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A YVEDDI Quarterly Newsletter Publication for Staff and Volunteers

April 27, 2021
Yadkin Valley Senior Center

Senior Fresh Packs! Thankful for the
**Clemmons Community
Foundation** for helping us give a little
back to our most precious generation.
Thank You!



Yadkin Valley Senior Center
May 17, 2021



Thank you **Woodmen of the World!** We needed a new flag
and our Rep., Joey Anderson brought us one!

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.

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Welcome Aboard!

Tina Anderson, Weatherization Program Assistant
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Larry Church, Driver-Yadkin
Leslie Flippin, MHS Teacher
Heather Handy, PMSC Senior Nutrition & Satellite Senior
Center Manager
Julia Hernandez, MHS Teacher
Kimberly Layell, MHS Assistant Teacher
Ana Perez, MHS Food Service Aid
Clasitza, Secundino, MHS Bilingual Caregiver
Adriana Tellez, MHS Bus Monitor
Wendy Tolley, MHS Teacher
Joseph Valliere Jr. – Driver-Davie



YVEDDI Answers the Need for Increased Pandemic Support



Jeremie and Veronica Parks

Throughout the pandemic, many people have found themselves in need of help to pay their bills or purchase necessities to keep their families sustained.

Over the past year, [Yadkin Valley Economic Development District, Inc., \(YVEDDI\)](#) has seen a significant increase in requests for assistance. The community action agency administers a Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Self-Sufficiency Program and other programs designed to help low-income families in its four-county service area.

The organization has leveraged a grant from [The Duke Endowment Fund](#) along with money from the CARES Act Provider Relief Fund to provide assistance. The availability of the funds was advertised via digital flyers on the YVEDDI website and posted in each of the agency's local program offices in Davie, Stokes, Surry, and Yadkin counties.

YVEDDI client Jeremie Parks and his family are grateful recipients of the agency's support. Jeremie's now school-aged daughter Veronica was born with complete respiratory failure and spent her first three months in Brenner's Children's Hospital. During the COVID quarantine period, the Parks family decided that remote learning was the only safe option for their daughter. Jeremie resigned from his job to be available to assist his daughter.

Utilizing extended unemployment benefits, stimulus payments, and rental and utility assistance provided by YVEDDI's Duke Endowment Fund grant, Parks and his family have managed expenses through the pandemic. "We will be forever grateful for the assistance we have received and to everyone who has worked to put these programs in place," he said. "We cannot say thank you enough YVEDDI!"

Kathy D. Payne, YVEDDI executive director said, "The lack of income due to job loss or reduction in hours has been a crucial barrier for many of our clients during the pandemic. One of our major goals has been to assist families so that they can stay in their homes and search for employment. The Duke Endowment Funds have enabled us to meet this goal."

Hard-hit clients are thankful for the support. "To whom it may concern," wrote one resident. "My mother took my family in and now we have a big household, with a total of three adults and three children. This larger household has caused our power bill to increase significantly. Being able to reach out and get help from companies is a blessing. We would be so thankful to be able to have our energy bill paid."

Another YVEDDI client said, "I'm getting unemployment right now but it just isn't enough to cover all of the bills," said a client. "Thank you YVEDDI! I greatly appreciate ALL of the help you have given me."

In addition to providing assistance for paying rent and utility bills, YVEDDI utilized The Duke Endowment Funds to purchase computers to allow local youth to participate in remote learning. Computers were also provided to allow job seekers to find and apply for work online.

"YVEDDI has nailed the art of making me feel welcomed, appreciated, supported, and respected to do my best work. YVEDDI has stood apart because of their exceptionally powerful core values that resonate with everyone throughout our workforce," said Temeka Marsh, CARES Act coordinator.

Erin Leonard is a writer in the North Carolina Community Action Association's Communications Fellows Program. NCCAA Communications Fellows are students or recent graduates pursuing a career in communications, graphic design, IT, public policy or a related field. They receive a stipend for their participation in the program. For more information on the NCCAA Communications Fellows Program, please contact Yvette Ruffin, director of the NCCAA Communications Fellows Program.

