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A YVEDDI Quarterly Newsletter Publication for Staff and Volunteers

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DECEMBER
2021

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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East Bend Senior Center August 10, 2021

Mr. Jerry Wall donated these swings in memory of his mother, Zena Mae Wall to our Senior Center.

Donald Matthews, Jordan and Jason Hobson volunteered their time to put them together and hung them for us. Sierra Casstevens and Chris McDonald, Forsyth Tech Nursing students also painted our rockers for volunteer hours.

Thank you all!

Congratulations to East Bend Senior Center, Yadkin County Senior Center, and Yadkin Valley Senior Center who have just been notified that they have been recertified Centers of Excellence by the North Carolina Division of Aging and Adult Services!

Thank you Rhonda, Lori, and Sandra for your determination, your dedication, and your commitment to the senior adults of Yadkin County!



Pilot Mountain Senior Center August 10, 2021

Novant Health Mobile Mammogram was a success! We had a total of 19 participants. Based on this success, we look forward to having another mobile mammogram clinic in the near future. Thank you to everyone who made it possible!



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

L. H. Jones Family Resource Center



L. H. JONES FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER ANNOUNCE THE DONATION OF A NEW DIRECTIONAL SIGN



YVEDDI Jones Family Resource Center

is delighted to announce the donation of a new directional sign. The project began as an Eagle Scout project for Grant Routh but it was derailed by circumstances surrounding COVID-19.

However, a pandemic did not stop this scout from completing the project.

Grant with his grandfather, Roger Routh installed the new Jones Family Resource Center and Auditorium sign at the corner of Jones School Road and North Main Street on August 10, 2021.

Steve Barnard of Interstate Sign Company designed and donated the metal sign. Grant and Roger purchased the lumber and building materials and Grant designed and created the wood framing for the sign project. The trio did a wonderful job making this project come to fruition and it has received numerous compliments from the community. Grant will be attending UNC- Wilmington this fall and has plans for a medical career. We wish him well on his future endeavors. Roger Routh, owner of Hutchens Cleaners, is a huge supporter of the JFRC and has been a long-standing member of the Jones Family Resource Center Advisory Council.

The JFRC occupants provide a long list of community services. Current occupants include the following YVEDDI programs, Community Service Block Grant, Grace's Closet, Head Start, and Senior Services and Senior Nutrition. Other programs include Disabled American Veterans, Faith Deliverance for Jesus, Goodwill NWNC, J.J. Jones Alumni, Lyn's Medical Loan Closet - a free medical equipment loan program, NC Works NextGen - serves youths 16-24, and Yokefellow-provides emergency food and utility assistance.

The JFRC would like to send a heartfelt thanks to Grant and Roger Routh, and Steve Barnard for their donation and hard work. We are grateful to have the support of our local community members and businesses to help us to provide a centered approach for needed services.

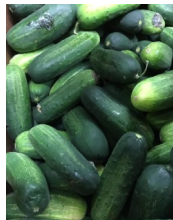
**Surry County Senior Center
July 23, 2021**

We appreciate Whitney and Priddy Manor for sponsoring our ice cream social! They provided the prizes and the ice cream! Thank you Richard for taking the pictures! And thanks everyone for coming! It was a lot of fun!



**Yadkin Valley Senior Center
July 27, 2021**

Senior Fresh Packs went out on July 27th! So thankful to be able to send a little extra to our homebound folks each month. Thank you Clemons Community Foundation/ Shallow Ford Foundation for your support.



**East Bend Senior Center
July 1, 2021**

Our first indoor Exercise with Natalie.



**Yadkin Valley Senior Center
July 2, 2021**

Safety first! Disinfectant spray after events is one way we try to maintain safety for our folks as we start back with a few programs at a time



**October is National
Bullying
Prevention
Month**

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



**Surry County Senior Center
July 30 2021**

(Mount Airy Bowling Lanes)
Congratulations to Coy Hawks, our first Senior Bowler to bowl over 200 since our return after COVID shutdown. Not only once but twice with a 238 , a 230 and a 648 set.

**Yadkin Valley Senior Center
July 1, 2021**

First day of Bingo! It was so good to see these smiling faces.



**Yadkin Valley Senior Center
July 8, 2021**

Our sweet quilting ladies! They meet here on Monday's from 11:00am until 2:00pm. They are very talented. Glad you ladies are back!



**Yadkin Valley Senior Center
July 21, 2021**

Nellie Peele has been busy! Beautiful work Nellie!



Yadkin Valley Senior Center

June 29, 2021

Senior Fresh Packs went out on June 29th! Lettuce, squash, onions, tomatoes, apples, bananas and peaches.



Thank You!



