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ASPIRE Graduate and New CCAP Employee: *Truly Thankful*



Cheryl Peacock is thankful for the inspiration, investment, and encouragement she received from CCAP's ASPIRE program, and now through her employment in CCAP's Head Start program.

My name is Cheryl Peacock and I am a ASPIRE Program success story. I was first introduced to ASPIRE through flyers, then by word of mouth from others with information about the program. When I came into the ASPIRE Program, I was in a job with little growth and zero benefits.

During March 2009, I enrolled into the ASPIRE Program and immediately set my goals. I enrolled into the Early Childhood program at FTCC while maintaining the job I had. During this time, I attended required workshops for the ASPIRE Program. The program helped me acquire uniform vouchers for my job, and they assisted me with gaining access to the Second Harvest Food Bank. The program assisted me with medical benefits; which helped me acquire eyeglasses. Also, ASPIRE assisted me with housing, consumer credit, and job opportunities.

Within 12 months of entering the ASPIRE program I had completed my goals. Shortly after completing my goals I applied for the part-time assistant cook position at CCAP's Head Start. I was hired during August 2010, and began my duties in the position of part-time assistant cook. This job allows me the privilege and opportunity to serve children nutritional meals in the Head Start Program. Approximately 11 months after being hired as a part time assistant cook I was offered and accepted a full time position with benefits in the Head Start Program.

On behalf of my success story, I would like to give thanks to Melanie Currie, Kathleen Lowe, Maria Newland, and the entire ASPIRE staff. I would also like to extend thanks to Cynthia Wilson for inspiring me to tell my story. In closing, I would like to leave this thought with you, "Dance like no one is watching, laugh like there's no tomorrow, love like you'll never get hurt."

I would like all to know that the ASPIRE Program helped me to achieve my goals.

I am forever thankful!

Cheryl Peacock
ASPIRE Graduate



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WELCOME BACK: Head Start school year begins



Students arrived at Head Start Centers on August 25 to start the 2011-2012 school year.

This week it was back to school for some 1,000 children in CCAP's Head Start program. These preschool aged children met their new teachers, bus drivers, and classmates with excitement on August 25.

Parents rest assured—our staff is well-trained and equipped with all of the most current tools to help your children get off to the right start on their educational journey. By the time they graduate from Head Start, these children will be well-prepared to enter the school system.

But we certainly won't stop there, Head Start children are given thorough screenings to discover any medical or health-related issues that could affect their ability to learn. Did you know that we even have Optometrists and Dentists who volunteer their time and services to provide check-ups for Head Start children? And, our Special Needs Coordinator assists parents in identifying special needs in their children, and then provides referrals for services when needed!

Welcome back to all of our families, and to all students and teachers in Cumberland County! We hope everyone has a fun, safe, and happy school year!

WE NEED YOU: Help CCAP win \$10,000 in health care for our clients

Help CCAP win \$10,000 in health care vouchers that we can pass on to our clients! Helping us win is easy, just follow these steps:

1. Go to NextCare's Facebook page by clicking this link: [NextCare](#) on Facebook
 2. Click on the Vote Today link on the left hand side of the page.
 3. Scroll down and click on the "VOTE" button under the CCAP logo.
 4. Vote every day until August 31 to help us win!
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Celebrating Achievement with the ASPIRE Graduation



CSBG Director Stephanie Ashley congratulates graduate Julia Brown at the ASPIRE Graduation. A total of 36 ASPIRE Self-Sufficiency, Family Self-Sufficiency and Leadership Graduates were recognized for their achievements.



SHFB Mobile Pantry fills a need in Robeson County



Robeson County residents receive canned items, fresh produce, bread and meat at a recent food distribution event.

Since its inception late in 2010, the **SHFB** Mobile Pantry has met resounding success during every delivery day. More than 2,700 households, or 8,600 individuals, have received some 67,000 pounds of food from the Mobile Pantry. The majority of these recipients reside in relatively remote areas that would not have immediate access to other food pantries or soup kitchens in **SHFB's** network.

And, the Mobile Pantry has only been operating a little more than 6 months.

The most recent distribution days in **Robeson** County highlight the need this added **SHFB** service is filling in the largely rural area.

"We have know that the rural portions of our seven-county service area needed additional support," remarks David Griffin, **SHFB** director. "Though our more than 250 member agencies continue to grow, some households [in remote areas] were simply unable to travel to their closest pantry. The Mobile Pantry is the result of careful planning and a strategic infrastructure growth plan that allows us to 'feed the gap' and continue our mission of service."

The **SHFB** Mobile Pantry serves dual duty. It provides regularly scheduled distribution to previously unreachable households in need while also acting as a readily available disaster response vehicle as demonstrated during the April tornadoes ravaging the area.



CCCS Needs Volunteers!

Need something to do this summer? Looking for an opportunity to get involved in your community? We have the answer!

Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Fayetteville needs your help! CCCS is looking for responsible adults (18+) to volunteer on Saturdays from 9:00 am-12:00 pm. Tasks include general office duties, data recording, and assisting with events. Volunteers will be required to pass a records check and sign a confidentiality agreement.

For more information, please visit our [Volunteer Registration](#) or call Nicki Maynor-Brown at (910) 485-6131, ext. 32.

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Verizon Employee Discount

You can save 8% off your Verizon Wireless bills as a CCAP employee! There is no need to start a new account, existing customers can take advantage of this discount too!

Contact the local representative, Mary Baskerville, at mary.baskerville@VerizonWireless.com or register your current account at www.verizonwireless.com/getdiscount. You will need to enter your CCAP email address to apply the discount to your plan.

Weatherization Closes Grant Year

Recently, the WAP Program ended its grant year for 2010-11. The Weatherization Team met (and exceeded!) its contracted goals and reported the following completed units for this time period.

- WAP contracted units: 20
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- HARRP contracted units: 89
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Congrats to the WAP team who has already been hard at work achieving its goals for the 2011-12 grant year!



CCCS Employee Esther Acker to Retire



Consumer Credit Counseling Services of Fayetteville will soon say goodbye to an integral part of the team. Esther Acker, CCCS Assistant Director, will be retiring soon. Acker who has been with the program since 2005 has agreed to maintain her commitment to CCCS as a volunteer following her departure.

The CCAP and CCCS wishes Esther a happy and relaxing retirement!

New HIRES

The greatest asset in the CCAP family is the staff and volunteers. Every employee comes to the table with the specific skills necessary to bring about the change in the lives of those we touch through the various programs and services.

CCAP welcomes our new employees hired June 15 through August 15, 2011:

- Kevin Jones - CCAP Corporate
- Patra Roberts - Second Harvest Food Bank
- Thomas Warner - CCAP Corporate
- Michael Atwood - Weatherization
- Alicia McLean - Weatherization

Coming Soon:

September 16: Driving Out Hunger Golf Tournament

September 17: Tackle Hunger Video Game Tournament

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