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A YVEDDI Quarterly Newsletter Publication for Staff & Volunteers

January
February
March
2021

Happy New Year!

Welcome Aboard

Thomas Baldridge, Driver
Wendy Cunningham, Education Supervisor
Melanie Hull, DV/SA Coordinator (Stokes)
Anna Lowe, Assistant Teacher
Tashi Oglesby, DV/SA Advocate (Stokes)

Length of Service

10 Years
Sheila Harris

20 Years
Tracey Speight

Congratulations!



Holiday Schedule

January 1st
New Year's Day

January 18th
Martin Luther King Jr. Day



Mission Statement

Dedicated to improving the lives of individuals and families in Davie, Stokes, Surry, and Yadkin counties through a variety of programs and partnerships to build stronger communities."



THERE'S A REASON BEHIND EVERY MASK.



**WHATEVER YOUR REASON,
GET BEHIND THE MASK.**

Domestic Violence/ Sexual Assault Program

Success Story

A young lady came into YVEDDI requesting help with a Domestic Violence Protection Order. Over the course of the last seven years she had been severely abused physically, emotionally, verbally and financially. She suffered from severe anxiety and the high levels of stress were causing hives. Her abuser made her believe she was having a mental break and got her addicted to prescription drugs. The YVEDDI staff helped her with the paperwork for the protection order, found her a shelter as close by as possible, and told her she would have to come back Monday to go before the Judge. The Magistrate granted her protection order and the Social Services caseworker took her along with law enforcement to retrieve their belongings. During the ongoing case, staff attended court with her, provided her with food and gas cards, and referred her to all additional services she qualified for. Since living in the shelter, she has enrolled her two small children in elementary and preschool, and she has gotten a full-time job along with a part-time seasonal job. She is in the process of finding a home that she can afford and a reliable vehicle. Since leaving her abuser, she always has a smile on her face.



This story represents one of thousands of customers enrolled in a program at their local community action agency. **Community Action Works!**

Featured in the October 2020 NCCAA newsletter



The SCOOP on Managing Stress

S Stay connected to family and friends.	Social connections build resiliency.
C Compassion for yourself and others.	Self-compassion decreases trauma symptoms and stress.
O Observe your use of substances.	Early intervention can prevent problems.
O Ok to ask for help.	Struggling is normal. Asking for help is empowering.
P Physical activity to improve your mood.	Exercise boosts mood and lowers anxiety.

HOPE 4 NC HELPLINE 1-855-587-3463

Yadkin Valley Senior Center
October 19, 2020 Outdoor Exercises Class



www.NC211.org

Need Help, But Don't Know Where To Turn?

DIAL 2-1-1

Free ▪ Confidential ▪ 24 Hours a Day ▪ Any Language

Your connection to:

- Basic Needs (food, clothing, shelter)
- Child Care Services
- Consumer Help
- Counseling
- Crisis Intervention
- Health Care
- Housing
- Senior Services
- Support Groups
- Volunteer Opportunities



H A P P Y B I R T H D A Y !

JANUARY	
1/5	Anesia Bridges
1/3	Wendy Cunningham
1/6	Maynard Quesinberry
1/7	Temeka Marsh
1/8	Aileen Davis-Cockerham
1/10	Sandra Johnson
1/12	Regina Chappell
1/12	Donna Rutledge
1/15	Marissa Williams
1/21	Darlene Nelums
1/22	Geraldine Hall
1/22	Danny Overby
1/25	Maribel Martinez
1/27	Doug Cockerham
1/30	Annetta Dalton
1/31	Kari Jessup

FEBRUARY	
2/1	Kathy Chilton
2/6	Lindsey Huttar
2/7	Deborah Rawley
2/9	Kathy Cave
2/9	Vasilikie Iliopoulos
2/10	Mary Osborne
2/12	Kathy Hicks
2/12	Adriana Tellez
2/14	George Hutchinson III
2/14	Felicia Steele
2/15	Redd Nichols
2/17	Susan Lawrence
2/17	Tashi Oglesby
2/19	Richard Veler
2/20	Morgan Harrison
2/23	Chris Folwer
2/24	Brittany Eubanks
2/25	Teresa Mullis
2/25	Larry Utt
2/26	Mary Potts
2/27	Catherine Adams
2/28	Patty Vestal

MARCH	
3/1	Kitty Martin
3/6	Donna Flippen
3/7	Toni Coleman
3/13	Elvira Sanchez
3/15	Dawn Cheek
3/15	Wynona Poag
3/19	Grayson Boles
3/22	Timmy Bingman
3/24	Lashonda Griffith
3/25	Margaret Vestal
3/28	Shirley Harris

May your Birthday and everyday be filled with smiles, laughter, love and cheer.



