

Community Briefs

United Way of Forsyth County provides help to at-risk youth

United Way of Forsyth County (UWFC) helped 265 Forsyth County at-risk teens this year get a second chance to graduate high school after committing a juvenile offense. The opportunity is due to UWFC supported programs similar to a Dallas United Way program that will be featured on an Oprah Winfrey Network Docu-Series episode of "The Hero Effect," airing on Saturday, Dec. 10 at 10:30 a.m. The UWFC supported "Work & Earn It" program is for teens who have committed offenses that could lead to incarceration. At-risk teens are referred to the program by juvenile court counselors in order to pay restitution or perform community service. The program's target population is youth between the ages of nine and 15 who are first-time offenders or those who have been diverted from Juvenile Court. Local nonprofits and governmental agencies collaborate by providing locations for the participants to perform their community service. The youth are required to serve on teen court, which also provides life skills lessons designed to help the teens make better choices and become accountable for their actions. Local attorneys and judges serve as judges and all proceedings are held in the Hall of Justice where actual court cases are heard.

Winston-Salem Industries for the Blind has new name - IFB Solutions

Winston-Salem Industries for the Blind unveiled its new name and logo during employee celebrations that also marked the organization's 80th anniversary. The nonprofit agency will now be known as IFB Solutions. Winston-Salem Industries for the Blind began as a two-room workshop with six workers that opened in 1936 in partnership with the local Lions Club making mattresses, brooms and caned chairs. Today, IFB Solutions is the largest employer of people who are blind with three manufacturing facilities, a large optical laboratory supplying VA optical centers across the Eastern Seaboard and more than 20 supply stores serving various government locations. The name change announcement also coincided with October as National Disability Employment Awareness Month. The IFB Solutions name was announced at the annual employee picnic. Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice, LLP and Buhler, Inc were recognized as the IFB's 80th Anniversary sponsors. IFB's supporting foundation, which funds its community programs such as the Community Low Vision Centers, Tracy's Little Red Schoolhouse, Sensitivity to Blindness Training and the Student Enrichment Experience (SEE), will now be named the IFB Solutions Foundation.

Family Services Inc., daycare and Head Start centers to participate in food program

Family Services Inc. and its daycare and Head Start centers (Sarah Y. Austin, Winston-Salem State University, Kernersville, and Mineral Springs) announce their participation in the U.S. Department of Agriculture funded Child and Adult Care Food Program. Meals will be available at no separate charge to enrolled participants. Children who are TANF recipients or who are members of SNAP or FDPIR households or are Head Start participants are automatically eligible to receive free meal benefits. Adult participants who are members of food stamp or FDPIR households or who are SSI or Medicaid participants are automatically eligible to receive free meal benefits.

Erskine Bowles Staff Service Award given to UNCSA employee

Joe Rick, who works in Residence Life at UNC School of the Arts, has been awarded the 2016 Erskine B. Bowles Staff Service Award. Rick is a two-time Big Brother with Big Brothers Big Sisters Services and also serves on the agency's Bigs Council. The award is presented annually by the UNC Board of Governors to a permanent staff member of one of the 17 institutions and university affiliate groups. The staff member must demonstrate exceptional customer service; provides extraordinary assistance by providing additional help outside of normal job responsibilities throughout campus and surrounding communities; displays selfless acts of giving to campus and community events; and whose creativity and impact greatly exceed normal accomplishments of a staff employee. Joe's segment will be featured on UNC-TV on Thursday, Dec. 15 at 8 p.m.

Crisis Control Ministry Holiday Honor Card Sales

The sale of 2016 Crisis Control Ministry Holiday Honor Cards is underway, marking more than 20 years that the local organization has offered cards to individuals and local businesses. The cards make a positive difference in the community. For \$5 a card, Crisis Control Holiday Honor Cards can be sent by the purchasers themselves or be signed and sent by the Crisis Control staff. All proceeds from these cards go directly to Crisis Control Ministry. Two design options are available - one created by graphic artist Beth Jones and one painted by well-known local artist William Mangum, who has had a larger holiday honor card program since 1987. Magnum program, in its 29th year, has raised over six million dollars for various organizations that assist the needy and homeless in our state, including Crisis Control Ministry. For more information and to purchase holiday honor cards from Crisis Control Ministry, please visit ccmcard.org or contact Vicki Jones at 336-201-5290 or by email at vjones@crisiscontrol.org.

Community Calendar

Dec. 8 - Community Meeting
Council Member Derwin L. Montgomery will be holding a community meeting on today, Thursday, Dec. 8 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will take place at the Winston Lake Family YMCA, 901 Waterworks Road, to discuss recent crimes in the Old Greensboro Road area. For more information, contact Carol Brooks-Fonville at 336-462-2341 or carolf@cityofws.org.

Dec. 8 - Community Night
Hospice of Davidson County, 200 Hospice Way, Lexington NC, will hold the annual Night of Reflection on Thursday, Dec. 8 from 5:30 - 8 p.m. The tree, floating community event will feature 375 lit luminaries lining the Hospice property. The luminaries each recognize and honor a friend or family member who has passed. Guests are invited to walk through the display and visit staff, while listening to holiday music. Two moments of reflection will be led by Hospice spiritual counselors in the agency's courtyard. For more information, visit HospiceofDavidson.org.

Dec. 8 - Christmas Celebration
Reclaimed Off Trade, WS Rescue Mission Thrift Store, 704 Oak St. NW, will hold a Christmas Celebration on Thursday, Dec. 8. The store will have the School of the Arts quartet perform Christmas music from 12 - 2 p.m. for everyone to enjoy. The quartet is Michele Zimmerman and Bella Ward on violins; Violet Huang on viola; and Christina Kim on cello. The Joyful Note Choir, a ministry from Main St. Baptist Church, will perform songs at 3 p.m. Following the choir, Santa Claus will make a special visit.

