

Community Scene

Clubs & Socials

NCCU Spring Dance

The North Carolina Central University Dance Group will present the annual spring Dance performance on Sun., April 3 at 4 p.m. in the NCCU Theatre. It will be an "evening of grace, excitement and enjoyment awaiting your arrival." A special guest will also be performing.

Donations accepted and admission is free.
For more information call 919-530-7420 or 919-530-6242.

James E. Shepard Sertoma Club Holds 2016 Annual Gala & Awards Banquet

The James E. Shepard Sertoma Club will hold the banquet to benefit the Frank G. Burnett Scholarship Fund that will benefit students at NCCU, on Sat., April 16, at the New Durham Hilton, 3800 Hillsborough Rd., 6 to 11 p.m.

There will be dinner, dancing and awards. Mayor Pro Tem Cora Cole-McFadden will be the emcee. Tickets are \$60 and can be purchased from Sertoma members or call 919-598-9988.

City of Durham Dept. of Community Development 7 - Stars Fundraiser, 2016 Campaign

The City of Durham Department of Community Development will host a BBQ Chicken Dinner and 50/50 Raffle Sale on Fri., April 15 at 807 E. main St., Golden Belt Rear Parking Lot, 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

BBQ Chicken Dinner \$8.00 (1/2 chicken, boiled potatoes, green beans, roll and drink) \$8.00.

Raffle 50/50 - Tickets \$1.00 - (Win half of the amount collected! Drawing is April 18.

For ticket or delivery information call 919-560-4570.

(Delivery with 10 or more orders (within Durham/RTP area ONLY)

All proceeds will benefit East Durham Children's Initiative.

Durham Alumnae Deltas to Hold Free health conference for Triangle area women

Triangle Women and surrounding areas are invited to participate in 2016 Women's Health Awareness Day — Transforming Communities by Enhancing Women's Health. This FREE Women's Health Conference will be held Saturday, April 2, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., in the Mary Townes Science Building on the campus of North Carolina Central University (NCCU), 1900 Concord Street.

The National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), in Research Triangle Park, is a sponsor of the event and is proud to offer it as one of many exciting activities as we celebrate their 50th anniversary in 2016. Co-sponsors of this event include the Durham Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., Durham Alumnae Delta House, Inc. and the NCCU Department of Public Health Education.

The purpose of this health conference is to empower and inform women to take responsibility for their health, to understand their health options; and to identify services, resources and products to best help them in preventing poor health, reducing health issues and receiving health equity. Our focus is on promoting healthier lives through disease prevention, control and management. What women learn could help them to have a better quality of life and may even save their lives.

Free health screenings during the event will include, but are not limited to, mammograms, blood pressure checks, cholesterol testing, diabetes, dental, and vision screenings, thyroid, kidney, and lung screenings. Health seminars will focus on information about cardiovascular disease, diabetes, Cancer, Reproductive and Maternal Health, Lung Health, Human Sexuality and much more. Free screening appointments will be given on-site. Please come early to get your appointment scheduled!!

Registration and parking are free. If you are interested in attending, please preregister by March 20 at <http://www.niehs.nih.gov/whad2016>. On-site registration is also available, but space is limited.

For more information, go to: Women's Health Awareness Day 2016

Buffett foundation to focus on helping young girls of color

By Jesse J. Holland

WASHINGTON (AP) - A foundation run by the youngest son of billionaire investor Warren Buffett plans to spend \$90 million to improve the lives of young women of color.

The NoVo Foundation, created in 2006 by Jennifer and Peter Buffett, the youngest son of Warren Buffett, plans to announce the multi-million investment on March 23. The foundation says this will be the largest single investment dedicated solely to addressing inequities faced by young female minorities in the United States.

The foundation will canvas the nation, talking to girls and their advocates to solicit ideas from them on how best to invest the money. The official funding process won't begin until early 2017, the Buffetts said.

"Our goal is to create the conditions for change by advancing the work of the real experts in this movement: girls and young women of color and the advocates working with them," Peter Buffett said.

The investment is the latest public acknowledgment that adolescent female minorities need as much assistance as boys. One of President Barack Obama's signature achievements is the "My Brother's Keeper" initiative, a public-private effort started by the White House to help younger generations of blacks and other minorities stay on the right path.

But many have noted that girls need just as much help. The White House acknowledged the gap in resources in 2014 with its creation of a new working group as an offshoot of the White House Council on Women and Girls chaired by a senior adviser to Obama, Valerie Jarrett.

Girls and young women of color "need mentorships, they need summer job opportunities, they need somebody to believe in them because a lot of them grew up with nobody to believe in them," Jarrett told the Black Women's Roundtable last week.