Remembering in Prayer

BOARD:

- Mike Crouse - illness
- Rebecca VanHoy still recovering from a stroke
- Mickey Cartner's wife , Cathy having health issues
- Richard Lasky – health issues
- Jimmy Walker—health issues
- Marion Welborn's wife , Jewel having health issues

STAFF:

- Weatherization Tech, Greg Brunner lost his sister
- Head Start Deputy Director, Allison Chappell – recovering from knee replacement surgery
- CSBG CARES Coordinator, Temeka Marsh – sister Desiree Millner passed 11/13/20. Brother and his children were in a car accident on 12/9/2020
- Head Start Family Advocate, Angelina Melvin recovering from surgery
- Head Start Food Service Aide. Barbara Smith – recovering from knee replacement surgery
- Head Start Teacher, BeLinda Stillwagon – recovering from surgery and her grandmother passed away
- Domestic Violence Director, Linda Trivette still recovering from a serious illness
- Grant Accountant Tina Wishon – Death of Father-In-Law





I wanted to let you know about an exciting event that is near and dear to my organization's heart: [the 2020 Subaru Share the Love Event](#). Over the past 12 years, Subaru and its retailers have helped Meals on Wheels to deliver more than 2.3 million meals nationwide to seniors in need through their Subaru Share the Love Event.

Here's how it works: this November 19, 2020, through January 4, 2021, for every new Subaru vehicle purchased or leased, Subaru will donate \$250 to the customer's choice of participating charities.* Meals on Wheels is one of four national participating charities and has been since the inception of the event. Through this event, as a member of Meals on Wheels America, YVEDDI Senior Services will receive a share of the donation from Subaru vehicles sold at participating Subaru Retailers.

I know that not all of you are in the market to purchase a new car, but if you are, please look into the [Subaru Share the Love Event](#) to learn more. If you're not shopping for a new vehicle, *you can still help* by spreading the word to your family and friends. A few quick and easy ways to do that:

Share this newsletter!

Share our posts about the 2020 Share the Love Event on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Yveddi-Senior-Services-177625415602590>

I can't thank you enough for your ongoing support of YVEDDI Senior Services. It means a great deal to us, but more importantly, has the chance to make a meaningful difference in the lives of the seniors we serve.

Sincerely,

Lisa Money, Director

YVEDDI Senior Services

*Disclaimer: Subaru will donate \$250 for every new Subaru vehicle sold or leased from November 19, 2020, through January 4, 2021, to four national charities designated by the purchaser or lessee. Pre-approved Hometown Charities may be selected for donation depending on retailer participation. For every new Subaru vehicle sold or leased during the campaign period, participating retailers will donate a minimum of \$50 in total to their registered Hometown Charities. Purchasers/lessees must make their charity designations by January 15, 2021. The four national charities will receive a guaranteed minimum donation of \$250,000 each. See your local Subaru retailer for details or visit subaru.com/share. All donations made by Subaru of America, Inc.

Grace's Closet

October 2, 2020

We had a huge turnout for the 2 hour event. We had 68 people, served 165 total and rehomed 1324 items.

This successful event would have not been possible without the help of our amazing volunteers (Patti Taylor, Sue Thomas, Teresa Leiva, Pastor Ray Morgan) and our Urban League workers.

People that attended were so thankful to all of us for providing clothes to them and their families.



Yadkin Valley Senior Center

December 2, 2020

These sweet treats went out last week to our homebound folks. Hot cocoa with a peppermint spoon, lip balm, tissue, candy and crackers all in a football themed cup. Just in time for Thanksgiving.

As always, thank you to the church who continues to support our efforts in providing a little something extra to our seniors. I appreciate every donation and I know the sweet folks we serve do as well.



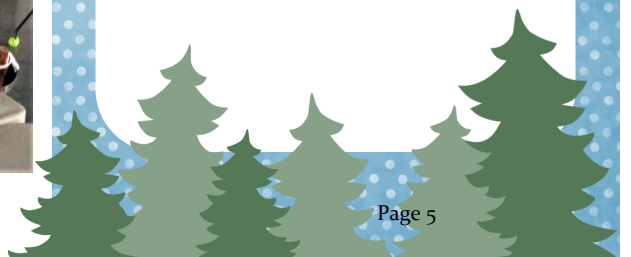
Volunteer Opportunities Available
Call YVEDDI R.S.V.P at
(336) 415-4247



Resource Reminder:

For your convenience, employees may access YVEDDI's Facebook page for news and events or policies and procedures at www.yveddi.com.

