

Benefit

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lies of children who are receiving treatment in the community's medical facilities. It offers programs for physical and emotional support, education and referral services that benefit the entire family.

Woods said he had an opportunity to speak with different families from the charity and calls the program's ability to take care of, not just the children, but the families as well, phenomenal.

"A lot of times, kids will have problems and it will become such a burden on the family. This is really what gospel music is all about. Not only are we doing stuff to inspire people, but our lives and our ministry has an effect on the people outside who may not be able to get to the house of God. We still have an impact in the world," he said.

The tour's host, Lonnie Hunter, also

performed this year. He said that every place has been full, allowing them to raise a lot of money for the Ronald McDonald House Charities.



Hunter

"I get to interact with the crowd on both levels. Through the ministry of song and also through hosting, which is talking to them, being funny with them and engaging them," he said of pulling double duty.

Hunter said the tour gives him the ability to share God's anointing and for those in need to reap the benefits. He visited

one of the houses in Chicago and got a chance to see how the operation worked. He said that the visit changed his focus on

why he participates in the tour.

"I think when God places something in you for somebody else, the anointing is for somebody else ...," he said. "To have that anointing and just sit at home is a disservice to the kingdom, so that's why we do this across the country."

The Winston-Salem location, one of five in the state, offers 35 bedrooms with private baths, living rooms, playrooms, a playground and a kitchen for families who reside there while the children are being treated in area hospitals. Families are only asked to donate \$10 for every night they stay, if possible, to offset the money to operate the home.

"The majority of our families are unable to pay anything. So the immediate impact is that 1,100 visits were paid for. The generosity and outpouring of love for the community for the families that we serve is inspiring," Kraft said.

Woods said that he believes that this will be one of the long-standing tours that will continually have an impact on the region.



Lockhart

"This will be something that you want the community to always look forward to," he said. "You want the people to know what kind of impact you'll have each year."

Kraft hopes that the tour continues to grow, allowing the agency to continue to serve families in need.

For more information about the tour, visit www.365Black.com. For

more information about the Ronald McDonald House of Winston-Salem, visit www.rmhw.com or call 336-723-0228. For more information on Woods, visit www.dewaynewoods.rocks. For more information on Hunter, visit www.lonniehuntermusic.com.

Rollins

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Rollins, a.k.a. daHoodRev!, is the son of Vivian B. Rollins, a long-time member of St. James.

He began a musical career journey at the age of 4. Born in New York City (Jamaica, Queens) but raised in Uniondale, Long Island, he started playing classical music by Beethoven and Bach, performing in concerts at age 5. Born with perfect pitch and playing piano by ear, 'HoodRev!' was soon trained by a Ph.D. graduate from Juilliard, then later attended Howard University.

He traveled a path that led him to perform various kinds of music, including R&B/Funk, hip-hop and jazz.

But in October 1990, Rollins met and recognized the Holy Spirit for the first time in his life, and dedicated his whole life to God and fulfilling his purpose in destiny. He moved to Atlanta, Georgia, in July 1991 to pursue a full-time gospel music career in which he became minister of music at various churches throughout Georgia.

On July 23, 1993 he was called to preach and was licensed (1994), ordained (1998) and installed (2004) as the pastor of Victorious! Outreach Ministries International. He attended Luther Rice Seminary (1998 and 1999).

Rollins has traveled all over the World. He has actively become a spiritual father to many pastors. Rollins is married to Prophetess Victoria Jaja Rollins and has one daughter, Torria Jamari Rollins.

to aid in negotiating strategies to engage faith-based organizations, sororities and fraternities with the organization. Logan Burke served as chairman of ESR's Board of Directors, and served his family's beloved church, Grace Presbyterian, which has also supported ESR throughout the years.

"We wouldn't be here today without the incredible support we have received over the years from our partners, like the churches we are recognizing today. They are truly a gift," said Executive Director Twana W. Roebuck.

More than 30 representatives attended the event, which included lunch, entertainment and thoughtful empowerment.

Submitted Photo

More than 30 representatives gather in the Training Room of Experiment in Self-Reliance for lunch, entertainment and thoughtful empowerment on May 14.

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Communications.

