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SPRING 2023
(APRIL/MAY/JUNE)

A YVEDDI Quarterly Newsletter Publication for Staff and Volunteers

Length of Service

30 Years

Yolanda Lytton

15 Years

Crystal Smoot-Dulin

5 Years

Morgan Harrison



Way to go Sharon Branch, Family Advocate, our program's Family Advocate of the Year! Sharon is a valuable part of the Head Start team and we are very pleased to nominate her as the state recipient of the award. Sharon's dedication and hard work is a delight to not only the families and children that we serve, but also to her coworkers and teammates. In order to qualify for this award, Sharon was required to submit three letters of reference and to have been employed with our program over a year and possesses a Bachelor's degree. Sharon holds a Bachelor's of Science in Human Services. Sharon will be recognized at the annual state conference for all of her efforts.

Senior Services March 24, 2023

Today we celebrated our North Carolina Senior Tar Heel Legislature's 30th Anniversary. We were honored to have our friend Allison T. Brown, MCE, CPLC, Legislature Delegate, Davie County Chair, NCSTHL Public Relations Standing Chair, Davie County Aging Services Planning Committee, discuss the current issues on the table concerning our seniors. It was a very informative presentation that left all of us wondering what we can do to help ensure that senior citizens are taken care of, at whatever level of care is needed. Every one of us needs to call our legislatures and make our concerns known. More funding is needed for preventative care and guess what? That means your local Senior Centers are part of that preventative care plan because we strive to keep activities to help the mind and body stay active. See your Senior Center Managers and Directors to advocate for the cause.



Thank you for years of dedicated service!



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| April | |
|--------------------|------|
| Jennifer Somers | 4/2 |
| Gelee Beal | 4/3 |
| Allison Chappell | 4/5 |
| Barbara Smith | 4/14 |
| Pamela Williams | 4/14 |
| Tracey Speight | 4/20 |
| Katrinka Rinehart | 4/22 |
| Kenneth Henderson | 4/23 |
| Patricia Hernandez | 4/23 |
| Sherman Smith | 4/30 |

| May | |
|--------------------|------|
| Joel Wooten | 5/3 |
| Philip Brock | 5/4 |
| Belinda Stillwagon | 5/5 |
| Jr. Eddleman | 5/10 |
| David Torres | 5/12 |
| Lois Howes | 5/15 |
| Kelly Morris | 5/16 |

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

| June | |
|-------------------|------|
| Vivian Easter | 6/1 |
| Billy Glenn | 6/4 |
| Janet Phillips | 6/7 |
| Brad Ellison | 6/8 |
| Christina Edwards | 6/9 |
| Tony Aquilano | 6/12 |
| Madison Gordon | 6/13 |
| Beth McCraw | 6/14 |
| Betty Tucker | 6/14 |
| Nolan Simmons | 6/15 |
| Amanda Casstevens | 6/21 |
| Doug Akers | 6/24 |
| Rhonda Beavers | 6/24 |
| Kristofer Stevens | 6/25 |
| Larry Pinnix | 6/28 |
| Michelle Edwards | 6/30 |
| Joyce Hutchison | 6/30 |

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

Congratulations

Welcome Aboard!

- Bryan, Spencer L Weatherization Tech
- Bryant, Nohlan B Driver
- Carter, Emma G Teacher
- Ellison, Brad D Driver
- Hill, Otis J Driver
- Lawson, Cheri D Substitute Teacher
- Morris, Kelly L Teacher
- Pineda, Getzemani C Substitute Teacher
- Rinehart, Katrinka A PMSC Manager
- Simmons, Trevon M Driver
- Snow, Kennedy M DV/SA Advocate
- Sprinkle, Joshua J Driver
- Stevens, Kristofer M Driver

Remembering in Prayer

Board

Mickey Cartner – sister passed away in January and wife continues to have health issues

Staff

- Rhonda Beavers (EBSC) recovering from accident
 - Terry Daniels (Admin) recovering from surgery
 - Jane Munday (former grant accountant) passed away Jan 31st
 - Debra Rawley (HS) lost her mother Jan 9th
 - Tracey Speight (HS) recovering from surgery
 - Patricia Peebles (HS) mother passed away
 - Nanmarliz Rosario (HS) lost her father-in-law
- Prayers requested for all staff taking on extra work due to staff vacancies

Happy Retirement Angelina Melvin!



