

CPCA NEWS

First Quarter of Program Year 19-20



EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

Congratulations to the Employee of the Quarter, WAP QCI **Cesar Carmona**! His supervisor said, "Cesar is one of the hardest workers he knows. He goes above and beyond his call of duty and help the crew in the field when he doesn't have homes he can close. He ensures that the job is done and done right. He takes all tasks head on and completes them to the best of his ability. Cesar is my right hand, and I'm glad he works for CPCA!" *

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 14 - Columbus Day, offices closed

Oct 25 - Siler City Trunk R' Treat

Oct 26 - Family Fun Day, Durham Co.

Nov 9 - Weatherization Day Celebration

Nov 11 - Veterans Day, offices closed

Nov 28 & 29 - Thanksgiving, offices closed

Dec 16-27 - Christmas, offices closed

Jan 1 - New Year's Day, offices closed



On September 13th, we held our 1st Annual CSBG Graduation and Recognition Banquet at the Sheraton Chapel Hill Hotel for CSBG customers who rose above poverty and achieved self-sufficiency as well as those who completed major goals towards becoming self-sufficient. We hope this recognition inspired those who have graduated the program to continue to maintain self-sufficiency and those on their way to stay motivated to succeed. We also provided recognition to our sponsors and supporters.

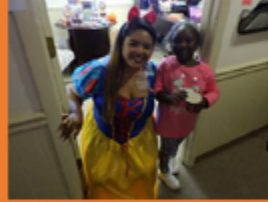
CONGRATULATIONS AWARDEES! "Outstanding Participant Awards": Robert G., Eleni F., Michael B., and Natashaia W. / "James W. Autry, Jr. Participant on Their Way to Success Awards": Tawana B. and Michelle S. / "Gloria M. Williams Graduate of the Year": Linda E.

Thank you to our event sponsors: Sheraton Chapel Hill Hotel, Wal-Mart, PNC Bank, Trader Joe's, and Southern Supreme. *

1ST ANNUAL CSBG BANQUET



Central Piedmont Community Action Presents:



3rd Annual CSBG Family Fun Day

October 26, 2019 (11AM-3:00PM)

1007 Broad Street, Durham

Join us for a spooky day filled with fun and family!

Bounce House * Face Painting * Raffles * Games * Food

Halloween Costumes Welcome!

Contact: Allexus Porter, 919.797.0888 AllexusP@cpccanc.org

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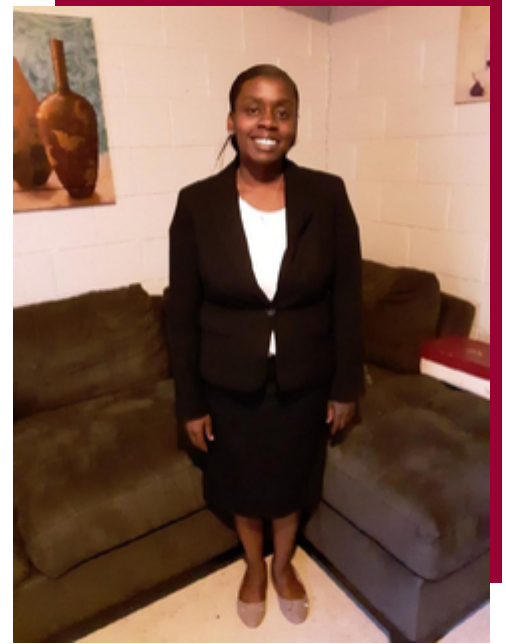
B&D Integrated Health Services * Step Up Durham * Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream *



CSBG CLIENT, TOLISHA G.

Congratulations to CSBG customer, Tolisha G. (pictured), who participated in an interview on 09/19/19 at AmeriLife Insurance. She was offered a position as an Insurance Agent and has begun working there. Tolisha feels the "Acing the Interview" workshop, which was held the day before her interview, and receiving clothing from the CSBG Durham Community Closet helped her prepare and look her best for the interview.