D. D. Adams, city councilwoman of the North Ward, also spoke.

Mayor Pro tempore and City Council Member of the Northeast Ward, Dr. Vivian H. Burke, received special acknowledgement on behalf of her late husband, Rep. Logan Burke, who had been an advocate for ESR throughout the history of the organization. Logan Burke worked with a former executive director, the late Louise Wilson,



Veterans

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Storm, Navy; Cleotus Pauling, Korean War, Army; John Howell, USSForrestal CVA59, Navy; Hobart Jones, Vietnam War, Army (Member of NABVETS for processing claims); Hessie Smith Jr., Vietnam War, Army; Jeffrey Calvin, Gulf War, Army; Jeffery Oliver, Army National Guard.

Memorial Day has been an official holiday for

over 40 years. The purpose of the observance is to remember those who served in the armed forces. The history of the day, according to the Department of Veteran Affairs, harks back to the end of the Civil War, when May 30 was established as "Decoration Day," a day to decorate the graves of the veterans. In 1971, Memorial Day was dedicated as a national holiday, placed on the last Monday in May to honor the men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice in protecting and serving this country, as well as those who continue to do so today.

Religion

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June 11

Overcomers conference

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church will hold an Overcomers conference on Thursday, June 11 and Friday, June 12 at 7 p.m. on 1201 New Hope Lane. The program leader will be Elder Marilyn Fulton. Bishop John C. Parks is the senior pastor.

June 14

Gospel concert

The Concert Series Committee of Grace Presbyterian Church will sponsor The Gospel Sensations of Greensboro concert on Sunday, June 14 at 4 p.m. on 3901 Carver School Rd. Will "EJ", minister of mime will be the guest artist. A reception will follow the concert in the J.D. Peterson Fellowship Hall. Rev. Toure' C. Marshall is senior pastor. For more information call Rudolph V. Boone, Sr., committee chairman and PR director at 336-767-4087.

August 3

Lunch and learn

The Trinity Glen Church will be having a lunch and learn on Monday, Aug. 3 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at 849 Waterworks Road. The subject will be about Conversation in Death and Dying. Key speakers of this event will be Gary Cook, M.Div., LSCW, pastoral counselor and psychotherapist, and Christopher Ehrlich, hospice chaplain from Hospice of the Piedmont. Please RSVP with number of people attending to bwoodard@trinityglen.net.

Ongoing

Boutique

SJ Boutique Free clothes closet is open every second, fourth and fifth Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each month at St. James A.M.E. Church, 1501 N. Patterson Ave. Open to the public. Volunteers needed. Contact 336-995-1464.

Men Helping Men

All men young and old are invited to fellowship with Calvary Hill Church of Greater

Deliverance Inc., 4951 Manning St., during Men Helping Men Be Men every Tuesday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. For more information, contact 336-744-3012.

Noon-Day Express

New Liberty Baptist Ministries, 5009 Voss St., will host Noon-Day Express services on Wednesdays from noon-12:45 p.m. Guest speakers from around the city and area will encourage your hearts at midweek preaching the Gospel of Power and Commitment. A lunch will be offered. The public is cordially invited to attend. Rev. Dr. Linda Beal is the host pastor.

Food Pantry and Clothes Closet

Every second Saturday of each month from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Calvary Hill Church of Greater Deliverance Inc. invites anyone who is in need of food and clothes. The Food Pantry and Clothes Closet is at 4951 Manning St. Direct all question to Missionary Tammy Orr at 336-744-3012.

IN MEMORIAM

HOLLAND

Carlton A. Holland of Davidson County, a retired civil engineer, died Thursday at the Kate B. Reynolds Hospice Home. He is survived by his wife, Bernice E. Holland, 2 children, 5 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren. He was a veteran of WWII (Coast Guard) and the Korean War (Air Force). A memorial service

will be held 12:00 pm, Thursday, May 28th, at St. Paul United Methodist Church (2400 Dellabrook Rd., Winston-Salem, NC 27105). Visitation begins at 11:30 am. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Hospice & Palliative Care Center (101 Hospice Ln, W-S, NC 27103). Online expressions may be received at hooperfuneralhome.net.



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