

Volunteer shapes students' lives

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Exhibiting enthusiasm like a proud parent, Tony Burton anticipated graduation. He especially looked forward to the ceremony and

unlike other middle schools, Petree offers an alternative educational program for at-risk students in grades six, seven, and eight from throughout the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County school system. It

tion course. "What we try to do is give students that added advantage when they go to apply for summer jobs or seek full-time employment after they graduate from high school," he added.

an article in a Wachovia employee newsletter calling for volunteers to serve as mentors, role models, pen pals, and tutors for the students at Petree.

The notice caught his attention because he had worked with youth programs while in high school and college. He graduated from the University of Tennessee at Martin in 1989 with a B.S. degree in business administration. He attended the university on an athletic scholarship and was a four-year letterman in football. Ambition and personal achievement run in the Burton family. His older brother plays for the Los Angeles Raiders and is working on his master's degree during off-season.



Dedicated volunteers like Tony Burton (left) and Bernadette Green spend many hours with students at Petree Middle School as part of a business partnership program between the school and Wachovia Bank of North Carolina. Burton and Green teach a job preparation course called Getting Ready for the World of Work.

catered reception. This year, the graduating class would receive certificates as an official acknowledgment of their accomplishments. The certificates were his idea, and he knew it would be a surprise. However, it was Burton's role as a volunteer, not as a parent, that made this group of students so special.

Twice each month during the school year, Burton teaches a job preparation course called "Getting Ready for the World of Work" to a group of eighth graders at Petree Middle School. All eight members of his class graduated this June. The occasion also marked Burton's second year as an employee volunteer in a business partnership program between Petree and Wachovia Bank of North Carolina, where he is a customer service representative for Wachovia Student Financial Ser-

gives students a new beginning and provides a setting designed to help each child learn how to succeed. The program is highly individualized with classes of no more than 15 students. The school also offers intensive counseling to help students overcome emotional or academic difficulties, which may have previously hindered their progress.

Burton says the many hours he dedicates as a business partner volunteer are a reflection of his family upbringing in Richmond, Virginia. "My parents always taught me that my generation is the future, and that I have a responsibility to the young people coming behind me to show them the way," he said. He and fellow Wachovia volunteer Bernadette Green are actively helping to shape the lives of the youngsters they work with through the job prepara-

Designed for the more mature eighth graders, some as old as 15, the course provides guidance on how to properly fill out job applications and handle the employer interview process. This past school year, mock interviews were conducted during class, and real-life interviews were later conducted in the personnel group at Wachovia. The students pre-selected the job categories in which they were most interested. Burton said the experience was both exciting and rewarding for his students. According to the personnel department, five out of the eight student interviews were so successful that they could have been hired for jobs such as tellers, utility clerks, or administrative assistants.

Burton's relationship with the school began after he responded to

C.B. Hauser wins NAACP award at annual convention

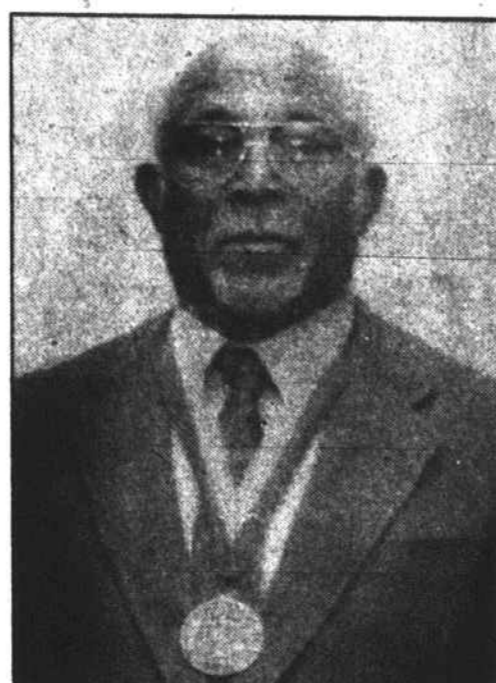
Dr. C.B. Hauser, who is serving his second term as Life Membership chairman of the Winston-Salem branch of the NAACP, was awarded his 10th Million Dollar Club medallion by the NAACP at its annual convention held recently in Nashville, Tennessee.

