Sifting through these applications is time-consuming and inefficient. Employers need a way to quickly find individuals with essential, verifiable workplace skills. That's why they're asking applicants to earn an ACT National Career Readiness Certificate™ (ACT NCRC®).

NCRC is based on a series of work-based assessments called WorkKeys®. WorkKeys® is a job skills assessment system measuring "real world" skills that employers deem critical to job success. These skills are valuable for any occupation and at any level of education. The test results provide valuable information for individuals, employers, schools, colleges, state and local governments, and training programs.

To help you earn your NCRC or improve your scores, Wayne Community College offers training in an open lab-based environment. In this lab, you will have an opportunity to work with an instructor to assess your current skills, develop a personalized training plan, and hone your skills. In addition, you will be able to register for testing. A tuition fee waiver for this lab may be available for unemployed or underemployed individuals.

**Residents interested in obtaining there National Career Readiness Certificate should contact the ROSS (919.947.0964) or Jobs Plus (919.288.2092) program for more information and tuition assistance.**



# Polished soft skills win jobs!

**Employees need both hard & soft skills to land jobs.**

BY ALISON DOYLE [www.thebalancecareers.com](http://www.thebalancecareers.com)

Hiring managers typically look for job candidates with both specific hard skills and soft skills. Hard skills are job-specific skills and knowledge you need to perform a job. But what are soft skills and how do they differ from hard skills?

Hard skills are skills you can gain through education, training programs, certifications, and on-the-job training. These are typically quantifiable skills that can be easily defined and evaluated. For example, a hard skill for an IT professional might be computer programming, while a hard skill for a carpenter might be a knowledge of wood framing.

Soft skills, on the other hand, are interpersonal (people) skills. These are much harder to define and evaluate. While hard skills are job-specific, most employers are looking for similar soft skills in their job candidates. Soft skills include communication skills, listening skills, and empathy, among others.!

## Why Do Employers Care About Soft Skills?

It's easy to understand why employers want job candidates with particular hard skills. After all, if you are hiring a carpenter, he or she needs skills in carpentry.

However, soft skills are important to the success of almost all employers. After all, nearly every job requires employees to engage with others in some way. Therefore, being able to interact well with others is important in any job.

Another reason hiring managers and employers look for applicants with soft skills is because soft skills are transferable skills that can be used regardless of the job at which the person is working. This makes job candidates with soft skills very adaptable employees.

Also, because soft skills are acquired over time – as opposed to those acquired in a short time during a class or training program – people with soft skills are often seen as having unique and broad backgrounds that can diversify a company and help it run more efficiently.

Soft skills are particularly important in customer-based jobs. These employees will typically be in direct contact with customers. It takes a number of soft skills to be able to listen to a customer and provide that customer with helpful and polite service.

**Get the soft skills you need, by attending a class offered by our Jobs Plus & ROSS Programs!**





# CYLC

## Carolina Youth Leadership Conference

The CYLC is a youth leadership conference sponsored by Housing Authorities across the southeast to ensure we are:  
Engaging, Encouraging and Equipping  
Tomorrow's Emerging Leaders

The Carolina Youth Leadership Conference (CYLC) promotes the principles of leadership and personal development that can be applied in school, home and community. Participants of this conference were exposed to knowledge and information shared by top leaders that will equip them with the tools needed to help them become successful citizens and ultimately reach their goals.

Youth were inspired, engaged, and encouraged! We believe these students developed the emerging leadership skills needed to navigate the road to success. We want to thank the professionals that came out to speak with our youth and for North Carolina Central University for allowing us to use and tour their campus.







# WEST HAVEN BLOCK PARTY!

Our Jobs Plus staff put together a neighborhood block party, earlier this summer which was a huge success! The residents of West Haven had lots of fun, they got to meet neighbors, build friendships, and this was a great opportunity to help develop a sense of belonging and security among our residents.