Please consult with your supervisor if you need a password for the website staff page.



As a reminder while you complete your shopping online, YVEDDI is now an Amazon Smiles member!

This means that YVEDDI receives .5% of the money on all purchases you make on Amazon. This feature is absolutely free to you, because the .5% comes out of the price you are already paying for a product!

If you are already an Amazon shopper, simply go to smile.amazon.com, select "Yadkin Valley Economic Development District Inc." for organization, and begin shopping to give back.

amazonsmile
You shop. Amazon gives.



Please submit your news-worthy articles and pictures to Donna Rutledge, Communications Specialist: drutledge@yveddi.com

- Births
- Engagements/Weddings
- Outstanding Achievements of an Employee/Volunteer
- Special Events
- Favorite Recipes
- Quotes/Jokes
- Monitoring Results



**Yadkinville Senior Center
December 15, 2020**

110 treat bags for our congregate and homebound participants.

Big shout out to the anonymous donors who provided goodies for treat bags for homebound clients through the Yadkin County Senior Center! Also a big thanks to staff and volunteers for putting together and delivering the treat bags.





Now Hiring

Part-Time Substitute Assistant Teachers



Locations: Davie, Stokes, Surry and Yadkin Counties

Generally, Monday–Friday

Varies between the hours of 7:30 am – 3:30 pm

\$8.96 per hour

Assist in providing an age-appropriate, safe learning environment for pre-school children while promoting development in the eleven domains of learning to promote school readiness.

Minimum requirement- High school diploma. Work experience with children preferred. Must have access to personal vehicle for job use. Must pass Criminal Background Check. Will have to complete several on-line training modules upon employment.

Employment applications are available for download at www.yveddi.com under the Employment Opportunities tab.

You may email your application to rfreeman@yveddi.com or mail to: YVEDDI Head Start
P. O. Box 309 Boonville, NC 27011

Qualified applicants should contact, Robert Freeman at (336) 367-4993 ext. 221 or email rfreeman@yveddi.com for any questions

Employment with YVEDDI is "at will". You or YVEDDI may end your employment with us at any time for any reason within applicable state and federal laws. Drug Testing and Criminal Background Checks Required

YVEDDI provides equal employment opportunities for everyone. No person shall be discriminated against because of race, religion, color, sex, age, national origin, disability, political affiliation or veteran status.



A huge shout out to the following YVEDDI Head Start staff for providing the highest quality care to our Head Start children while maintaining compliance with our many regulations! Each year, the Head Start program has a **minimum** of 65 inspections completed by the NC Department of Child Development and Early Education, the local Health Departments, and the local Fire Departments.

It takes a lot of work, dedication and planning to maintain the five-star status at all of our centers, take care of our preschoolers, and complete an inspection without any non-compliance issues. We are so proud of our staff!

So far this year, the following staff have had perfect scores on various inspections and received a Letter of Commendation for their efforts:



Center	Employee	Type of Inspection
Oak Grove HS	Maria Hernandez, Teacher	Sanitation & Licensing Visits
	Shirley Shaffner, Co-Teacher	Sanitation & Licensing Visits
Boonville HS	BeLinda Stillwagon, Teacher	Licensing Visit
	Elvira Sanchez, Assistant Teacher	Licensing Visit
Yadkinville I HS	Regina DeWitt, Teacher	Licensing Visit
	Amy Key, Assistant Teacher	Licensing Visit
Yadkinville III HS	Paige Brewer, Teacher	Licensing Visit
	Mary Potts, Assistant Teacher	Licensing Visit
Surry HS	Donna Flippen, Temp. Teacher	Licensing Visit
	Carol Richards, Assistant Teacher	Licensing Visit
Red Hill Creek HS	Holly Felts, Teacher	Licensing Visit
	Lizbeth Cristobal, Assistant Teacher	Licensing Visit
Paynetown HS	Linda Light, Teacher	Licensing & Sanitation Visits
	Carol Marino, Assistant Teacher	Licensing & Sanitation Visits
Jones HS	Shanta Wells, Teacher (Jones 1)	Licensing Visit
	Morgan Lang, Assistant Teacher (Jones 1)	Licensing Visit
	Christine Whitman, Teacher (Jones 2)	Licensing Visit
	Shelia Harris, Assistant Teacher (Jones 2)	Licensing Visit
	Vivian Easter, Teacher (Jones 3)	Licensing Visit
	Michelle Edwards, Assistant Teacher (Jones 3)	Licensing Visit
	Kari Jessup, Teacher (Jones 4)	Licensing Visit
	Glenda Hatcher, Sub. Asst. Teacher (Jones 4)	Licensing Visit
	Anesia Bridges, Teacher (Jones 5)	Licensing Visit
	Vasso Iliopoulos, Assistant Teacher, (Jones 5)	Licensing Visit
Sandy Ridge HS	Karl Allen, On-Site Administrator	Licensing Visit
	Jill Johnson, Teacher	Licensing Visit
	Betty Tucker, Assistant Teacher	Licensing Visit