Article from: <https://www.nccaa.net/post/yveddi-answers-the-need-for-increased-pandemic-support>

YVEDDI Recognizes Volunteers May 19, 2021

On April 14-16, 2021 Yadkin Valley Economic Development District Inc. (YVEDDI) Senior Services team recognized the volunteers involved in the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) with 9 drive through recognition events. Recognitions were held at the Jones Family Resource Center (including volunteers from the Mount Airy Nutrition Site and Senior Center, YVEDDI Grace's Closet, Lyn's Medical Loan Closet, Surry Baptist Association, and the Mount Airy Public Library), Pilot Mountain Nutrition Site and Senior Center, Foothills Food Pantry, Staples Food Pantry, American Red Cross, Yadkin Valley Nutrition Site and Senior Center, Yadkin County Nutrition Site and Senior Center, Yadkin Christian Ministries and East Bend Nutrition Site and Senior Center. This is the 2nd year volunteers were honored this way due to Covid-19. Although the pandemic has made it difficult for some involved in RSVP to volunteer, many persevered in their regular volunteering opportunities.

These recognition events were held in lieu of YVEDDI's annual Volunteer Recognition Banquet that is typically held at the YVEDDI headquarters in Boonville. Despite the pandemic, RSVP maintained over 90 active volunteers serving in Surry and Yadkin counties. These volunteers logged over 7,340 hours of service from April 2020 – March 2021. Volunteers were invited to attend the event at the site where they serve (or the one most convenient for them). Each volunteer received a certificate, RSVP umbrella, and an AmeriCorps cinch sack of goodies including a bag of fresh fruit and jelly, pen, and RSVP jar opener grip.

Two plaques were given to honor the volunteers who served the most hours in their respective county...one for Surry County and one for Yadkin County. Sue Thomas, volunteer with YVEDDI Grace's Closet, had the most hours for Surry County logging 437 hours. She was instrumental in coming up with creative ways to continue serving our community throughout the pandemic. One way in particular was creating a way to hold outdoor clothing giveaways at the Jones Family Resource Center. Sandy Desgrange, volunteer with Yadkin Christian Ministries, had the most hours for Yadkin County logging 479 hours. She volunteered this many hours despite sustaining an injury that caused her to be unable to serve for several months. These are perfect examples of volunteers that persevere!

RSVP is a government grant funded program designed to

help and encourage anyone 55 or older to be involved in volunteering in their community. For many in this age group, volunteering offers the opportunity to get out and find new ways to be involved in the community through service. Service gives a sense of fulfillment that may be difficult to find otherwise. If you are interested in volunteer opportunities or learning more about RSVP, please contact Emily Mauck, YVEDDI RSVP Manager, at (336) 415-4247 or emauck@yveddi.com.



RSVP Manager Emily Mauck with a group of volunteers at Trinity Episcopal Church with the Staples Food Pantry. (Submitted photo)



RSVP Manager Emily Mauck presenting the award for the most hours served in Surry County to Sue Thomas. (Submitted photo)



RSVP Manager Emily Mauck, right, presenting the award to Sandy Desgrange for the most volunteer hours in Yadkin County. (Submitted photo)

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Shared from Pioneer Shredding Facebook Page
June 10, 2021



Are you ready to PURGE your files yet?? YVEDDI in Boonville was ready!!!

71 Bins later weighing at 10,580 pounds of paper and saving 85 trees because it was all recycled!!! Way to go guys!
Thank you again for allowing Pioneer to take care of all your shred needs! We enjoyed working with you all!
Super nice folks at YVEDDI! Thank you guys for all that you do to help our community! We appreciate you all!!



March 22, 2021

Surry Senior Center

If you follow Almanac, today is a planting day. Broccoli and spinach. My greens have done good all winter. Have picked and to continue to pick them. Carolyn Gentry, Director of the Senior Center is a great help. I appreciate the Center providing space and boxes.

Pictured: Calvin Vaughn and Carolyn Gentry



**April 8, 2021
East Bend Senior Center**

Rhonda Beavers calls out Bingo numbers at the East Bend Senior Center. Since the center is still closed inside, participants played bingo on the porch.