To encourage and reward its members, the NAACP established a Million Dollar Club medallion in 1975. Any NAACP member who individually turns in at least \$1,000 in memberships during a membership year is enrolled in the club and receives a Million Dollar Club medallion.

Hauser was awarded his first Million Dollar Club medallion and given membership in the club during the 1979 membership year. He has won medallions for the 1980,

1981, 1982, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1989, and 1991 membership years.

Hauser said that he was especially inspired to support the NAACP in 1947 when attorney Curtiss Todd, a young NAACP lawyer who had recently come to Winston-Salem, represented him in a case when he was arrested for his refusal to move to the rear seat of a Greyhound bus. Hauser had had great difficulty finding a lawyer to represent him before he secured the services of attorney Todd. Both Hauser and his wife are life members of the NAACP.



Dr. C.B. Hauser displays his 10th Million Dollar Club Medallion

STEP ONE receives grant for \$310,000

STEP ONE Substance Abuse Services has been awarded \$310,000 by the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust of Winston-Salem, Bert Wood, president/CEO announced recently. These funds will be used to develop and provide intensive outpatient counseling services to young people in Forsyth County, according to Wood.

"STEP ONE has provided a variety of outpatient counseling services to adolescents and adults over the past 19 years," said Wood. "This grant from Kate B. Reynolds will provide additional resources to expand counseling services to 16 hours a week for adolescents and their families who have problems with alcohol and other drugs," he added.

STEP ONE is a United Way agency which contracts with Forsyth/Stokes Mental Health. Brenda Diggs is chairperson of the Board of Directors.

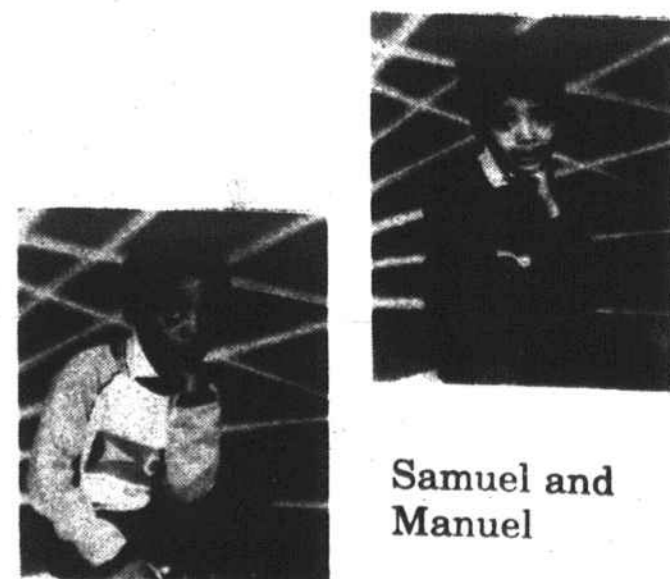
New programs will begin in September. Interested persons may call 725-8389 for more information.



Above: Christopher, Kevin, Sandra

Right: Gerald, Tyrone Shontina

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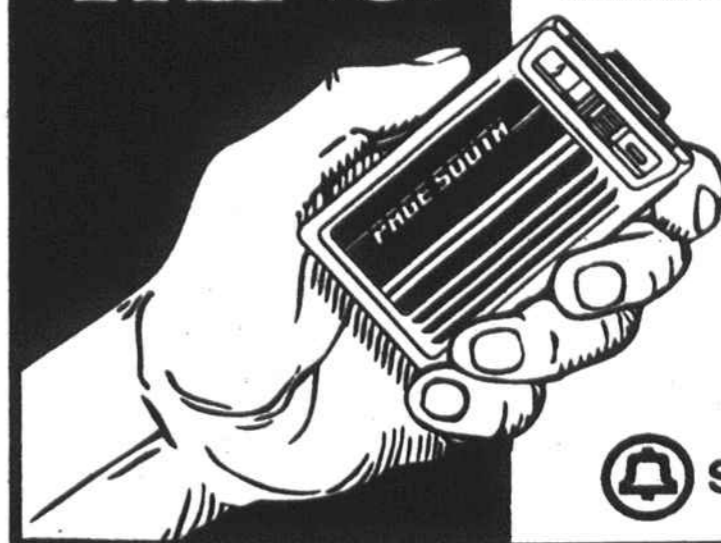
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