Even before the White House got involved, other groups around the country were working specifically on improving the lives of girls of color, including through programs like Black Girls Rock! Inc. and The Latina A.R.M.Y., Inc.

"The brilliant leadership of women of color activists all over this country has created a national movement to address these disparities, and philanthropy can and must do its part to respond and to support this movement," said Pamela Shifman, executive director of the NoVo Foundation. "This is a breakthrough moment for girls and women of color, and we want to help ensure that it translates into lasting and meaningful change."

Advocates for black women and girls have been using the term "Black Girl Magic" and the hashtag (hash)BlackGirlMagic as a way of celebrating the achievements of black women and girls in American society, and to help bring attention to the needs of young women and girls of color.

Durham Links Partner with Durham County Library To Present: Let's Work Together To Stop Domestic and Sexual Violence

Free and open to the public

Durham County Library and Durham Crisis Response Center (DCRC) is proud to work with The Durham Chapter of The Links, Inc. to produce "Let's Work Together To Stop Domestic and Sexual Violence", Saturday, April 9, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Durham County Public Library, 300 N. Roxboro St. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. and lunch will be provided.

"April is nationally recognized as Sexual Assault Awareness Month," says Kate Selby, Sexual Assault Advocate for DCRC. "During this month DCRC explores topics related to sexual assault, in order to educate the community and to make our services known to those who might need our help."

With a highlight on Keeping Safe in the Cyber World, the workshop will have a dual focus: first, looking at the impact of sexually explicit images that are disseminated via the internet; and second, how we all should look at ways to safeguard ourselves while using technology and social media.

The documentary, "Not Just Pictures" by Dr. Sharon Cooper, Forensic Pediatrician and Executive Producer, will be viewed and experts will be on hand to facilitate a discussion. The posting of photos without consent, especially those of children, is not a victimless crime and can have long lasting repercussions, as depicted in the video. "To our knowledge, this is the first showing of this video in Durham," says Ms. Selby.

Members from the Durham Police Department will also be on hand to share not only the type of problems such crimes have posed in our community, but the measures that can be taken to maximize safety in the cyber world.

DCRC has worked with many clients who have experienced cyberstalking in intimate partner relationships. "We all use smart phones and social media to connect with friends and family and we don't think about who may be following our actions on the internet. We want people who are concerned for their safety to know how to protect themselves on the internet," says Nana Asante, Legal Advocate with DCRC. "This includes people who are trying to end a marital or dating relationship."

"The Durham Chapter of The Links, Inc. is pleased to partner once again with DCRC to address another crucial issue regarding domestic and sexual violence in our community. We are committed to bringing this issue to the forefront and helping our community confront violence against women and children in a meaningful manner," says Links member, Dr. Sandra White-Olden. "The event is free and open to the public."

For further information you may contact DCRC at 919-403-9425 or www.durhamcrisisresponse.org and The Durham Chapter of The Links, Inc at <http://www.durhamnclinks.org>.

CTNC AmeriCorps Members Help Bring Community Together to Celebrate and Launch Garden at the Alliance Medical Ministry

RALEIGH -- Mark your calendar for April 9th at 9:30 a.m. for an official garden launch celebration at the [Alliance Medical Ministry \(AMM\)](http://www.alliancemedicalministry.org). Take part in transforming this urban landscape as a kick off to National Volunteer Week 2016.

We welcome your participation in service projects organized by a group of [Conservation Trust for North Carolina \(CTNC\)](http://www.ctnc.org) AmeriCorps program members and led by AMM's hosted member, Ashley Toscano. The event will feature garden planting, educational activities for all ages, and a chance to Walk with a Doc. There will be fun, kid-friendly arts and crafts, lessons on rain barrel benefits and a crash course in composting. Additionally, the Deli-cious Food Truck will be on site. This event will help AMM beautify garden spaces for their patients and bring the community together to enjoy the outdoors and Spring's arrival.

Media is invited to attend the celebration. Media availability will take place with Elizabeth Daniel, Director of Community Outreach, prior to or immediately following the garden launch. AmeriCorps member, Ashley Toscano, will also be available for photo, video and interview opportunities.

WHAT: Garden Launch Activities & Celebration
WHEN: Saturday, April 9
9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

WHERE: Outdoor space of Alliance Medical Ministry
101 Donald Ross Drive Raleigh, NC 27610

WHO: Leaders and volunteers from the community supported by AMM staff and CTNC AmeriCorps Members

If interested in volunteering, please contact Ashley Toscano at garden@alliancemedicalministry.org or call (919) 250-3320 x436 to sign up. You may also register online through [Activate Good](http://www.activatedgood.org) or [VolunteerMatch](http://www.volunteermatch.org).