Now Through Dec. 11 - Black Nativity play
The North Carolina Black Repertory Company, 610 Coliseum Drive, will present the play Black Nativity by Langston Hughes now through Dec. 11. The play directed and choreographed by Mabel Robinson focuses on a Christmas story combining gospel music, dance and spoken word. The play will have special school performances on Dec. 2 at 10 a.m.; Dec. 2 - 11 Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday matinees at 3 p.m. Tickets for adults are \$26, students are \$21 and children 15 and under are \$18. All seats are \$18 on Saturday matinees at 3 p.m. For group rates, call 336-723-2266 for more details.

Dec. 8 & 9 - FAFSA Assistance
State Employees' Credit Union (SECU) will be offering additional help to college-bound students and families with assistance in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) during the week of Dec. 5 - 9 during normal business hours in all 257 locations. FAFSA is the document that is required to be considered for all federal and most state financial aid for college, career or graduate school. The branch personnel will be available through the week to answer questions and help with the completion and electronic filing of the FAFSA for 2017-2018 college academic year. The annual event is offered by College Foundation of North Carolina (CFNC), the North Carolina Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NCASFAA) and SECU.

Dec. 8 & 9 - Toy Drive
The Winston-Salem Police Department is holding a "Stuff the Patrol Car" toy drive in early December to serve local families. A police officer will be at the Walmart on Hanes Mill Road from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Dec. 8 and 9, to accept donations of new unwrapped toys for children.

Dec. 9 - Bingo Fundraiser
Lowrance Middle School, 3605 Old Greensboro Road, will hold a Bingo Fundraiser on Friday, Dec. 9 beginning at 5 p.m. The cost is \$7 and includes cards and supper. There will be plenty of prizes.

Dec. 9 - Holiday Ball
Barnes & Noble, 1925 Hampton Inn Court, will hold a first ever Harry Potter Magical Holiday Ball on Friday, Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. Customers of all ages are invited to attend. The Holiday Ball will feature dancing, music, Harry Potter-themed activities and a special giveaway. Customers are encouraged to wear their most festive Harry Potter costumes and holiday attire to the special event. For more information, visit BN.com/MagicalHolidayBall.

Dec. 9 - Web on Wheels
The Forsyth County Public Library will begin a new bookmobile service that aims to provide access to technology resources, training and education in underserved communities of Forsyth County. The W.O.W (Web On Wheels) unit will offer on-site training courses, access to the Internet and access to technology devices such as tablets and laptops. W.O.W will travel weekly and occasional weekends to early child learning centers and human service agencies, where children and adults can check out books and AV materials. A preview of the W.O.W will be given on Friday, Dec. 9 at 12 p.m. at the Center for Creative Design, 450 Design Ave.

Dec. 9 - 10, 13 & 20 - Christmas Tours
Reynolda House Museum of American Art, 2250 Reynolda Road, will hold "A 1917 Christmas" tours on Dec. 9, 10, 13 and 20. The tours consist of daytime and evening tours. The daytime tours will be held on Dec. 13 and 20 between 2 - 3:30 p.m., with tours starting every 15 minutes. The evening tours will be held on Dec. 9 and 10 from 5 - 8 p.m. The tours will consist of the sights, sounds and scents of the house that will be brought to life by the museum staff and costumed actors. The prices are \$20 and \$15 for students as well as members of the museum. To obtain admission reservations are required.

Dec. 9 and 10 - Holiday Shopping Market
The Junior League of Winston-

Salem's seventh annual holiday shopping market Boutique, will be held Friday, Dec. 9 and Saturday, Dec. 10 in the Piedmont Hall in the Benton Convention Center. The event will have vendors offering holiday décor, clothing, jewelry and much more. The event will also have a gift wrap station, with students from Forsyth County Day School wrapping gifts for a small donation; and JLWS Dewey's fundraiser with items ordered from a JLWS member through Dec. 1 available for pick-up at the event, with portion of the sales being utilized to support JLWS mission. The holiday shopping will start on Friday Dec. 9 from 12 - 5 p.m., with a kick off of Girls' Night Out to the event held later from 7 - 10 p.m.; Saturday hours are from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Santa will be will available on Saturday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. for children to take a professional photo for \$10. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$2 for children ages six through 12. Children 5 and under are free. Tickets for the Girls Night Out event are available in advance for \$30 or \$35 at the door.

Dec. 10 - Candle and Historic Demonstration
Kernersville Moravian Church, 504 S. Main St., Kernersville NC, will have a Traditional Candle Tea exploring the history of how Moravians lived and enjoyed Christmas through the years. Admission is free. The event will be on Saturday, Dec. 10 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Dec. 10 - Museum Program
International Civil Rights Center & Museum, 134 S. Elm St. Greensboro, NC, will hold The Legacy of Chain Gangs on Saturday, Dec. 10 at 1 p.m. The program will be presented by GrowingChange, a youth-led service learning organization. The programs will focus on the chain gang era in rural North Carolina. The program is free and open to the public.

Dec. 10 - Salem Christmas
Old Salem Museums & Gardens will host a holiday celebration on Saturday, Dec. 10 from 10 a.m. -

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2016 JV Tournament

December 10, 2016
11 am, 12:30 pm, 2 pm, 3:30 pm, 5 pm, 6:30 pm

December 17, 2016
11 am, 12:30 pm, 2 pm, 3:30 pm, 5 pm, 6:30 pm, 8 pm

December 22 & 23, 2016
Dec. 22- 3:30 pm, 5 pm, 6:30 pm, 8 pm
Dec. 23- 1:30 pm, 3 pm, 4:30 pm, 6 pm (3rd place), 7:30 pm championship

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