• **March 30, 2021**
• **Yadkin Valley Senior Center**
• Senior Fresh Packs going out! Strawberries, Apples, Pears, Bananas, Oranges and Grapes ~ lots of fresh nutritional snacks for our homebound folks. Thankful for the opportunity to make their lives a little bit sweeter. Big Thank You to the **Clemmons Community Foundation** for your generosity to help make this possible.



**April 14, 2021
Yadkin Valley Senior Center**

Senior Garden Day 1

Watch It Grow...



May 17, 2021



June 2, 2021



www.NC211.org

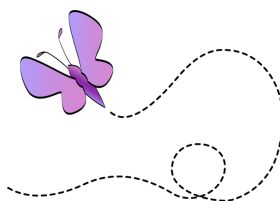
Need Help, But Don't Know Where To Turn?

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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





| July | |
|---------------------|------|
| Ashlee Freeman | 7/2 |
| Crystal Smoot-Dulin | 7/5 |
| Tom Beckom | 7/6 |
| Crystal Ellis | 7/10 |
| Alan Moxley | 7/10 |
| Joshua Sprinkle | 7/10 |
| Leslie Flippin | 7/11 |
| Robert Freeman | 7/13 |
| Angela Honeycutt | 7/15 |
| Sheila Harris | 7/17 |
| Rhonda Wrenn | 7/17 |
| Morgan Lang | 7/21 |
| Lisa Wall | 7/23 |
| Martha Jones | 7/25 |
| Cristina Alonzo | 7/27 |

| August | |
|----------------------|------|
| James Bonello | 8/3 |
| Maritza Berrum | 8/7 |
| Julia Hernandez | 8/7 |
| Madison Wright | 8/12 |
| Clara Berrum Urquiza | 8/15 |
| Carol Marino | 8/16 |
| James Sprinkle Jr, | 8/19 |
| Thomas Baldrige | 8/22 |
| Maria Hernandez | 8/23 |
| Iaisha Oliver | 8/23 |
| Karl Allen | 8/24 |
| Melanie Poteat | 8/25 |
| Elisha Harris | 8/28 |

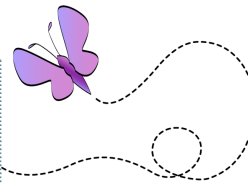
| September | |
|-------------------|------|
| Ramona Rios | 9/1 |
| Sammie Clement | 9/7 |
| Glenda Hatcher | 9/13 |
| Mavis Moore | 9/14 |
| Emily Mauck | 9/15 |
| Edward McDaniels | 9/16 |
| Glennadean Tenney | 9/16 |
| Anna Lowe | 9/17 |
| Zany Gray | 9/19 |
| Holly Felts | 9/20 |
| Tina Watkins | 9/21 |
| Darry Groce | 9/23 |
| Lisa Money | 9/23 |
| Marissa Harris | 9/24 |
| Tammy Pendleton | 9/25 |
| Yolanda Lytton | 9/27 |
| Lori Moore | 9/28 |
| Lynn Wall | 9/29 |
| Jeff Cockerham | 9/30 |
| Lizbeth Cristobal | 9/30 |

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

Congratulations

Promotions

Morgan Harrison, Energy Auditor



Celebrating the Journey...**Happy Retirement!**

Alvin Dunn (5-28-2021)

Alvin Dunn,
You have been a valuable employee and a great team member. We appreciate the effort, dedication and professionalism that you have displayed daily for the past 13 years while serving your community as a driver for our agency. Thank you very much.

Jeff Cockerham

Shirley Shaffner (6-15-2021)

- We want to extend our deepest heartfelt appreciation to you for your years of service with Head Start. You have been a dependable, cooperative and pleasant team member and we are sad to see you leave us. You will be dearly missed by your co-workers, the children and families and the office staff.
- Again, we appreciate the time you spent with Head Start and we wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors.