East Bend Senior Center

July 19, 2021

Our reopening celebration was July 19th. Thanks to everyone that came and to the Clemmons Foundation for the grant that supplied this dinner.



November is National Family Caregivers Month

East Bend Senior Center

July 19, 2021

Cupcake Walk

Thanks to Manny J's Bakery for the assortment of cupcakes!



Yadkin Valley Senior Center

July 2, 2021

Had a good turn out for our 4th of July party. Hotdogs, chips, drinks and cookies all provided by Woodmen Life Insurance. Big thank you to our representative Joey Anderson!



Yadkin Valley Senior Center

July 7, 2021



**Surry County Senior Center
July 29, 2021**

Christmas in July Senior Bingo at the Surry Senior Center.

Merry Christmas in July and thanks to Santa's reindeer helpers, Carolyn Gentry and her assistant, Kathleen Mauck, for their hard work so the Seniors could have a great time.





October	
Cynthia Swisher	10-2
Tommy Eads	10-6
Tina Anderson	10-10
Shonia Atkins	10-14
Tina Wishon	10-15
Patricia Peebles	10-21
Millie Lambe	10-23
Kimmie Layell	10-23
Michael Lineback	10-24
Melanie Hull	10-25
Jeffrey Phillips	10-30

November	
Mitzi Hutchens	11-3
Antionette Rucker	11-4
Floyd George	11-8
Mary Ann Wagoner	11-10
Susan Yow	11-10
Terry Daniels	11-11
Johnny Pilson	11-12
Paige Branscome	11-13
Jill Johnson	11-18
Rodney Badgett	11-16
Zandrea Stevens	11-20
Kathy Payne	11-21
Daphne Cothren	11-25
Bonnie Whitley	11-25
Timothy Baker	11-28
Donna Sims	11-28
Gregory Bruner	11-29
Joe Valliere	11-30

December	
Carolyn Gentry	12-3
Rochelle George	12-3
Ben Pendleton	12-4
Nathaniel Childress	12-8
Connie Mooney	12-8
Daniel Privette	12-8
Bristol Mitchem	12-9
Carol Richards	12-10
Hurley Casstevens	12-19
Penny Spainhour	12-24
Linda Light	12-25
Karen Shelton	12-29

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

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



Welcome Aboard!

- Rodney Badgett, Driver
- Paige Branscome, Teacher
- Kathryne Bryant, Assistant Teacher
- Genesis Harrod, Transit Planner
- Gina Gregory, Driver
- Madison Gordon, Assistant Teacher
- Millie Lambe, Nutrition Site Manager
- Nanmarliz Rosario, Food Service Aid
- David Smith, DV/SA Program Director
- Jessicca Smith, Family Community Partnership Coordination
- David Torres, Operations Manager
- Jessica Vallejo, Food Service Aid
- Joseph Valliere, Driver

Length of Service

- 25 YEARS**
Rhonda Wrenn
- 20 YEARS**
Debbie Lane
- 10 YEARS**
Donna Rutledge
Michelle Edwards
- 5 YEARS**
Angela Honeycutt
Lori Moore
Janet Phillips

Celebrating the Journey...**Happy Retirement!**
David Beck 7-28-2021

David Torres as the new Operations Manager for YVEDDI Transportation. David has lived much of his life in Ohio but relocated to NC in 2018. Since then he has been looking for a good workplace to settle into. In David's previous work experience as a director and manager he has had responsibility in budgetary compliance, safety, oversight of personnel and equipment maintenance, marketing and operational management. We expect David to bring his previous work experience to the position and be a great asset to our agency. David's first day of work was August 10th. His main office is in King at 151 Jefferson Church Road. His extension is 400 and his direct line is 336-593-2373. David will be working to update our operational procedures where needed and assisting our supervisors in day to day management and training.

During the search for our Operations Manager we found **Genesis Harrod** and created a position to utilize her impressive talent. Genesis resides in Lexington and is originally from Florida. She has a Bachelor's degree in mathematics and Master's degrees in Urban and Regional Planning and Civil Engineering. She is licensed and certified as a Professional Transportation Planner and has worked with various agencies on transit projects in Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, Mississippi, and North Carolina. We have hired Genesis in the position of Transit Planner to help us convert the two deviated fixed routes to the new microtransit model, a form of demand responsive transportation. This is a new position for us and it is right up her alley. We are very fortunate to be able to hire Genesis for this project and for other projects in the future. Genesis started work on August 4th and has already got the ball rolling to convert the two routes to microtransit. Genesis will work primarily out of the Davie office at the Brock Performing Arts building. Her direct line is 336-469-4307 or internally extension #307.

Welcome Aboard!
Jeff Cockerham



In Memory

Thomas Baldrige
08-22-1953 - 8-24-2021

Mr. Baldrige was a United States Army veteran, serving during Vietnam and driver for YVEDDI.