Angelina Melvin, Head Start Family Advocate, retired on Friday, March 3rd, 2023. Angelina will forever be remembered as a kind, helpful, resourceful, non-judgmental, humanitarian. Angelina devoted 27 faithful years to Head Start beginning in the Migrant Head Start Program, then to Regular Head Start as a Disabilities Coordinator and an Education Supervisor, but ultimately landed the most perfect role that supported her biggest strengths, Family Advocate. If you could dream it, Angelina would help make it come true for you, whether it was a home, a new career, extended education, etc. We admire our friend and family member and wish her the utmost best in all of her future endeavors!



Congratulations to Marcy Garcia, Paynetown parent, our program's Parent of the Year! Marcy is an active member in her classroom and is a member of the Policy Council. In order to qualify for this award, Marcy was required to submit three letters of support and describe her personal and professional goals and steps taken toward self-sufficiency as well as be a current member of the NC Head Start Association. We appreciate you Marcy and look forward to you being recognized at the annual state conference to be held in Durham, NC in the spring and as a nominee for Parent of the Year for the entire state!



Pilot Mountain Senior Center Feb. 19 2023

A huge "Thank You" to WBFJ for gathering all of the Valentine Cards from the schools & sending to us. A special thank you to the children who made the cards and the teachers for their help. I know our seniors were very happy to receive them.



East Bend Senior Center

Thanks to all who donated for the purchase of our new stove and to Tommy Eads at YVEDDI Weatherization Program for bringing it and installing it for us!



Aileen Davis, Terri Williams, and Rhonda Beaver donated over 30 toboggans that were woven at the East Bend Senior Center to our East Bend Ministry Center. They also donated several adult coloring books and crayons. All these lovely items will be enjoyed by our clients during the winter months. Ladies, thank you for all you do for the senior citizens in our community!



Yadkinville parents volunteer during Beatification Week.

Thank you parents for making our centers shine!



East Bend Senior Center March 2023

Big crowd for quarter BINGO



A special thank you to Officer Traci Ballance of the Elkin Police Department for visiting the Oak Grove classroom and sharing what you do for the children and families in our community.



Holiday Schedule

April 7th
Good Friday
May 29th
Memorial 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.



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.

YVEDDI documents and forms can be downloaded from the P: drive. Reminder: Please do not leave your information on the forms.

East Bend Senior Center

Feb. 1, 2023

Ruth, she is a bingo loving gal. She is 96 and is moving away. Today was her last bingo with us. She had many friends and family come see her and they filled out cards with special messages. She took her bingo card with her with everyone of her bingo buddies signature in the back. We tried to make today special for her. We will miss you Ruth!



The Jones 2 class learn about clothes. The children then got to design clothes!



Children at London Head Start working on a Leaf "blowing" project



Yadkin Valley Senior Center

March 2023

It just keeps getting better. Thanks to Shallow Ford Foundation and Gonzales Produce we are able to send fresh nutritious food to the elder in our community who participate in the Meals on Wheels Program. Each person in the program will be receiving 30 servings of fruit and vegetables to supplement their food intake! Reducing food insecurity one apple at a time



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

Yadkin Valley Senior Center

Seniors having fun!



Yadkin Valley Senior Center

January 30, 2023

We had a great time last night at our monthly Birthday/Fellowship Meal. We had so much fun we forgot to take any more pictures. We were enjoying face time, literally. I'm thankful we can get together and share a meal, share burdens - prayer requests, and talk about the goodness of God. Hope all of you had a great January. At least three of us had another birthday this month and we are truly thankful.