Rhonda Wrenn

Length of Service

25 YEARS

Rhonda Wrenn

20 Years

Regina DeWitt

10 YEARS

Elisha Harris
Donna Flippen
Glennadean Tenney

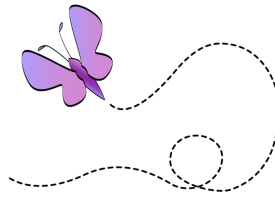
5 YEARS

Crystal Ellis
Holly Felts
Darlene Nelums

Remembering in Prayer

Board

- Candra Brown – baby having surgery
- Mickey Cartner’s wife, Kathy – illness
- Mike Crouse - illness
- Sylvia Jessup – brother in hospital
- Rebecca VanHoy – stroke
- Marion Welborn’s wife, Jewell - illness
- Suzanne Wright – father is ill



Staff

- Regina Chappell CSBG Director – pending surgery
- Family of Lee Johnson, former Property Manager – passed away May 15th
- Bristol Mitchem JFRC Manager – family member illness
- Madison Wright, DV/SA Director – grandfather is ill

East Bend Senior Center

Our small Flag Day event held on June 14th. We had sandwiches and ice cream sundaes.

We received a new flag, donated and hung by Randy Lovette. Thank you!

Thanks to the Clemmons Foundation Grant for the sundae fixings and sandwiches.



Let Us Help You Stay Cool This Summer

2021 Operation Fan Heat Relief

You may be eligible for a free fan

Eligibility:

1. Must live in Yadkin County
2. Must be an adult 60 years of age or older OR with a disability
3. Must have a home situation where a threat to health and well-being exists

Sponsors: Dominion Resources, Duke Energy Carolinas and Duke Energy Progress

Call Lisa Money at 336.367.3522

YVEDDI - your local Community Action Agency

East Bend Senior Center

June 18, 2021

Father’s Day Celebration

Randy Lovette was one of the fathers that received our homemade peanut butter cookies.



Senior Games

Although the number of participants was down due to Covid-19, we all had a lot of fun and fellowship at Fisher River Park.

Thanks to **Bradley Key** for all the hard work to make the games possible. Also thanks to **Carolyn Gentry, Emily Mauck** and all the **volunteers**.

Congratulations to the medal winners and thanks to all who participated and Surry County Parks and Recreation.

Medal or no medal, everyone had a great time. Hope to see everyone back next year.



YVEDDI CSBG is working with Wheels 4 Hope to obtain vehicles for customers.

Wheels4Hope is a non-profit, faith-based car donation program that turns donated cars into local blessings. We are located in the Triangle and Triad areas of North Carolina. Our mission is to provide affordable, reliable transportation to economically vulnerable families and individuals who are referred to us by one of our partner agencies. As an IRS approved 501 (c)(3) charitable organization, Wheels4Hope exists only through the contributions of numerous donors, volunteers, congregations and partner businesses who understand that reliable transportation is a vital component for self-sufficiency.

The details are located on their website.

<https://wheels4hope.org>



Also, if anyone would like to donate a vehicle they will tow it and will take vehicles in any condition.

Call (336) 355- 9130 for more information



Holiday Schedule

July 5th
Independence Day

September 6th
Labor Day

In Memory ...

Lee Johnson (former employee)
November 26, 1956 - May 15, 2021



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



Newsletter Editor:
Donna Rutledge,
Communications
Specialist



YVEDDI Head Start

Accepting Applications!



Do you or someone you know have a child that will be 3 or 4 years old on or before August 31, 2021? If so, you can complete an application for your child NOW for the 2021-2022 school year. Scan the QR code below with your camera to contact us!



SCAN ME



SERVICES OFFERED

- NO COST Preschool Program
- Qualified Nurturing Teachers
- Fun Educational Activities
- Family Services and goal setting
- Healthy meals and snacks

NEEDED FROM PARENTS

- Child's Birth Certificate
- Shot Record
- Proof of income for each parent/caregiver
- Insurance/Medicaid Card

SCHOOL HOURS:

8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Monday – Friday

Which Head Start should your child attend? CONTACT:

Phone: (336) 367-4993 Ext. 246

Save Time – Application available Online!

Visit our website: www.yveddi.com and click Head Start

Davie County
(336) 284-2374

Stokes County
Sandy Ridge (336) 871-5022
King (336) 983-2344

Surry County
(336) 786-6155
Ext. 506/507/508

Yadkin County
Boonville (336) 367-7175
Yadkinville (336) 367-4993 Ext. 239

*Head Start is following all required state health guidelines regarding COVID-19 to ensure the health of our staff and the families we serve. We may potentially offer remote services, depending on the status of the pandemic.