# FAIRVIEW PARK HYDRANT FRIDAYS

Residents in Fairview got a cool treat from the local Goldsboro Fire Department on Fridays this summer. The fire trucks allowed our residents to escape the summer heat with a cool blast of water from open fire hydrants and sprinklers in Fairview park.





# SUMMER LEARNING DAY

National Summer Learning Day is a national advocacy day aimed at elevating the importance of keeping kids learning, safe and healthy every summer, ensuring they return to school in the fall ready to succeed in the year.

This summer learning day some of our youth residents participated in creating slime and designing their own tie-dye shirts. They had a ball with our staff and summer youth interns.

Use the amazing and easy slime recipe on this page for a wonderful sensory play any time of the year.

## Goopy Slime Recipe

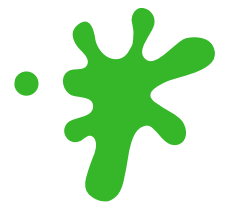
You will need:

Corn Starch

Food Coloring

Water

A bowl, jug, and a cup



Instructions:

1. Put one cup of cornstarch into the bowl.
2. Add a little water and mix until goopy.
3. Mix in some food coloring.
4. Play with the slime!

Note: Slime will get stickier as you play!



# HANGIN W/ THE CEO

Hangin' with the CEO is a program created to provide our youth residents with opportunities to explore life outside of public housing. Yes, Mr. Goodson joins in on all the fun, becoming a "Big Kid," while still being a role model for our youth during their time together! This summer our youth ventured to the Imagination Station in Wilson, they viewed amazing pieces of art and culture from the past, while participating in hands on experiments that encouraged our students to think like scientists!

After touring the museum, our youth enjoyed a filling lunch before returning to Goldsboro!

## GOT BOOKS?

Don't miss the chance to register your child for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library!

Wayne County children ages birth through 5 years old are eligible to receive a free book each month. Contact the Partnership For Children of Wayne County/Smart Start at 919-735-3371 for more information.

***"CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY ARE, ON AVERAGE, THREE GRADE LEVELS BEHIND BY FOURTH GRADE, AND IF THEY AREN'T READING PROFICIENTLY BY THE END OF FOURTH GRADE, STATISTICS SHOW TWO-THIRDS WILL END UP ON WELFARE OR IN PRISON."***







# MEET & GREETINGS

## NEW GHS PRINCIPAL CHRISTOPHER D. HORNE

Goldsboro High School has a new leader and there were multiple opportunities for the community to meet Principal Christopher Horne. Our developments hosted a few meet and greets that allowed our students and their parents to speak with the new principal and understand his vision and expectations for the upcoming school year.

The Meet and Greet events were floating and informal in nature. Mr. Horne took time to introduce himself, mingle, and engage with our families, while answering any questions.

Horne has 17.5 years education experience both in the classroom and as a principal.

"Mr. Horne has the qualifications, references, and proven track record to move Goldsboro High to the next level," stated Dr. Michael Dunsmore, WCPS superintendent.

We're looking forward to Mr. Horne, "changing the narrative" at Goldsboro High School and we've offered him our full support here at the housing authority.



# BACK TO SCHOOL EVENTS

Our Back to School events were a huge success! Thanks to all our staff, volunteers, Goldsboro Police Department, Goldsboro Fire Department, Aarons Rental, and other local businesses for helping our youth residents start the 2018-2019 school year with all the supplies they needed. Children received book bags completely filled with school supplies, interacted with their favorite characters, got their face painted, and enjoyed good food, fun, and snoballs!





## **BACK TO SCHOOL CUTS** **2904 BARBER & BEAUTY SALON**



Not only did our youth residents receive the supplies they needed to start school off this year, but they and other youth throughout Goldsboro had the opportunity to get a fresh haircut for free before returning to campus. Thanks to our partnership with 2904 Barber and Beauty Salon on Ash St. and owner Keith Mitchell for giving back to our families. These haircuts mean the world to some that are unable to afford and also boost confidence in our youth! We're looking forward to adding braids and ponytails for the girls next year and we can't wait!