Yadkin County Senior Center

Feb. 14, 2023

Volunteer breakfast for our faithful volunteers



Yadkin Valley Senior Center

On January 24th, we sent out 366 pounds of fresh produce to our participants! The food was purchased with a grant awarded by the Shallow Ford Foundation! I hope we are always able to work together to be a blessing to those who are less fortunate and can not help themselves. This produce, along with the "Meals on Wheels" food delivery, helps me rest easier knowing we are striving to reduce food insecurity one senior citizen at a time. Bananas, yellow squash, cucumbers, red apples, yellow apples and sweet potatoes were greatly appreciated by all.



Yadkin County Senior Center

On Tuesday, Feb. 7 Valentine cards were sent to Yadkinville's homebound seniors. The Valentines are from young students from various elementary schools brought to us from WBFJ radio station.



Yadkin County Senior Center

On Thursday, Feb. 9 Valentine goodies were given to Yadkinville's congregate nutrition participants.



The children really enjoyed Wacky Tacky Day at Mocksville Head



Yadkinville III classroom and teacher enjoys Wacky Tacky Day!



Yadkin County Senior Center

March 2023

Great crowd at Nutrition Bingo



Katrinka Rinehart has been named the new senior nutrition and satellite center manager for the Pilot Mountain Senior Center. Katrinka previously worked in the YVEDDI Public Transportation department for 16 years.

She loves people and is looking forward to serving the seniors in the Pilot Mountain area.

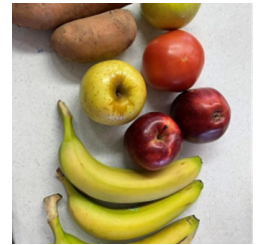
Cardio Drumming at the East Bend Senior Center



East Bend Senior Center

January 31, 2023

Fresh produce for our home-bound clients. Thanks to the Shallow Ford Foundation Grant.



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



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.

**Surry County Senior Center
January 31, 2023**

One of our seniors donated over 20 yards of fleece. Another donated a package of 10 brand new pairs of scissors. Put the two together, and we had a great time making fleece throws!



The Mount Olive class learn about trees and incorporate them into their artwork.



Why is everyone at the gym asking me why I'm sitting still on the stationary bike?



I'm going downhill, dude, mind your business.

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



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| ▪ Crisis Intervention | ▪ Volunteer Opportunities |

**Pilot Mountain Senior Center
Feb. 2023**

Master Gardener Class today with Robin Portis went very well. We had a great time and a good turn out. We made "Fairy Gardens". Everyone was very creative and made some beautiful gardens. Thank you to all who came and joined in with us today. A big thank you to Robin for all that she does for our community as a volunteer.





Moms and dads are always welcome as Family Engagement is encouraged and your involvement makes such a difference! London Head Start pictured



**Yadkin Valley Senior Center
March 2023**

Our Ladies have been busy! They have finished the quilt for the raffle and started on more projects! 1st picture is called "Dear Daughter" made by Christene Mason. The second one is called "Friendship Star" and it was made by Carol Powell. They are so talented!



**Pilot Mountain Senior Center
March 2023**

St. Patrick's Day Party

We (Carolyn Gentry & myself) want to say thank you to all that came to the party 🍀. Also a big thank you to those awesome volunteers that helped with decorations, preparation and clean up. You all Rock!

A flower does not
think of competing
with the flower next
to it. It just blooms.

- Len Shin

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If yes, your child qualifies for Head Start!



We Accept SNAP Benefits



Today's List

~~1% milk~~
~~butter~~
~~sandwich bread~~

Head Start

YVEDDI Head Start

Do you or someone you know have a child that will be 3 or 4 years old on or before August 31, 2023?

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*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.