A Birthday Party for Addy!

Join us to celebrate Addy's birthday at Historic Stagville!



April 9th 2016
10am & 1pm

Enjoy refreshments, games, and other activities as we honor Stagville's favorite American Girl!

Admission is \$5 per child. Space is limited. Please call (919) 620-0120 to RSVP today!

5828 Old Oxford Hwy
Durham, NC 27712

(919) 620-0120
www.stagville.org



BRIDGES POINTE, INC.

...Connections for Living with Sickle Cell Disease

Bridges Pointe, Inc., the official sickle cell agency in the Triangle Area, will be sponsoring its 15th annual

Evening of Hope fundraising event on Saturday, April 16, 2016, 6m - 10pm at the Millennium Hotel in Durham. This year's event, "Sickle Cell Lives Matter," is a celebration of a 20-year partnership between Bridges Pointe and individuals affected by sickle cell disease. With no major funding source, Bridges depends on the generous donations of time, talents and financial resources from the triangle community for its existence. Please consider joining hands with Bridges in this worthwhile celebration and fundraising effort - get involved and lend a supportive and helping hand to individuals living with sickle cell disease. Tickets, Ads and Sponsorships are available.

Contact persons for more information:

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Ms. Elaine Whitworth - Phone: 919-450-5683.



Autism Answers Recognizes National Autism Awareness Month In April With Roc Campaign!

Oakland, CA (BlackNews.com) -- The month of April is Autism Awareness Month and Oakland-based Autism Answers is doing its part locally with its "Recognizing Our Children" campaign, which helps raise awareness, garner research funds, and give a voice to local families and children with autism.

Autism Answers' mission is to create solutions to the challenges facing children on the autism spectrum and their families through:

- * Raising the awareness of autism
- * Strengthening children and parental rights
- * Finding global education and medical solutions
- * Increasing "Diversity & Inclusion" for children and families that are disadvantaged socially and economically

A major goal of Autism Answers is to provide children and adults on the autism spectrum quality housing, and schools that meet the needs of the whole child! Additionally, Autism Answers plans research into how parasites are influencing the behaviors and outcomes for children and adults on the autism spectrum. Through its ROC campaign it will be able to continue to raise awareness and advocate for resources to help families achieve quality housing and schools that meet the needs of the whole child; plus conduct research to unfold the role of parasites and GI disorders of individuals on the autism spectrum.

Autism Answers encourages individuals to join them in "Recognizing Our Children" this April and purchase a t-shirt at www.boostercorps.com/autismanswers. This effort will help children and families affected by autism through our LEAD initiative for change in housing, education, and treatment of autism symptoms. Proceeds from t-shirt purchases will help Autism Answers assist families and children affected by autism spectrum disorders (ASDs).

Why Black and Green? Green is the color of nature, it naturally infers growth, and represents rebirth and renews and restores depleted energy. Green is the sanctuary away from the stresses of modern living, and restores us back to a sense of well-being. Black is symbolic of power and self-control, it is indicative of independence and strong will power. These colors represent the families in the autism community.

For more information about Autism Answers and its work in the community, please visit the website at www.autismanswers.org.

Calling All Women: SAVE THE DATE

Women's Health Awareness Day 2016
Transforming Communities by Enhancing Women's Health

Saturday, April 2, 2016
North Carolina Central University

Activities of the Day
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Mary Townes Science Building
1900 Concord Street, Durham, NC 27707

Greetings and Keynote Address
10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
B.N. Duke Auditorium
1851 Fayetteville Road, Durham, NC 27707

Registration is FREE!
Early registration at www.niehs.nih.gov/whad2016 ends March 15.
Free lunch for all early registered participants.
Lunch sponsored by Duke University Hospital.
On-site registration available day of event.

Sponsor: National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS)
Co-sponsors: Durham Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., Durham Alumnae Delta House Inc., and North Carolina Central University Department of Public Health Education

NIEHS is Celebrating 50 Years of Environmental Health Research

The Durham (NC) Chapter of The Links, Inc.,
The Durham Crisis Response Center, &
The Durham County Library
Present

LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO END DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Domestic & Sexual Violence Forum
April 9, 2016
Durham Public Library
10am - 1pm

Learn more about Violence Against Women & Children with The Durham Crisis Center and The Durham (NC) Chapter of The Links, Inc.
Lunch will be provided

In Partnership with:
Community Health Coalition, Inc.
Durham County Women's Commission

To report Domestic Violence and obtain information on reporting options, please contact:
24 Hour Crisis Line 919-433-3922