Lisa Boles Martin
12-2-1960 - 9-13-2021

Ms. Martin was a long time employee of YVEDDI. She started as a van driver on July 31, 2000 and had been promoted to Road Supervisor and then to Transportation Coordinator.

Remembering in Prayer



Board

Mike Crouse - illness
Marion Welborn - wife, Jewell illness; granddaughter recovering from plane crash

Staff

Karen Shelton – lost her husband 9/20/21; mother in ICU
Regina Chappell – Illness/knee injury
Thomas Baldrige – Driver, who passed with COVID
Lisa Martin – Transportation Supervisor, passed away with Cancer 9/13/21

Pilot Mountain Senior Center September 17, 2021

Thank you to Ted and Officer Horn for coming out for our Prescription Drug Take Back Day. (Sponsored by the Pilot Mountain Police Department)

Missed it? No problem, come by the senior center for a drug disposal kit or drop off your no longer needed/expired medication at the Pilot Mountain Police Department drop off box located in the police department lobby.



Yadkin County Senior Center

8-18-2021

Drive-thru Supper Event



East Bend Senior Center

August 18, 2021

Meet a few of our BINGO players...



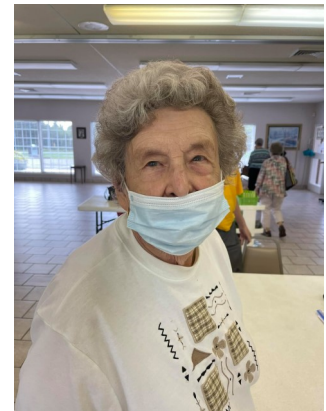
Kate is 100 and 8 months old. Always happy with a huge smile under that mask. Oh and winning may have contributed a little.



Helen is 99 years young! Today was her first time coming to bingo and she won 3 times.



Mary is 95 and still driving to bingo and exercise every week. She also uses our exercise room to walk a mile.



Ruth will be 95 in December. She is still driving. Today she had more fun! She says it's fun all the time but more fun when I win.

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.

Yadkin Valley Senior Center

Sept. 20, 2021

Hygiene kits going out to our seniors. Thanks Shallow Ford Foundation for your support in helping our seniors!



October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Need clothing for you or your family?

Grace's Closet can help!

Grace's Closet is a community clothing closet where individuals and families can find gently-used quality clothing at no cost.

Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

(closed for lunch daily from 11:30 am - 12:00 pm)

No appointment needed. ■ No I.D. required

We currently have a wide range of seasonal clothing and shoes.



215 Jones School Road ■ Mount Airy, NC 27030

(located inside the L. H. Jones Family Resource Center)

Ph. (336) 415-4256

Pilot Mountain Senior Center

August 2021

Beautiful Creations! Acrylic Painting Class is every Wednesday at 1pm



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

November 11th

Veteran's Day

Nov. 25th-26th

Thanksgiving

Dec. 23rd, 24th & 27th

Christmas

January 3rd

New Years Day

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.



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.

amazon smile
You shop. Amazon gives.



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 VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, INC.

www.yveddi.com

TIME TO VACCINATE

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

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

Volunteer Opportunities Available

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

United Fund Campaign

YVEDDI Incentive Program

2021 - 2022

Would you like to...

- ✓ Have a paid day to go to the Spa, or
- ✓ Have a paid day to watch Netflix all day in your PJ's, or
- ✓ Have a paid day to go to the pool or go shopping, and
- ✓ Contribute to a worthy cause in your community, and
 - ✓ Have a charitable tax deduction

Level of Contribution	Perks
\$220 per year club (\$8.47 per pay period payroll deduction)	Voucher for 24 hours Admin Leave
\$120 per year club (\$4.62 per pay period payroll deduction)	Voucher for 12 hours Admin Leave
\$100 one-time gift payable to YVEDDI (UF Campaign in memo)	Voucher for 8 hours Admin Leave
\$50 one-time gift payable to YVEDDI (UF Campaign in memo)	Voucher for 4 hours Admin Leave
\$25 one-time gift payable to YVEDDI (UF Campaign in memo)	Voucher for 2 hours Admin Leave

Please complete the attached United Fund form and turn in to your supervisor for submission to the district office by October 31st, 2021.

Administrative Leave must be scheduled and prior approved by the program director. Leave will be awarded after contribution is verified per copy of check or contribution form submitted to the Executive Director.




