

CWS rep to talk about agency's worldwide efforts

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Curbing the spread of disease by using basic health measures like hand washing may seem like a simple thing for us, but for children on the island of Nias, off the coast of Sumatra, Indonesia, it has made a world of difference in their daily lives.

When Matt Hackworth comes to the local CROP Hunger Walk Awards Reception on Feb. 22, he will share personal stories about how he has seen the funds from CROP Walks make a difference in many countries, including families on this small island.

Crop Walks are community-wide events sponsored by Church World Service and organized by local congregations and agencies to raise funds to end hunger at home and around the world.

The reception will celebrate the teams and individual walkers who together raised over \$105,000, making The Winston-Salem/Forsyth County CROP Walk the 6th largest in the nation. Proceeds from the CROP Hunger Walk are shared, with 25 percent



Matt Hackworth with some of the kids of Nias.

going to Crisis Control Ministry and Sunnyside Ministry, and 75 percent going to Church World Service.

In Nias, Church World Service created a school curriculum to teach children and their families about hand washing and other sanitary measures. The results were healthier children and less school days missed due to illness, dramatically improving school attendance. This is just one of the many programs funded by CROP Hunger Walk dollars that help communities have clean water and wells, seeds

and tools and educational opportunities, helping communities to become more self-sustaining.

Hackworth, creative manager of Church World Service, spent 12 years as a journalist prior to joining CWS, where he initially focused on domestic disaster response communications. He was heavily involved in the agency's response to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, as well as other US disasters.

The CROP Hunger Walk Awards Reception will be held at 5:30 p.m. at St. Timothy's Episcopal

Church, 2575 Parkway Drive.

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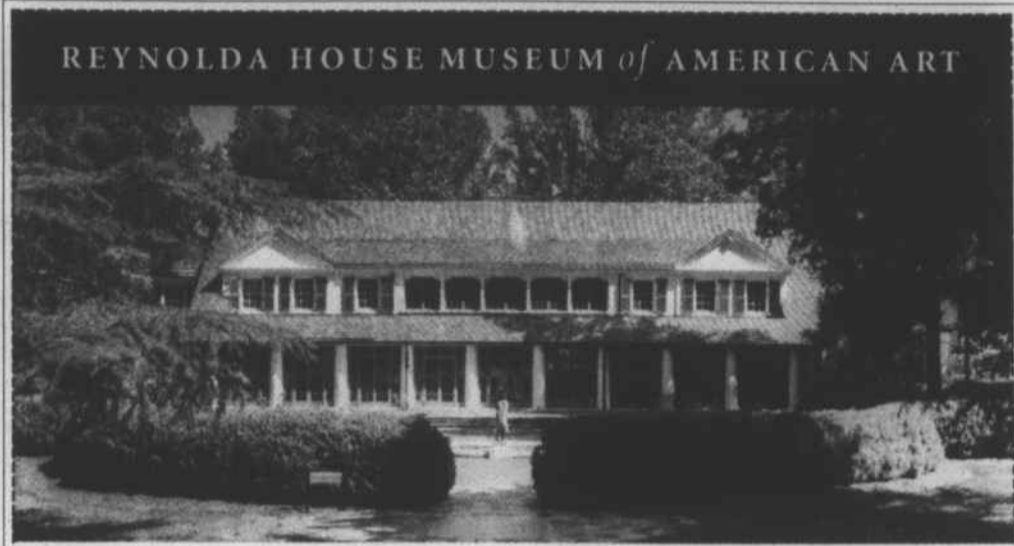
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Troop honors deceased scout

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Teddy Andre Davis

The St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church Boy Scouts & Cub Pack Troop 815 visited the International Civil Rights Center & Museum on Sunday, Feb. 6.

The Museum was hosting the Boy Scouts of America's "Faces of Scouting" exhibit, which was held in conjunction with the Boy Scouts' celebration of its 100th anniversary. In addition to the trip, the Troop helped present the Spirit of the Eagle Award to

the parents of Teddy Andre Davis, who was a devoted scout who passed away in December. This was the first and only presentation of the esteemed Spirit of the Eagle Award in the history of the Old Hickory Council. Troop 815 thanks God and William Schley for making the tribute for Teddy possible.

Local woman writes cookbook

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Yolanda Richardson Vereen, a Fayetteville native who now lives Walkertown, has penned a cookbook and launched a recipe web site inspired by her grandmother and mother.

The titles of the web site (www.madeasrecipebox.com) and cookbook, "Madea's Recipe Box," refer to the name she called her maternal grandmother, Mary Carter King.

The book includes handwritten images of recipes from Madea and Vereen's mother, both of whom were born and raised in the Bayou of Louisiana and passed their love of food preparation down to her.

Although her mom and grandmother inspired her to cook, most of the 195 recipes in the book were developed by Vereen, who often experiments with flavors and textures and prepares her

own interpretations of dishes that she has experienced in her worldwide travels with her Army veteran husband.

"I can go out to eat at a restaurant, order a dish and tell you with a 99 percent degree of accuracy what the ingredients are. If I really enjoyed it, I have been known to replicate it at home within a week or two," Vereen said. "I am pretty sure that my husband and adult sons are growing weary of being my guinea pigs."

Vereen, who holds a number of degrees and certifications in food service management, has worked in the food service industry in a number of capacities. She is currently taking a break from the industry to work on the web site and cookbooks. She is currently working on a follow-up to "Madea's Recipe Box," which is available at www.madeasrecipebox.com and www.amazon.com.



Yolanda Richardson Vereen



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