If you are interested in donating to our Community Closet located in Durham or our Friendship Closet located in Asheboro, please contact Allexus Porter at 919.797.0888 or by email at AllexusP@cpcanc.org. "We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone." -Dr. Loretta Scott *



AMERIHEALTH CARITAS

CPCA is a proud supporter of AmeriHealth Caritas. Did you attend the Power of Partnerships event that was held on September 27th at the NC Museum of Natural Sciences in Raleigh? CSBG Assistant Director, Allexus Porter, attended the event and had a great time networking with those in attendance. *

RECOVERY RALLY

CPCA CSBG was honored to participate in Chatham County's First Annual Community Recovery Rally held on 09/27/19 at Bray Park in Siler City. The event was organized to celebrate people in recovery, acknowledge the contributions of treatment and human service providers, and promote the message that recovery in all its forms is possible. It was a tremendously uplifting event and made even more special by the fact that one of our former participant, Barbara Berry, helped organize the event. (pictured top left: CSBG Director Sheryl Andrews, Case Manager Carol Currie, and former participant, Barbara Berry) *



ACING THE INTERVIEW WORKSHOP

On 09/19/19, CSBG Durham customers participated in the “Acing the Interview” workshop to gain knowledge on how to be prepared for different types of employment interviews (including phone, one-on-one, and web based). Customers completed mock phone interviews with each other and received padfolios to hold important documents such as their updated resumes, paper to prepare questions or take notes during the interview, and other job-related documents. Mia McMahon, BSN, RN, CNOR (pictured top) from UNC Hospitals was the guest speaker for the workshop. *



CPCA partnered with CORA Food Pantry to be a distribution site for their Summer Nutritional Assistance for Chatham Kids (SNACK!) program. CPCA served 92 children and provided 12,600 meals. WAP Crew Leader Alex Rivera, WAP QCI Cesar Carmona, and WAP Technician Toribio Pena (all pictured) accepted a recognition certificate from CORA. *

NEW CSBG CLIENTS

CSBG customers participated in New Customer Orientation where they received financial literacy training that covered information including budgeting, saving, good banking, credit building/repair, etc. Thank you to Joy Jefferson (pictured bottom) at Operation Hope and Kristi Whitley (pictured top left) from PNC Bank for providing this crucial information to our customers. *



CSBG CLIENT, ANTHONY F.

CPCA would like to congratulate CSBG customer Anthony F. (Veteran: US Army and US Coast Guard, pictured) on his successful completion of the program. During his time in the program, he secured gainful employment for over 3 months and continues to be a loving and providing caregiver to his wife. We are proud of you Anthony and appreciate your commitment to yourself and to this great country! We are the land of the free because of the brave like you! Keep moving forward! *



CSBG CLIENT, CYNTHIA T.

“I would like to take this time to say thanks to Ms. Currie and the CPCA family for being there for me when I needed it most during my homeless situation. Along with Ms. Currie, Ms. Andrews promised I would not be alone during this time and I was never alone. To this day they continue to encourage me to be the best I can be.” - Cynthia T (pictured) *



WAP CLIENT, SANDRA G.

“I would like to thank CPCA and its WAP employees for everything they did to weatherize our house and make it more energy efficient. They were very professional and courteous in their work and I can tell a big difference in the way our old manufactured home feels. I am very satisfied with their work and it didn't cost me anything because it was done through the weatherization program that is based on income. It's almost like I'm in a new home.” - Sandra G. *





Celebrate!

National Weatherization Day

Saturday, November 9th (2pm until 6pm)

Carrboro Town Hall- 301 West Main Street

**Weatherization
Demonstrations**
Food
Giveaways
Bounce House

Vendors

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OWASA

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**On-Site
Applications**

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MOVIE ON THE GREEN EVENT, CSBG CHATHAM

On July 19th, we hosted our 1st Annual “Movie on the Green” event. CSBG customers and Chatham County residents participated in fun family activities and watched an outdoor movie (live action Dumbo) with all the traditional movie snacks on the lawn of our administrative office in Siler City, NC. Attendees received information on free and affordable events/activities to do during the summer months. A special thank you to our event sponsors: Wal-Mart; NC Zoo; Nelson Tire and Automotive; Baird Sales; Ben & Jerry’s Ice Cream; Willey’s Cinnamon Rolls; Bryan Gruesbeck; The Lumina Theatre; Wendy’s, Pizza Hut; Peppercorn Café; Mountaire Farms; AmeriHealth Caritas. *



BACK 2 SCHOOL EVENT, CSBG RANDOLPH

On August 15th, CPCA joined forces with Switch It Up Cash and Consign and held a Back to School Clothing and Supplies event at our CSBG Randolph County office for children of the community who were in need. The event was a huge success with over 20 families receiving school supplies and clothing. Sprint PCS also participated in the event by providing face painting and cornhole! Sprint promoted their new Tracker: Safe and Found which delivers real-time tracking information and personalized alerts to any smartphone or tablet, giving you peace of mind. *



CSBG CLIENT, LINDA E.