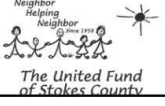
Leave must be used by **December 31, 2022.**





YVEDDI Pledge Campaign

Workplace Campaign **2021-2022**

My Information			
Name			
Home Address			
Email Address		Phone	
My Pledge	Enter your donation amount \$		
Direct my contribution to the following: (Select Option Below)			
<input type="checkbox"/> *Yadkin County United Fund 	<input type="checkbox"/> Yadkin Valley United Fund 	<input type="checkbox"/> *United Fund of Surry 	<input type="checkbox"/> United Fund of Stokes 
Designate my gift to a specific agency: (optional) See list on back			
<i>*A \$50 minimum donation is required to designate a specific agency.</i>			
<input type="checkbox"/> I am giving a one-time tax deductible gift of \$ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Check (Check Number: _____) Make check payable to YVEDDI (specify United Fund name in the memo) and return with form			
<input type="checkbox"/> Payroll Deduction: I am doing a payroll deduction through YVEDDI \$ _____ x 26 (bi-weekly) = \$ _____ <small>\$ paycheck # of pay periods Total payroll deduction</small>			
<i>Deductions begin January 2022 and continue through December 2022</i>			
<input type="checkbox"/> I want my gift to remain anonymous			
Perks at Work	Level of Contribution		Perks
	\$220 per year club (\$8.47 per pay period payroll deduction)		Voucher for 24 hours Admin Leave
	\$120 per year club (\$4.62 per pay period payroll deduction)		Voucher for 12 hours Admin Leave
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Signature _____

Date _____

<i>Yadkin County United Fund Agencies</i>	<i>Yadkin Valley United Fund Agencies</i>
American Red Cross	American Red Cross / Surry County Chapter
Boonville Community Public Library	Boy Scouts of America-Old Hickory Council
Boy Scouts of America	Cancer Services of Elkin
Cancer Services	CareNet Counseling of Wilkes/Elkin
Children's Center of Yadkin	Children's Center of Surry
East Bend Public Library	D.A.R.E
Grace Clinic	ECHO Ministries-The ARK
Jonesville Public Library	Elkin Lions Club
Mountain Valley Hospice – Yadkin Co.	Elkin Rescue Squad
Share A Home	Feed The Elderly
Smart Start of Yadkin County Dolly Parton Imagination Library	Foothills Art Council
The Ark Homeless Shelter	Girl Scout Hut Fund
The Salvation Army	Grace Clinic Yadkin Valley
Tri-County Christian Crisis Ministry	Jonesville Public Library
Yadkin Christian Ministries – Medical Assistance	Mountain Park Rescue Squad
Yadkin County 4-H Clubs	Mountain Valley Hospice
Yadkin County Public Library	SAFE, Inc.
Yadkin County Rescue Squad	SHAHC (Surry Homeless and Affordable Housing Coalition)
Yadkin Family YMCA	Salvation Army Surry County
Yadkin Special Olympics	Surry Friends of Youth
YVEDDI Domestic Violence (Yadkin County)	Surry Homeless and Affordable Housing Coalition
YVEDDI Senior Services	Tri-County Christian Ministry, Inc.
	Triple C Scholarships
	Wilkes Developmental Day School
	Watershed NOW, Inc.
	YVEDDI Surry Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault
	YVEDDI Yadkin Valley Senior Services / Community Center

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<i>United Fund of Surry Agencies</i>	<i>United Fund of Stokes Agencies</i>
American Red Cross	American Red Cross
Ararat Rescue Squad	Bowman Gray Child Guidance
Armfield Civic Center: Camp Pilot Mountain	Boy Scouts, Old Hickory Council
Blue House Teaching Studio	Cancer Services
Blue Ridge Volunteer Rescue Squad	Group Homes of Forsyth County
Boy Scouts: Old Hickory Council	Hospice & Palliative Care Center
Children's Center Of Surry	Mountain Valley Hospice & Palliative Care Joan & Howard Woltz
Dobson Rescue Squad	Hospice Home
Girl Scouts: Peaks To Piedmont Council	Stokes Advocacy Council to Seniors
Mountain Valley Hospice And Palliative Care	Stokes County 4-H
Mount Airy Rescue Squad	Stokes County Public Library Summer Reading Program
Pilot Mountain Rescue Squad	Stokes County Special Olympics
Reeves Community Center Foundation	Stokes Family YMCA
Surry Arts Council: Special Needs Program	Stokes Friends of Youth
Surry Friends Of Youth	Stokes SCAN
Surry Homeless And Affordable Housing Coalition	The Salvation Army
Surry SCAN (Stop Child Abuse Now)	YVEDDI Stokes Domestic Violence And Sexual Assault
Surry Medical Ministries	
The Salvation Army	
The Shepherd's House	
Webb Southern Carroll Community Club	
YOKEFELLOW Cooperative Ministry	
YVEDDI Surry Domestic Violence And Sexual Assault	
YVEDDI Senior Services	

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