

CPCA NEWS

First Quarter of Program Year 18-19

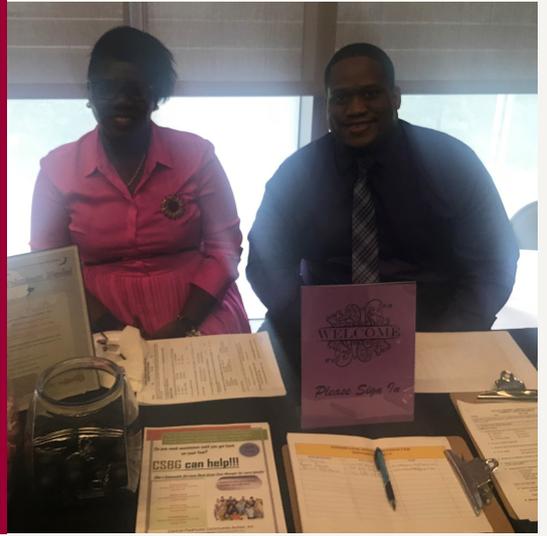


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EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

Congratulations to the Employee of the Quarter, CSBG Case Manager **Angeline Roberts**! Her supervisor said, "Angeline has distinguished herself this quarter by provided outstanding support to the Durham office and Durham County clients. She has made every effort to be the best case manager she can for CPCA and for her customers. Angeline is a great asset to the agency! She has developed a great rapport and open communication with her customers so much that I have received several communications from her customers praising her for her efforts and kind-hearted personality. She is always willing to go the extra mile for her customers whether it be searching for and obtaining employment, providing them with needed referrals after she has exhausted all resources available to her, or being an ear to listen when they simply need someone to talk to. Her customers contact her with any issues they have as they know she is there for them, but more importantly, they are excited to tell her of their successes. Beyond that, Angeline is vivacious and effervescent and a joy to work with. She has that special something that makes her unforgettable and that unfailingly lifts those around her." *



DURHAM REENTRY RESOURCE FAIR

Durham Local Reentry Council Resource Fair was held on September 24th at Durham County Human Services Complex. This event was designed to bring resources into one location for justice involved individuals to learn more about services and resources available to them in the Durham community. The LRC represents a collaborative effort that continues to grow and evolve to meet the needs of citizens who have been involved with the justice system. Pictured middle: CM Cedric Horton, right: CM's Angeline Roberts & Michael McMahon *



LINCOLN COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR

The Lincoln Community Health Fair that was held on August 14th in Durham at their main location on Fayetteville Road. It was an opportunity to promote CSBG and develop working relationships with departments within Lincoln Community Health Center and the other organizations that were present. Pictured middle: CSBG Assistant Director Allexus Porter, right: CM's Cedric Horton & Angeline Roberts *

WHEELS4HOPE

CSBG customer Erika received a 2003 Honda Accord at her car blessing ceremony on June 27, 2018. Way to go Erika!!



CSBG customer Takesha accomplished her goals and received a 2001 Toyota Camry from Wheels4Hope at her Car Blessing Ceremony on September 21, 2018. As you can see, she was thrilled. We are so happy for her!! Pictured left: CM Lisa Scott, Takesha, CSBG Asst Director Allexus Porter *



On July 20, 2018 CSBG customer Greer received a 2002 Nissan Maxima from Wheels4Hope at her car blessing ceremony. Congratulations!!



PARTNERSHIP WITH NCBA

CPCA has a long standing partnership with The National Caucus and Center on Black Aging (NCBA). Our current NCBA employees include: Doretha Alston (Siler City), Stephen Jackson (Durham), Deann Marsh (Siler City). *



CSBG CUSTOMER STATEMENT, VALARIE D.

My name is Valarie and I am a CSBG client. I really look up to the people that work for CPCA. Ms. Alexus and Mr. Michael helped my family out of a crisis situation. I thank these people so much about caring for my family. There are angels always working for you, but you never know who or where they are. Thank you Community Action! *



WAP CUSTOMER LETTER, WILLIE I.

I'm writing to express my gratitude for everything that was done to make my home more energy efficient. My home is an older home built in 1954. It had a lot of cracks all over. The Weatherization Assistance Program came in and gave me a lot of insight into the problems that were found and what their plans were to fix them. For the first time in the twenty years I have lived here, I feel relief knowing that steps have been taken to make my home warmer in winter and cooler in summer. I am so thankful that I qualified for the services I received from #WAP. All the workers were very professional and kind. I thank all of them so much for everything they did. This experience will change my life for the better.