Delavisha Faison Photog





# WELCOME BACK GHS

HACG staff was excited to support local efforts in welcoming our cougars back to the den at Goldsboro High School this year and might we add it was a major success!

Community members gathered at Goldsboro High School to give students encouragement and a warm welcome for their first day of school.

We're anticipating a great year for our students and their families!



# Pay Attention to Attendance

## Keep Your Child On Track in Middle and High School

via Attendance Works

Showing up for school has a huge impact on a student's academic success starting in kindergarten and continuing through high school. Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students get to school safely every day and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and on the job.

### DID YOU KNOW?

- Students should miss no more than 9 days of school each year to stay on track to graduation.
- Absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school, struggling with school work, dealing with a bully or facing some other potentially serious difficulty.
- By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school.
- By 9th grade, regular and high attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.
- Missing 10 percent, or about 18 days, of the school year can drastically affect a student's academic success.
- Students can be chronically absent even if they only miss a day or two every few weeks.
- Attendance is an important life skill that will help your child graduate from college and keep a job.

### WHAT YOU CAN DO

#### Make school attendance a priority

- Talk about the importance of showing up to school everyday, make that the expectation.
- Help your child maintain daily routines, such as finishing homework and getting a good night's sleep.
- Try not to schedule dental and medical appointments during the school day.
- Don't let your child stay home unless truly sick. Complaints of headaches or stomach aches may be signs of anxiety.

#### Help your teen stay engaged

- Find out if your child feels engaged by his classes and feels safe from bullies and other threats. Make sure he/she is not missing class because of behavioral issues and school discipline policies. If any of these are problems, work with your school.
- Stay on top of academic progress and seek help from teachers or tutors if necessary. Make sure teachers know how to contact you.
- Stay on top of your child's social contacts. Peer pressure can lead to skipping school, while students without many friends can feel isolated.
- Encourage meaningful afterschool activities, including sports and clubs.

#### Communicate with the school

- Know the school's attendance policy – incentives and penalties
- Talk to teachers if you notice sudden changes in behavior. These could be tied to something going on at school.
- Check on your child's attendance to be sure absences are not piling up.
- Ask for help from school officials, afterschool programs, other parents or community agencies if you're having trouble getting your child to school.







## DONUTS FOR DAD

Donuts for Dad was another huge success for our youth! HACG in partnership with Dillard Middle School hosted dads, father figures, and male role models from the community for breakfast the second week of school, just to show our youth and their teachers that we're here for them and that we support their efforts. Over 60 males took time out of their day to show these students that they care! We're super proud of this partnership and you can expect more opportunities for our families to unite, soon!





## **PRETTY TOUGH WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP**

Our Pretty Tough Women's Support Group is breaking down barriers and getting straight to the real conversation! These women come together monthly, to talk about topics like mental health, domestic violence, parenting, and others things that women face daily. This is a collective space of women voices that are lead to encourage, challenge, and support one another! We invite you to join these women at the next meeting! You'll be glad you did!

**CALLING ALL  
RESIDENTS  
JOIN US FOR  
OUR HACG  
FALL FESTIVAL!**







# YARD OF THE MONTH WINNERS

LaPearil Outlaw  
Peggy Bryant  
Derrick Sykes  
Marie Hill

Ronnie Bunn  
Edwina Buck  
Sharita Hamilton  
Marie Artis





## FROM THE CEO



Community is the one word I would use to describe the efforts made by our staff, residents, and our local city over the last few months. I love what I'm seeing! Residents are coming out of their homes, engaging in the services being offered, our youth are playing outside, and even more community agencies are interested in partnering with us!

Although Hurricane Flo has come and wreaked havoc on our area, we're still here! We will continue to build, support, and encourage each other. A community is what we want, so remember that one word, when you are in need. Reach out to our staff, we'll find a way to help! That is what we are here for...to work together!

Be sure to join us on social media, more exciting events, programming, and opportunities to build our community are coming, we can't do this without you!

**ANTHONY GOODSON, JR.**  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



# WE ARE SOCIAL

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