Many thanks to our staff!
Rhonda Wrenn, Head Start Director



Don't keep us a secret

Have you been
impacted due
to the
COVID-19
Pandemic?



We have received additional funding from the Federal Government CARES Act to help meet your needs.

We can assist
qualifying families for:

- ✓ Nutrition for families & pets
- ✓ Transportation
- ✓ Childcare
- ✓ Education and training
- ✓ Health care
- ✓ Employment
- ✓ Utilities

We Can Help!

Call today
for more information!

(336) 790-5206

**Anyone applying must meet 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines*



YVEDDI...your local Community Action Agency serving Davie, Stokes, Surry and Yadkin counties



Inequity Statement

YVEDDI is deeply disturbed by the recent racial injustice and violence. We have always stood for equal treatment, inclusion, mutual respect, and strive to empower people to lead more successful lives. We are committed to doing our part to reduce inequality in our communities.



Help eliminate
food
insecurity for
our
Seniors in
Surry County



5K/10K

YVEDDI Meals On The Run

— Call (336) 367-3531 —

Saturday, MARCH 27, 2021

10K - 8:00 AM ▪ 5K - 8:15 AM

All proceeds will go to the Surry County Meals on Wheels Program

Start Location: Folger Street beside City Park ▪ Dobson, NC



Certified by the USATF (USA Track & Field)
10k Certification Code NC19020BDS
5k Certification code NC19019BDS

Online registration at www.itsyourrace.com



October 27, 2020

Yadkin Valley Senior Center

Treat bags for our home bound participants.

Thank You Elkin First United Methodist for your generous donation!



Yadkin Valley Senior Center hosted a drive-thru flu shot clinic in partnership with D-Rex Pharmacy (Jonesville) on October 22, 2020



Yadkin County Senior Center hosted a drive-thru flu shot clinic in partnership with CVS (Yadkinville) on October 21, 2020



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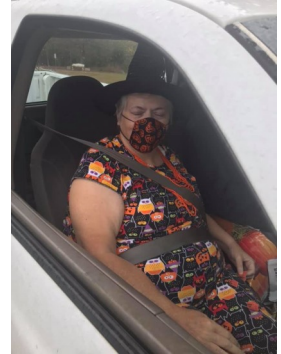
**Yadkin Valley Senior Center
December 16, 2020**

The elves and the lumberjack have been very busy this morning getting a few treats together for some very special people. I appreciate the continued support from Elkin First United Methodist Church for your donations to our center. The donations allow us to help our folks celebrate the holidays and hopefully make them a little more special. A big thanks to Insight, Mtn. Valley Hospice, Yadkin County DSS and Partners Behavioral Health for their donations as well.



October 29, 2020
Surry County Senior Center

The rain held off long enough for us to go ahead with our Parking Lot Bingo. Thanks to Richard for taking the photos and many, many thanks to Sheila Akers Durham for serving as our prize buggy driver! Our volunteers make it possible for us to serve our seniors in these unusual times!



Grace's Closet
October 16, 2020
Clothing Give-a-Way event.

We had 36 visitors and served 95 people for a total of 616 items distributed



Yadkin Valley Senior Center
November 17, 2020



A shout out to PAT BRYANT !

Pat Bryant came by to drop off her 500th prayer shawl today. She is one of our volunteers at Yadkin Valley Senior Center.

For those who are not familiar with "prayer shawls" they are throws/small blankets made by volunteers and given to hospice patients. As they are being made, the person making it begins to pray for the person who will receive it. When we have several ready, we have a dedication and the shawls are prayed over by the entire group. The shawls are then given to Hospice to give to their patients to help comfort them during difficult times. Thank you Pat for your service to local hospice patients and their families.