Sincerely, Willie I. *



RANDOLPH RECOVERY COMMUNITY DAY

Randolph Recovery Community Day on September 22, 2018 sponsored by Randolph Fellowship Homes and held at the Rotary Pavilion, Bicentennial Park in Asheboro. The event was held in honor of National Recovery Month to raise public awareness about recovery related services available in Randolph County. Pictured left: CM Sandra Rush, middle: CSBG Director Sheryl Andrews and CM Laurie Welch *



CSBG CUSTOMER STATEMENT, ANGELA S.

I would first like to start off by saying thank you to all the staff at CSBG. I am grateful for all the help that I received for the two years that I was in this program. I really appreciate my case-manager who helped me to see the gifts and talents I had stored up inside of me. He helped me to build up my self-esteem and to really believe in myself, that anything is possible.

While in the program I learned about budgeting and how important it is to save money and sacrifice to get some of the things you would like to have. I also learned that waiting is the best thing to do when you really want to buy something. I learned to think, do I really need that or could I wait to get it later. I really am grateful I was able to get a new pair of glasses through the program. When times were hard and they do get hard sometimes, that is a part of life. The program helped me with resources and job leads. When I needed extra food or if I got behind on my rent the program stepped in a few times to help catch me up on bills that needed to be paid. What a relief that was!

When I got a job it was honestly hard and it was a challenge for me as well. But through it all my case-worker never gave up on me. He saw my strengths and never my weakness. He helped build my self-esteem and helped me understand my character better and that nothing is too impossible, even when it seems to be a struggle and there may be some setbacks and ups and downs. That is just a part of life as well. Surely the Community Services Block Grant has served their purpose in my life and future endeavors. I feel like my case manager Michael wishes me the best in life. Thank you again, Angela S. *



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct 8 - Columbus Day Holiday (closed)
- Oct 29 - Durham's 2nd Annual Family Fun Day
- Nov 3 - Weatherization Day Event, Siler Office
- Nov 12 - Veterans Day Holiday (closed)
- Nov 16 - Agency Thanksgiving Luncheon
- Nov 22 & 23 - Thanksgiving Holiday (closed)
- Nov 27 - #GivingTuesday
- Dec 14 - Agency Christmas Luncheon
- Dec 17 - 28 - Offices Closed
- Dec 24, 25, 26 - Christmas Holiday (closed)
- Jan 1 - New Year's Day Holiday (closed)



WHAT CSBG AND CPCA MEAN TO ME, CASE MANAGER LAURIE WELCH

I learned about what was then Joint Orange Chatham Community Action in 2013 and just from reading the want ad on the employment website, I knew right away this was the piece to the puzzle Randolph County had been missing. I immediately applied for the position as a Case Manager for the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) and was hired a few short weeks later. Randolph County was about to receive the program that I had prayed for so many years and a time in my life when God moved me into this position. Finally, a program designed to help the people of this county that were falling through the cracks all those years. A program that was not a hand out but a hand up and it was such a blessing. I have worked with Central Piedmont Community Action, Inc for a little over 5 years and will tell you that it is by far the best place I have ever worked. You see in this agency that we all care. We want to help the people that have a genuine desire to rise above poverty to reach economic self sufficiency. When you work with people in the poverty stricken areas of their life you sometimes must meet them where they are and help them to realize they are cared for and that they can do anything they want in life if they set their goals and work to attain them. I have witnessed some amazing things from our clients these past 5 years and to be a part of something this big is so rewarding to me.

I would like to add that while serving poverty stricken clients over the past 20 years has not always been easy it has taught me so much and I will forever be grateful for this journey. I have served one generation and am now helping their kids with the same problems that their mothers or fathers had when they were born. I will work every day to help this generation to understand that history does not have to repeat itself. Together we can work to stop generational poverty and I do believe that CSBG is one of the key elements to this. Pictured: Former Customer James Martin and CM Laurie Welch *



2017-18 YEAR END STAFF MEETING

On July 27, 2018 staff met at Jordan Lake to hear program and agency reports for the 2017-18 Program Year and participated in team building events. *



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