May 18, 2021

Surry County Senior Center

Fun at the Senior Center Gardening Class! Thank you so much to Joanna Radford and the Master Gardeners for your expert advice and training!



Yadkin County Senior Center

June 14, 2021

Today is Flag Day. We took down the old flag and put up a new one. Happy Flag Day Everyone.



We Need Your Help!

There is a **CRITICAL** need for Volunteer Drivers to deliver Meals-on-Wheels to home-bound seniors in **Yadkin & Surry counties**

Please Call And Volunteer Today!
(336) 415-4247

Volunteer mileage reimbursement and volunteer insurance may be available.

 **YVEDDI**
YADKIN & SURRY VOLUNTEER DELIVERY DISTRICT INC.

www.yveddi.com

May 19, 2021

Surry County Senior Center

Thank you to **Tim Bingman** and the **Before Heaven Community Church Children's Class** for the donation for prizes to the Senior Center Parking Lot Bingo. Also thanks to Carolyn Gentry for all the work she does, so Seniors in Surry County have fun things to do.



May 26, 2021

East Bend Senior Center

Older Americans Month & Memorial Day cookout for our special peeps today. Thanks to the Clemmons Community Foundation



Please submit your news-worthy articles and pictures to drutledge@yveddi.com

- Outstanding Achievements of an Employee
- Employee/Volunteer of the Month or Year
- Engagements/Weddings/Births
- Special Events
- Favorite Recipes
- Quotes/Jokes



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.



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.

**MAY YOU BE PROUD
OF THE WORK YOU DO
THE PERSON YOU ARE
AND THE DIFFERENCE
YOU MAKE**

Yadkin Valley Senior Center May 2021

Happy Older American's Month! Sowing "seeds" of encouragement and "grounded" in hope. Sending love to our folks this week. Thank you Clemmons Community Foundation for the support that allows us to send a little something to our seniors each month.



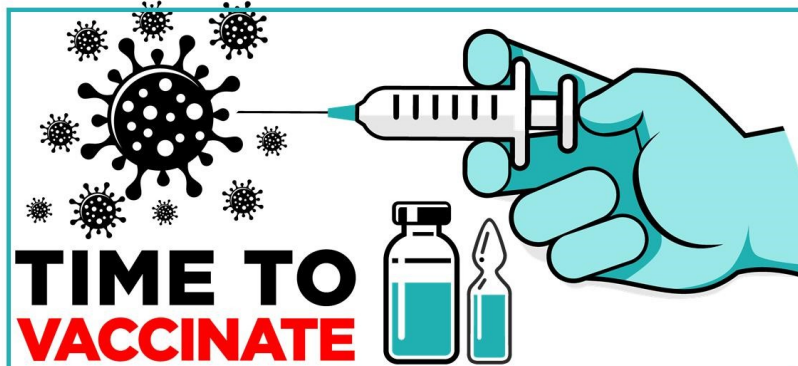
- **Surry County Senior Center**
- **May 25, 2021**
- We had a great time at the garden class today! We learned about pests and how to deal with them.
- We also learned about fertilizing our gardens. And for the highlight of today's class, we planted flowers in pots to take home! The pots contain "spillers, fillers, and thrillers"! Thank you to Joanna and Robin! RT Portis



- **May 26, 2021**
- **Yadkin County Senior Center**
- Thanks for the donation of our new flag at the center, to the anonymous donor!! Special people is what makes our center come together.



East Bend Senior Center Mother's Day treats



in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus)
We Can Get You There!

Transportation to Covid-19 Vaccination Sites Is Available

YVEDDI Public Transportation is providing free rides to vaccination sites for individuals that do not have transportation to receive the vaccine.

There is no cost to the individual for the ride.
(Donations are accepted/not required)

You must coordinate your vaccination with the local health department or the medical provider administering the vaccination.

Call (336) 679-2071 Option #3 to schedule a ride



Volunteer Opportunities Available

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