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Honorees Recipients receiving awards are, Left to Right Back Row: Jamison Bethea (Youth Public Service); Ms. Cheryl Lindsay (Business; Ms.Marian Venable(Community Outreach); Mrs. Tonia Walker (Athletics); Ryan Horton Jr. (Youth Community Outreach); Dr. James Walter Ferree(Volunteer Activities); Mrs.Peggy McCullough(Music); Front Row: Brelynn Wray (Youth Leadership); Kayla Horton (Youth Inspiration); Mrs. Courtney Taylor-Porter(The Arts); Michael Moore Russell (Youth Miracle Survivor); Mrs. Olivia Thompkins(Humanitarian); Mrs. Veronica Black (Leadership) and Mrs. Susan Hunt (Education).

## New Bethel Baptist's Effort Club celebrates anniversaries

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The Effort Club of New Bethel Baptist Church celebrated its 91st Anniversary and 19th annual Race Progress Promoters program on Sunday, Nov. 8 at 1016 N. Trade Street. The Race Progress Promoters Program honors African-American individuals and groups who have made significant contributions in Winston-Salem to promote community visibility. Former first lady and current Effort Club member, Mrs. Susie Drayton, who continues to be involved in the organization, started this annual program.

Individuals honored those who are doing an outstanding job in promoting race progress in the community. During the awards ceremony, honorees were awarded a plaque by this year's judges who have also promoted Race Progress in the community. This year's panels of judges included chief judge Diane Piggott, Nigel Alston and youth judge Nzinga Hawkins.

The honorees were as follows: Olivia Thompkins, Humanitarian; Marian Venable, Community Outreach; Cheryl Lindsay, Business; Dr. James Walter Ferree, Volunteer Activities; Peggy McCullough, Music; Susan Hunt, Education; Tonia Walker, Sports; Veronica Black, Leadership; Courtney Taylor-Porter, Dance; Jamison Bethea, Youth Public Service; Ryan Horton Jr., Youth Community Outreach; Kayla Horton, Youth Inspiration; Brelynn Wray, Youth Leadership; and Michael Moore

Russell, Youth Miracle Survivor.

Stephen Thornton and Jerry Allen of New Bethel with Divine Connection provided the music. Other program participants were: Judge Denise Hartsfield, Mrs. Carolyn Crosby, Alenia Sligh, Debbie Frazier, Willie Kay Hawkins, Carol Poe, Sharon Grooms, Connie Smith, Geneva Wright and Debra Moore. A Meet and Greet reception was held in honor of this year's Award Recipients following the program. Mrs. Lisa Myers is President of the Effort Club. Dr. Kendall D. Jones, Sr. is Senior Pastor of New Bethel Baptist Church.

## Winston-Salem State researchers receive \$215,000 grant to work with area churches

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Winston-Salem State researchers University have received a two-year \$215,000 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) grant to work with Winston-Salem area churches to explore diabetes prevention in African-Americans ages 18 and older.

The grant will fund the development of a faithbased initiative titled, "The HOSEA Project: Training, Equipping Empowering Churches to Prevent Diabetes." WSSU researchers Dr. Dionne Roberts, associate professor in the Division of Nursing, and Dr. Dee Ellis, assistant professor in the Department of Health, Physical Education and Sport Studies (HPSS) will

guide the research effort. Together the team will work to prevent Type-2 diabetes (adult-onset) in African-Americans. Cynthia Williams Brown, chair of the Department of HPSS will also serve on the project. The project offi-cially kicks-off this month as November is National Diabetes Month. Project partners include over 14 African-American Churches in the Winston-Salem vicinity.

The aim of the HOSEA Project is to prevent diabetes in African-Americans adults (age 18 and up) by offering a 6-month intervention program modified from the National Diabetes Prevention Program or a 12-week community wellness program. Both programs will include weekly exercise schedules and requires the participants to attend educational semi-

The program will also provide participants with complimentary health screenings and incentives for the completion of all required program activities. Partner churches will receive a stipend for partic-

"The HOSEA Project is a faith-based and culturally-tailored designed to equip churches to prevent the devastating effects of diabetes," said Roberts. "Our hope is to provide evidence that our intervention can be an affordable, effective model

to combat diabetes in our

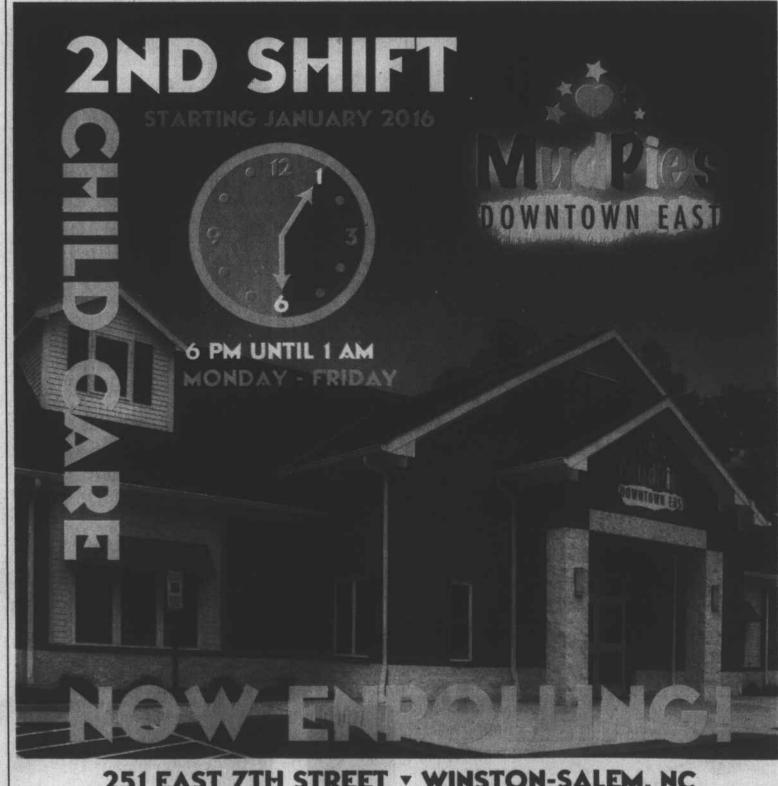
Diabetes is considered

ing nearly 26 million Americans. It is estimated

a major health threat affect- that another 79 million Americans have pre-diabetes, which means almost

one-third of the total U.S. population is affected by diabetes. Contact Marian

Anderson-Booker, Project Coordinator at 336-750-8915.



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