Executive Director, Natasha Elliott (pictured), proudly accepted the Lonnie D. Burton Award, presented at the 2019 SEACAA Awards Banquet held at the annual Conference, on behalf of CSBG customer, Linda E., who turned her life around with the help of her case manager. The Lonnie D. Burton Award is presented annually to an individual who through the assistance of a Community Action Program, has achieved a significant level of self-sufficiency and independence while recognition is given to the local Community Action Agency's role in helping the nominee to help themselves. We are so proud of Linda and her many achievements since enrollment. Linda entered the program with the resolve to change her life after many years of substance abuse and a serious criminal charge working against her. Overcoming many obstacles with the support of CSBG, Linda completed the Community Health Care Worker Certification Program and internships as a Peer Support Specialist with Caramore Community and Orange Co. Health Dept. Currently, Linda is on staff with Inter-Faith Council where she helps disadvantaged individuals overcome barriers by referring them to local agencies including CSBG for needed assistance. Linda also works with the FIT- Formally Incarcerated Transition Program in Chapel Hill as a Community Worker helping inmates and former offenders obtain health care and other resources. Additionally, Linda volunteers with The Wounded Healer, a program designed to help youth get back on track; and she is the Activity Director for the Oxford House. Linda plans to continue her education this fall by pursuing the Human Services Technology Program (Substance Abuse Concentration) at Central Carolina Community College. Linda advises us to “stay tuned” because she is not tired or finished yet. *



CSBG CLIENT, ERIKA C.

CPCA is proud of CSBG Durham customer Erika C. (pictured) and the amazing effort that was put forth in achieving her goals towards self-reliance. Erika secured gainful employment, housing, became a Certified Medical Administrative Assistant, and purchased a reliable vehicle through our partnership with Wheels4Hope. She did an awesome job and is now a CSBG GRADUATE! We are proud of you Erika! Keep moving forward! We wish you even more successes! *



BCBSNC NONPROFIT FAIR

Durham CSBG staff attended this year's BCBSNC Employee Nonprofit Fair in Durham on September 10th. We joined Joel Groce from the state North Carolina Community Action Association (NCCAA) office in Raleigh and other local agencies that serve Durham Co. This event was to solicit donations and volunteer support from BCBS employees as they have a way for their employees to do payroll deductions and designate a recurring donation to an organization of their choice. NCCAA is administering a \$2 million grant from Blue Cross Blue Shield of NC called the Healthy Home Initiative in targeted rural areas of North Carolina, so NCCAA had information on the results of that program at the booth as well. (pictured above: Case Managers Angeline Roberts and Michael McMahon) *



RACIAL EQUITY INSTITUTE

“I was so thankful for the opportunity to participate in a two-day workshop at UNC School of Medicine provided by the Racial Equity Institute. We examined racism from a historical, cultural, and structural perspective to understand the significance of race in the establishment of this country and how race has continued to shape every aspect of our society to the current day. The concept of race was created to perpetuate privilege and advantage for White people and to justify the systematic oppression of Black and Brown people. The disproportionality of people of color experiencing socioeconomic issues today is directly related to this insidious history. Black and Brown people are so far behind because it was designed to be that way and not because there is anything inherently wrong with them. None of us is responsible for this grave injustice, but all of us are left to deal with it. By understanding and acknowledging this sinister history and by confronting the negative and false racial stereotypes that stem from it, we can begin to move towards



validation and healing. We will also be better equipped to change our flawed systems and institutions for more just and equitable outcomes for all. It was so refreshing to have an honest and open conversation about race among such a diverse group. The experience was extremely moving, and there were many epiphanies along the way. It is not an overstatement to say that the training has forever changed the way that I view my work and life in general.” – CSBG Director Sheryl Andrews (pictured)*

A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR FUNDERS AND CONTRIBUTORS SINCE OCTOBER 2018!

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